

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Passenger Car Lettering

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Southern Railway Post Office Cars were initially lettered with Roman style lettering. The lettering was basic 5 inches in height. However, because of the unique style of serifs, not all letters were 5 inches. Only the letters I, D, M, R, & P were exact 5 inches. All other letters were slightly taller because the serifs were either above or below the line. The letters were initially Gold Leaf, but beginning around the middle 1930s, SR began using imitation gold (yellow) paint. Beginning in the 1940s, SR changed the style of lettering from roman to block style. However, some cars retained Roman lettering into the 1950s. The above graphics are not to model scale, but can be resized to any scale if height & width ratio are maintained.