

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Passenger Car Lettering

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Southern Railway Dining Car lettering was originally Roman Style until the 1940s when Southern began rebuilding passenger cars. SR issued a Block style alphabet in the 1940s. However, roman lettering survived until at least the early 1950s as not all cars got repainted at the same time. Initially the lettering was Gold Leaf, but in the middle 1930s SR began lettering passenger cars with imitation gold (yellow) paint. The lettering was 5 inches tall, but not all letters were a “pure” 5 inches due to the nature of the roman serifs. Those letters with serifs above and below the line, such as the “G” & “C” were a little more than 5 inches, but the letters that were flat to the line were indeed 5 inches in height. The graphics listed here are not to model scale, but can be resized to any scale as long as height & width are maintained proportionately.