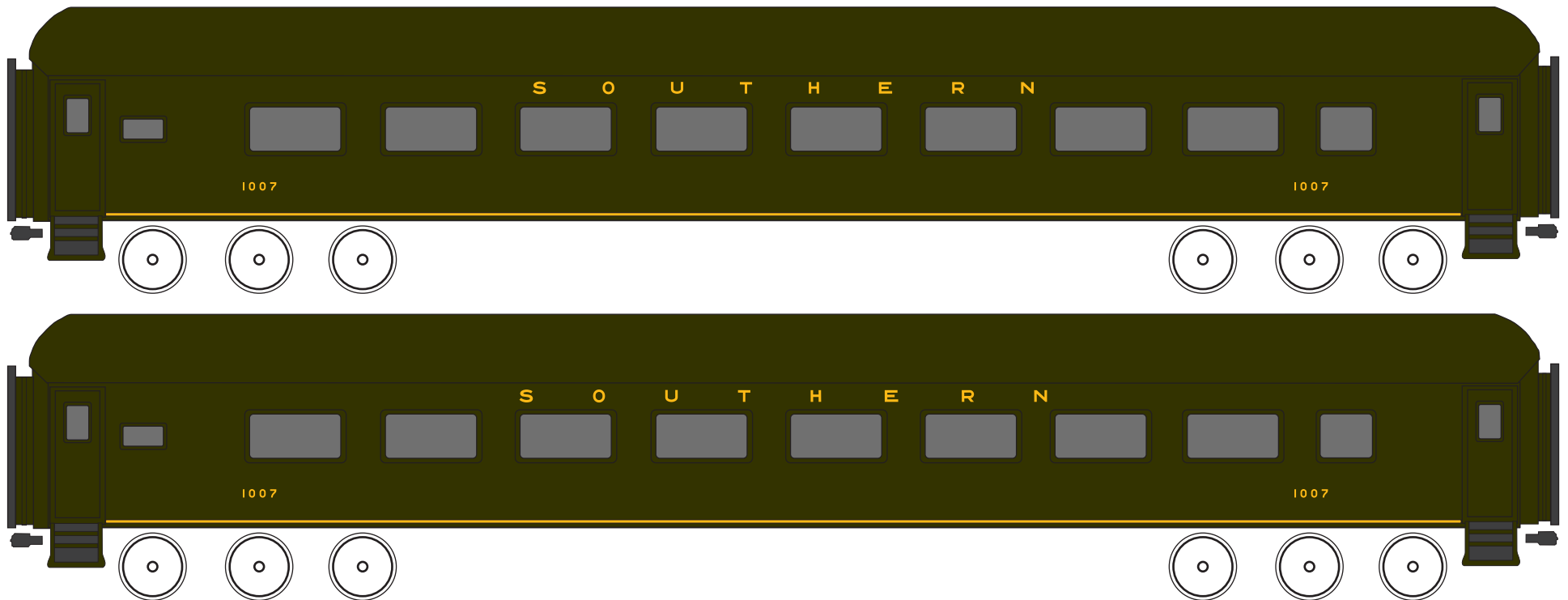


SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MODERNIZED COACH - CIRCA 1948

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In the late 1940s, Southern Railway modernized several heavyweight coaches rebuilt from the 15XX & 16XX series. These rebuilds featured new windows, new seats, and an arch roof. These heavyweight coaches retained the standard Pullman green car body. The lettering for these coaches was the standard block lettering issued in the 1940s, with the 7 inch letterboard. However, initially in 1948, SR specified 3 ft spacing between letters in the numberboard. But, in about 1954, SR ordered the spacing of the letterboard be returned to the normal 4 ft centers between letters.

The car numbers were standard 5 inches tall. The lettering was painted with imitation gold (yellow) paint, but, in the later 1950s, SR started using a decal lettering called Scotchcal. The lettering remained imitation gold. Also, common with the rebuilds, was the re-introduction of the 3/4 inch stripe located 2 inches above the car bottom.