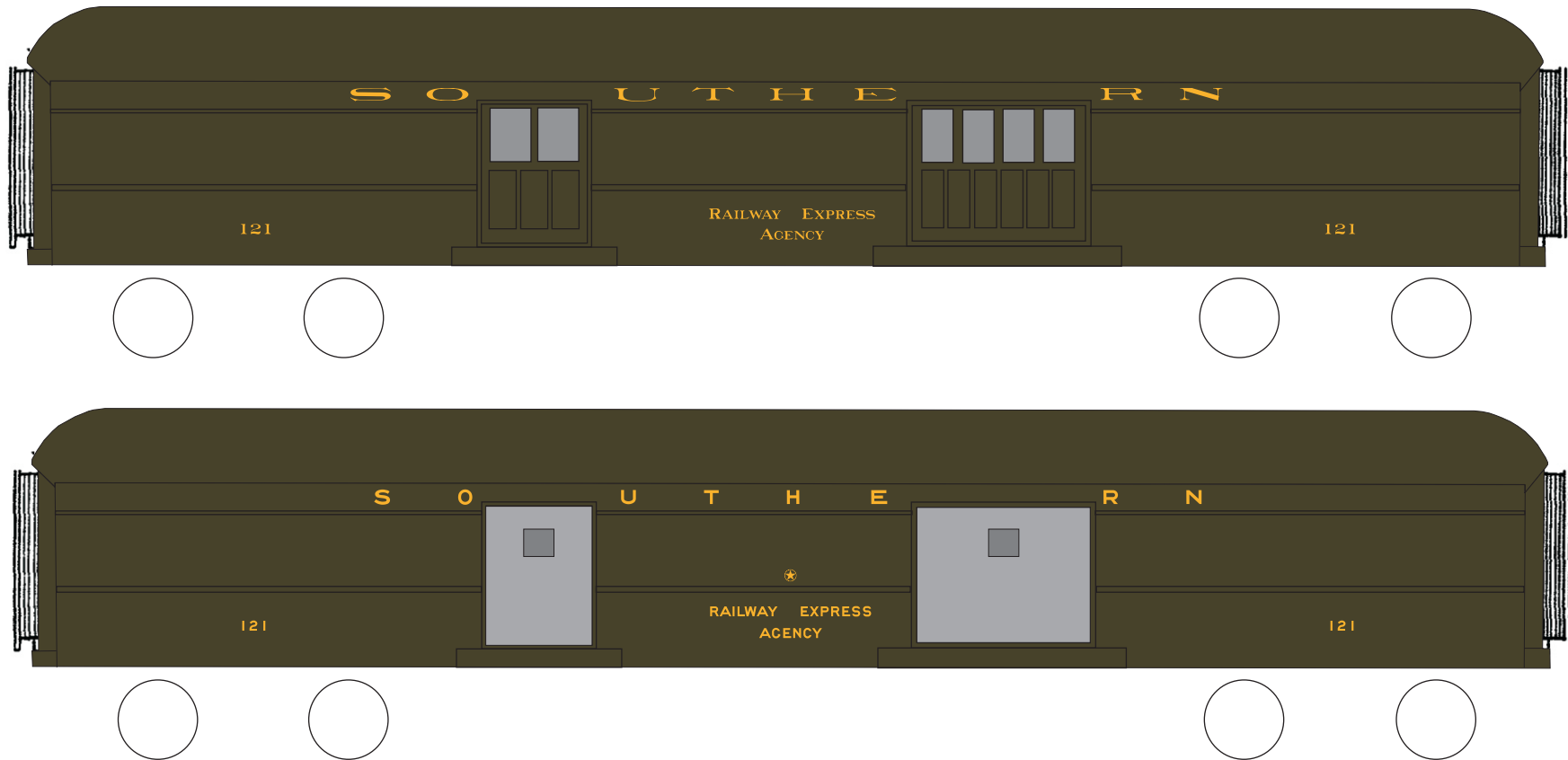


# SOUTHERN RAILWAY

## BAGGAGE - EXPRESS CARS

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The graphics illustrated above shows the early and late lettering styles for Southern Railway baggage/express cars. The roman style lettering was used until the 1940s when Southern began using the block style lettering. Only those cars in service to Railway Express Agency received the REA lettering. In 1949, SR issued the Star in Circle drawing for use on cars with toilet facilities on board. The roman style letterboard was 6 inches, while the block style letterboard was 7 inches tall. The roman style REA was 4 inches tall for all letters except the larger R-E-A which was 5 inches. The block style REA was uniform 5 inches tall. The numbers both roman and block were 5 inches tall. The star in the circle was 6 inches in diameter and was positioned 3 inches above the belt-rail. The bottom word "Agency" was to be 7 inches from the bottom of the car. Another feature is that originally the baggage cars were equipped with wooden doors with windows, but were replaced with aluminum doors. In most cases, the aluminum doors were not painted early on, but in later life, some cars could be seen with the metal doors painted the same color as the car body. Another debate is whether or not the roof was painted black. There is evidence to support both a black roof and a all green roof. Check photos.