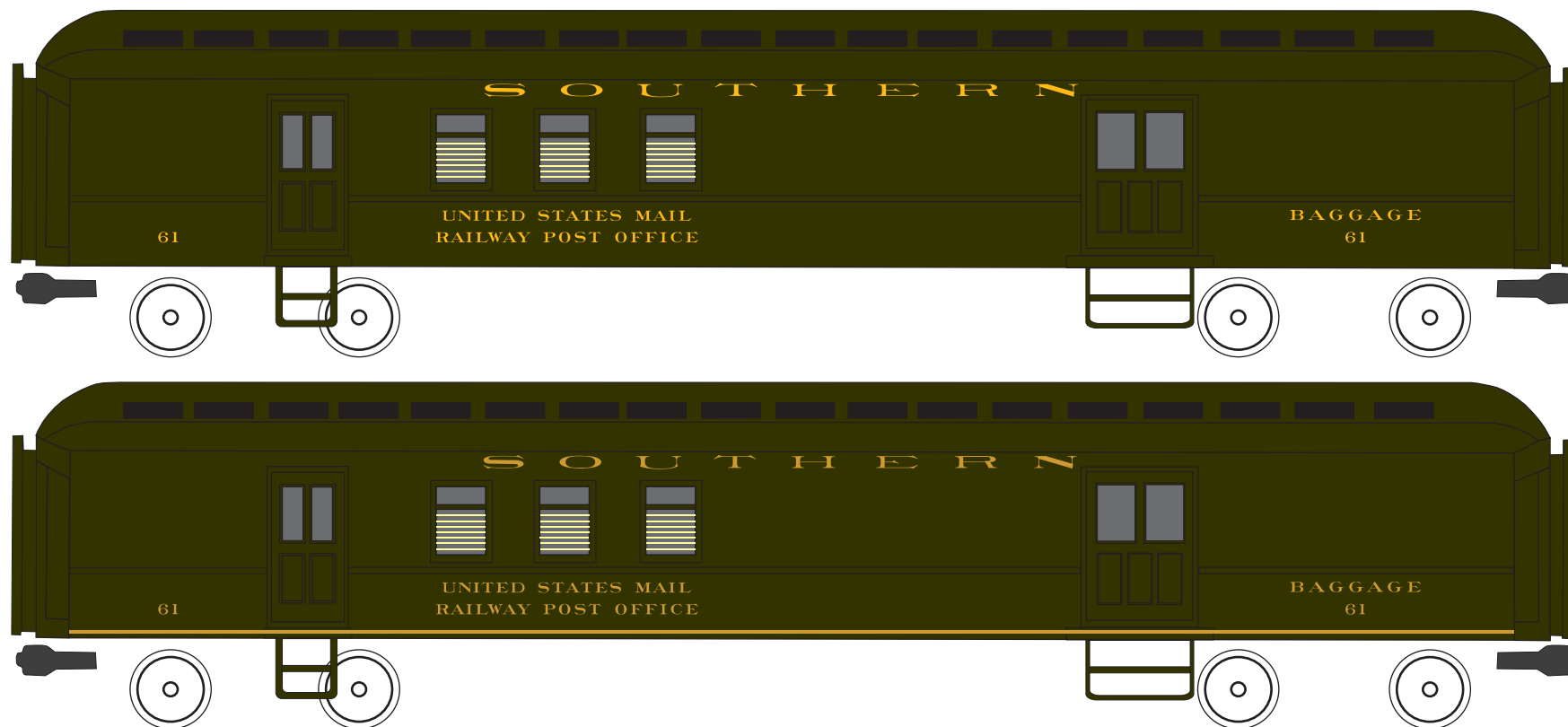


SOUTHERN RAILWAY MAIL - BAGGAGE CAR - RPO

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Southern Railway used both the 6 & 3 window Railway Post Office. The 3 window version was actually a combination RPO & Baggage Car, often referred to as a Mail-Baggage Car. The overall car body was painted Pullman green. From the late 1890s through about middle 1930s, the roman style lettering was Gold Leaf with a 3/4 inch gold stripe located 2 inches from the bottom of the car body. In the middle 1930s, SR began replacing the Gold Leaf with imitation gold (yellow) paint, at the same time dropping the gold stripe along the car bottom. The letterboard was referred to as “extended roman” and was specified as 6 inch lettering. However, due to the unique characteristics of the SR roman serifs, some letters were actually taller than the base 6 inches. The smaller lettering for US Mail, Baggage & car numbers was 5 inches tall. Beginning in the 1940s, SR began replacing the roman lettering with block style lettering; but, photo evidence shows that the roman style lettering survived into the 1950s.