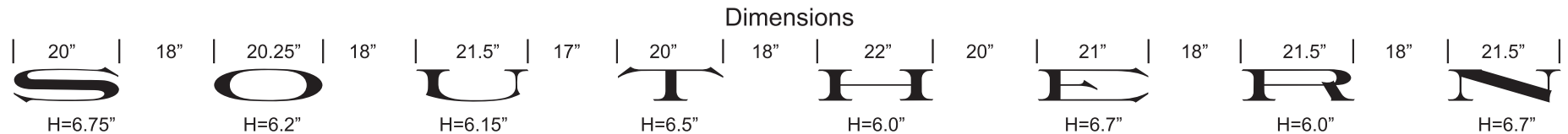


# SOUTHERN RAILWAY

## 6 INCH EXTENDED ROMAN LETTERBOARD

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Southern Railway Extended Roman was used ONLY for passenger car letterboard, and not for general purpose lettering. SR used a separate alphabet for car names etc. The letterboard was basic 6 inches in height, but because of the unique style of serifs, not all letters were uniform in height. The letters H & R were the only letters to be true 6 inches because they rested flat on the line, while all the rest were slightly above or below the line, the tallest being 6.75 inches. In the beginning the letters were Gold Leaf. In the middle 1930s, SR began replacing Gold Leaf with imitation gold (yellow) paint. Roman Style letterboard was used only on heavyweight passenger cars. When the streamline (lightweight) cars were introduced in 1941, SR issued a Block style letterboard for use on the new cars which was a standard 7 inches tall. The newer block letterboard also eventually replaced the roman letterboard for rebuilt heavyweights. Roman letterboard could be seen as late as the middle 1950s and was standard on Office Cars until the end.