

# SOUTHERN RAILWAY

## MAIL - BAGGAGE CAR - RPO

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The Southern Railway 3 window Railway Post Office Car was actually a combination Mail-Baggage Car. From the late 1890s through the 1940s, these cars were lettered with the standard Southern Railway roman style lettering. In the 1940s, SR adopted a block style lettering for passenger cars, both heavyweight and streamlined. The letterboard was a standard 7 inches tall and the smaller lettering for car numbers, United States Mail, & Baggage was 5 inches tall. Lettering was painted with imitation gold (yellow) paint. Later on SR began using a decal, referred to as Scotchcal, but the color was still imitation gold. Overall car body color was Pullman green. There is photo evidence that suggests that some roofs were painted black or had a black sealant of some kind. However, SR specified Pullman green overall. Check photos and draw your own conclusion.