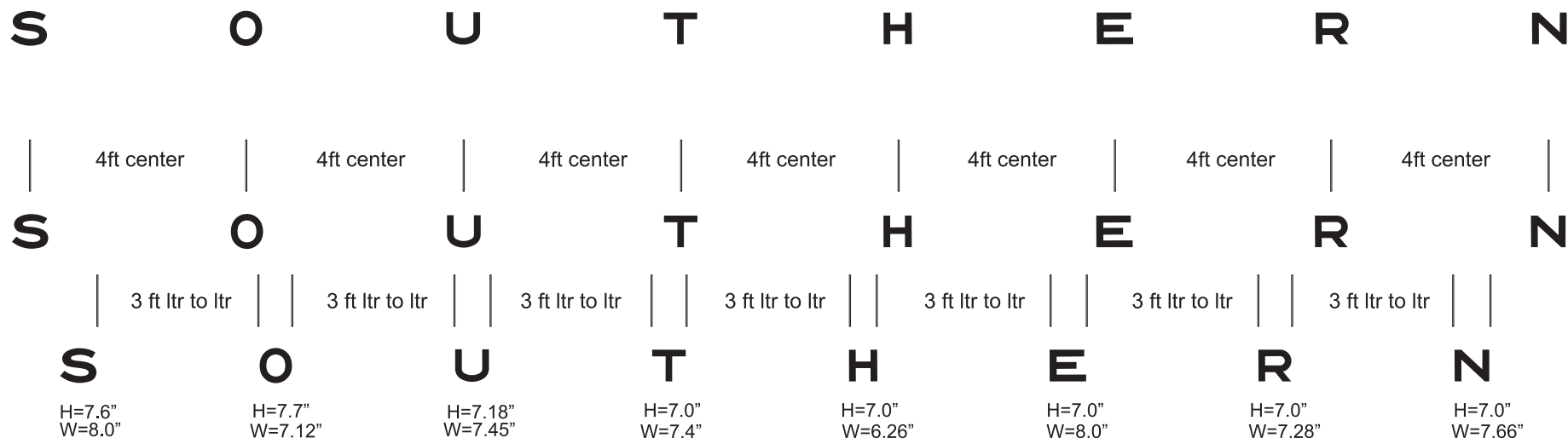


SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Passenger Car Lettering

7" Block Letterboard Issued 1941

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Southern Railway issued Block (Gothic) Letterboard lettering in 1941 to be used on the new Pullman streamlined cars and for use on the rebuilt heavyweight cars. For streamlined cars, the lettering was painted black and was 7 inches tall, generally spaced 4 feet between center of letters. For heavyweight cars, the letters were painted imitation gold and were also 7 inches tall, and spaced 4 feet between centers. However, there is some evidence in the way of memos and photos that show that some cars got lettering spaced 3 feet between letters rather than 4 feet on center. However, it appears that by the mid 1950s the practice of 3 ft spacing was discontinued. For baggage cars, however, the spacing sometimes had to be broken to accommodate the side doors. These graphics are not drawn to any model scale, but can be scaled up or down as long as dimensional properties (h&w) are maintained.