

SOUTHERN RAILWAY DINING CAR

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Southern Railway Dining Cars were originally lettered with Gold Leaf and had a stripe along the sill. The Letterborad was a base 6 inches tall, but because of the unique serifs, some of the letters were taller than 6 inches because the serifs extended below or above the line. The numbers and the lettering for “dining Car” were 5 inches base. The sill stripe was 3/4 inches wide and was located 2 inches from the bottom of the car. In the middle 1930s, SR began lettering heavyweights with imitation gold (yellow) paint. Also, at that time, the gold stripe along the bottom was removed. In the 1940s, with the rebuild program, most heavyweights were eventually lettered with the block style lettering. However, photo evidence shows some roman style letters survived into the 1950s.