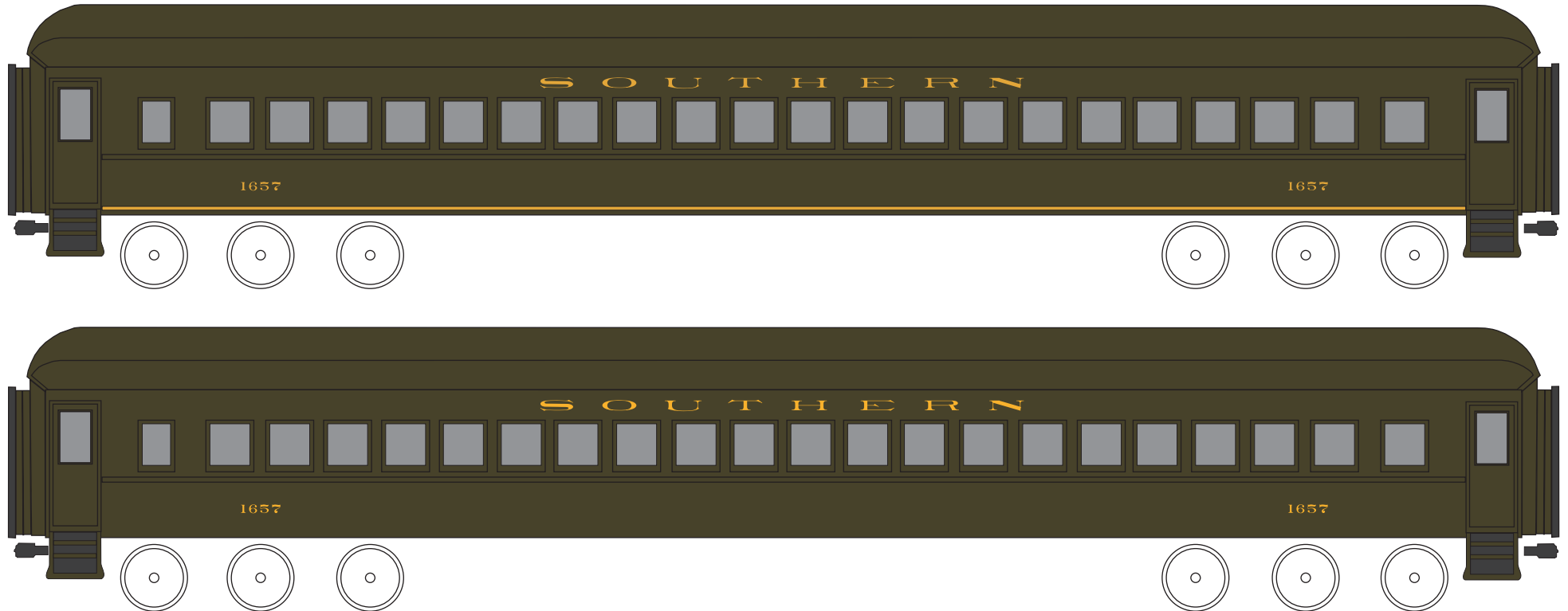


# SOUTHERN RAILWAY

## SINGLE WINDOW COACH - ROMAN STYLE LETTERING

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Southern Railway Single Window coaches were painted standard Pullman Green. The original lettering issued in the late 1890s, was Roman style Gold Leaf. The Gold Leaf lasted until about 1935 when SR began using imitation gold (yellow) paint. The Roman letterboard was referred to as extended roman because the letters were much wider than they were tall. The lettering for the LB was a base 6 inches tall, however, because of the unique style of serifs, on the letters with flat tops and bottoms were actually 6 inches. Some letters were actually about 6.5 inches tall. The numbers were 5 inches. Also, in the beginning through the middle 1930s, a sill stripe was located 2 inches from the bottom of the car and was 3/4 inches wide. In the 1940s, SR began relettering heavyweights with the newer block style lettering. However, photos show that roman lettering survived into the 1950s, and was standard throughout the life of office cars.