



Building our brand together

Southern Company enterprise basic brand guidelines
April 2020



Welcome!

Our Southern Company brand conveys who we are and unites us in our shared mission to build the future of energy. To reinforce the Southern Company brand, it is important to present ourselves consistently and distinctively.

We developed these guidelines to help us accomplish this goal. The guidelines outline all of the elements of our brand, and how they come together to create a cohesive expression of who we are. With these specifications and design examples, we hope to empower everyone with the capacity and the passion to effectively communicate our brand to the world.

Our logo

Our symbol features Southern Company's iconic red triangle atop new components in a fresh color palette, signifying the increasing breadth of our capabilities and our commitment to better delivering clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy. The prominent position of the red triangle suggests both leadership and our drive for growth and prosperity.

The bright light-green and light-blue colors convey vitality and a spirit of optimism; their overlap creates a sophisticated dark blue to signal our expertise and dependability. This dynamic and open symbol speaks to our future of possibility and innovation, while the transparent, layered shapes speak to our culture of working together.

We compose our wordmark in a well-crafted typography, with angled edges to represent our warm personality while hinting at our visionary outlook. The sentence-case type style in a neutral gray adds a modern, human touch.

The symbol and wordmark appear together. Never manipulate the symbol or use with other text.



Our symbol



Our wordmark

Our horizontal logo and portfolio of brands

The Southern Company logo is the cornerstone of our visual identity and the basis for all other logos in our portfolio. Most of our logos share the same symbol and type style to create a strong, unified visual expression of our brand.*

*Gas retail is the exception, per legal and regulatory requirements. Other exceptions may be established in the future.



Our vertical logo and portfolio of brands



Clear space and minimum size

Clear space

The gray dotted lines in the illustration at right represent the clear space that we leave around the logo to ensure its visibility and presence.

The minimum clear space on all sides of the logo equals 65% of the height of the symbol.

The clear space within the symbol should always show as negative space and not be filled in with white.

Minimum size

Minimum size is the smallest size to safely reproduce the logo for either print or digital applications.

To ensure quality reproduction, do not reproduce the logo with the height of the symbol smaller than 0.2 inches or 5 millimeters.

Note: To present a clean graphical treatment of the logo, we prefer using our logo without a TM symbol.

Clear space

65% H

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Minimum size

H = 0.2 in or 5mm



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Our logo should never appear smaller than this.

Clear space and minimum size *Continued*

Follow the approved clear space and minimum size specifications when using any of the logo variations.

Clear-space examples



Minimum-size examples



Logo artwork — Horizontal

Full-color



Full-color reversed



One-color or special usage, black*



One-color or special usage, white*



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*One-color or special usage logo variations are for use only on applications that have production limitations and/or require special techniques such as etching, embossing or one-color embroidery. Avoid using the one-color or special usage logo variations in digital or print communication materials.

Logo artwork — Vertical

Full-color



Full-color reversed



One-color or special usage, black*



One-color or special usage, white*

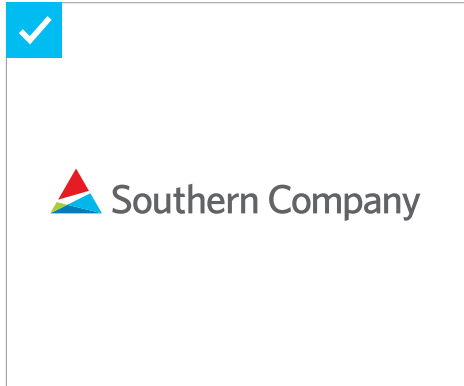


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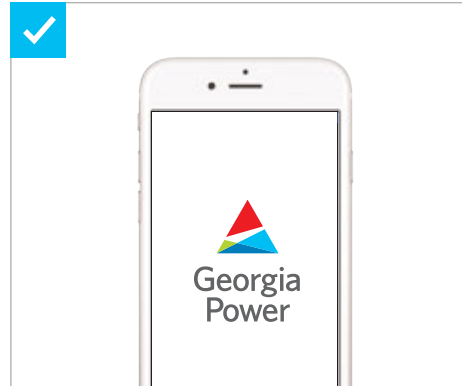
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Helpful tips for using our logo

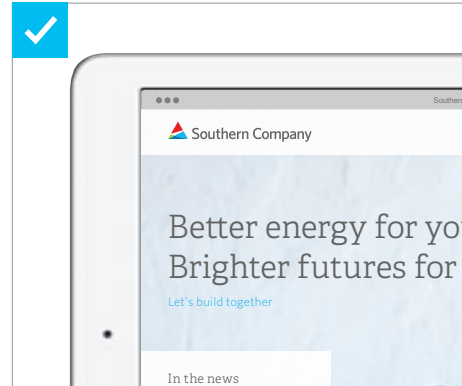
Respect the integrity of our logo at all times. Any modification of the logo confuses its meaning and diminishes its impact. Apply these same principles when using any of our logo variations.



Do use only the approved logo artwork.



Do use our stacked logo variation only where horizontal space is limited.



Do respect the minimum clear space around the logo (65% of the height of the symbol).



Do ensure the legibility and visibility of the logo on any background.



Do not create unapproved logos.



Do not add any unapproved text or elements to the logo.



Do not violate the minimum clear space requirements by placing any unapproved text or graphics to close to the logo.



Do not rotate the symbol.

Helpful tips for using our logo *Continued*



Do **not** distort, condense, stretch or modify our logo in any way.



Do **not** recreate the logo in another typeface or alter the color of the logo.



Do **not** alter the size and relationship or rearrange any elements within the logo.



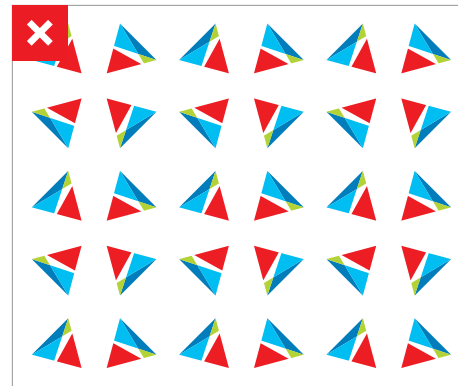
Do **not** add a drop shadow to the logo.



Do **not** use our logo on a background that may compromise the legibility of our logo.



Do **not** use our logo as a holding shape for imagery or graphics.



Do **not** create unapproved patterns.



Do **not** use our logo as a graphic pointer for messaging.



















Color specifications — Primary palette

Use CMYK specifications for print applications; use RGB specifications for digital applications. When Pantone® spot colors are necessary, match the spot color to Pantone® solid-coated swatches.

For additional color information, refer to the color formulas below and on the following pages.

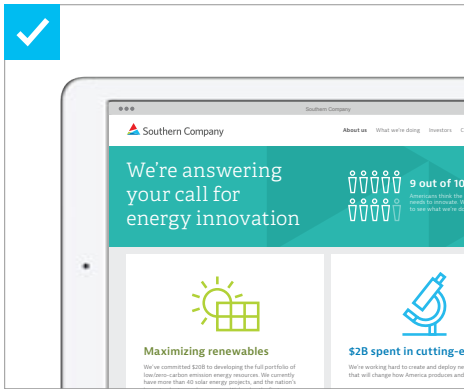
Primary palette	Pantone	CMYK	RGB	HTML
 Southern Company Red	PMS 485 C	C0 M100 Y100 K0	R236 G28 B36	EC1C24
 Southern Company Light Green	PMS 2299 C	C35 M0 Y100 K0	R178 G210 B53	B2D235
 Southern Company Light Blue	PMS 306 C	C75 M0 Y0 K0	R0 G188 B241	00BCF1
 Southern Company Blue	PMS 7461 C	C100 M25 Y0 K15	R0 G125 B185	007DB9
 Southern Company Gray	PMS Cool Gray 10 C	C0 M0 Y0 K75	R98 G98 B98	626262
 Southern Company White	n/a	C0 M0 Y0 K0	R255 G255 B255	FFFFFF

Color specifications — Secondary palette

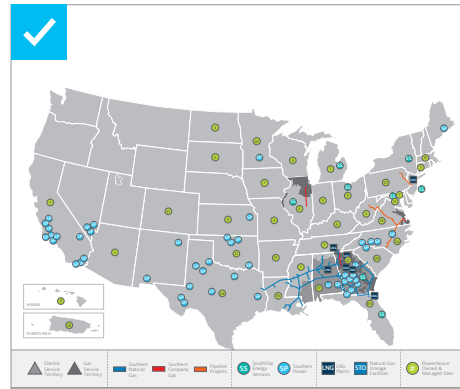
Secondary palette		Pantone	CMYK	RGB	HTML
Red family	 Southern Company Red		See primary palette		
	 Southern Company Medium Red	PMS 7621 C	C0 M98 Y91 K30	R177 G24 B30	B1181E
	 Southern Company Dark Red	PMS 7624 C	C0 M100 Y87 K68	R107 G0 B0	6B0000
Green family	 Southern Company Light Green		See primary palette		
	 Southern Company Medium Green	PMS 370 C	C62 M0 Y100 K25	R82 G151 B54	529736
	 Southern Company Dark Green	PMS 2280 C	C75 M0 Y100 K64	R0 G89 B29	00591D
Blue family	 Southern Company Light Blue		See primary palette		
	 Southern Company Blue		See primary palette		
	 Southern Company Dark Blue	PMS 302 C	C100 M48 Y12 K58	R0 G58 B93	003A5D
Orange family	 Southern Company Yellow	PMS 7409 C	C0 M31 Y100 K0	R253 G183 B20	FDB714
	 Southern Company Orange	PMS 166 C	C0 M76 Y100 K0	R242 G99 B34	F26322
	 Southern Company Brown	PMS 483 C	C18 M79 Y78 K62	R101 G37 B23	652517
Teal family	 Southern Company Teal	PMS 326 C	C81 M0 Y39 K0	R0 G181 B175	00B5AF
	 Southern Company Medium Teal	PMS 7718 C	C100 M0 Y48 K40	R0 G116 B109	00746D
	 Southern Company Dark Teal	PMS 7722 C	C89 M0 Y45 K72	R0 G75 B69	004B45
Gray family	 Southern Company Light Gray	PMS Cool Gray 1 C	C0 M0 Y0 K10	R232 G232 B232	E8E8E8
	 Southern Company Medium Gray	PMS Cool Gray 7 C	C0 M0 Y0 K50	R149 G149 B149	959595
	 Southern Company Dark Gray	PMS Cool Gray 11 C	C0 M0 Y0 K85	R77 G77 B77	4D4D4D

Helpful tips for using our colors

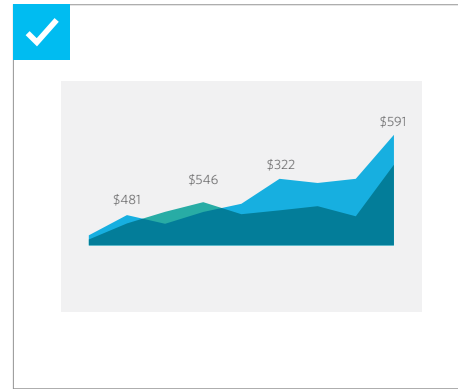
Here are examples of what to do and what not to do to help us maintain consistency across all of our communications.



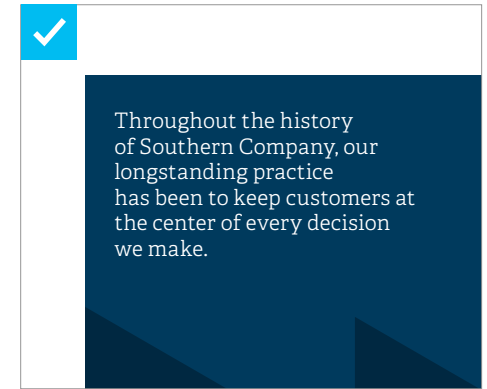
Do use harmonious colors for a visually compelling look and feel.



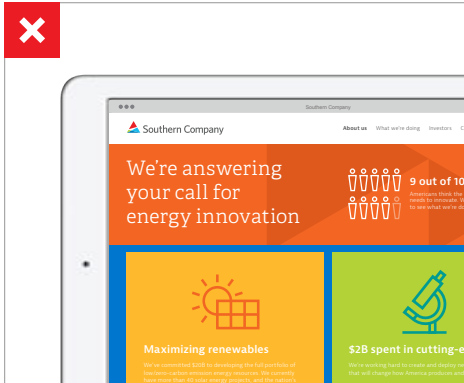
Do use colors strategically when highlighting key information.



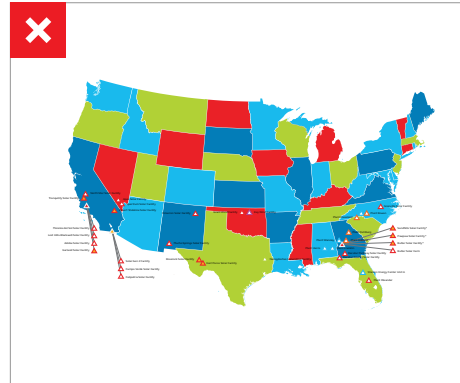
Do use colors that work well together when using a multiply effect.



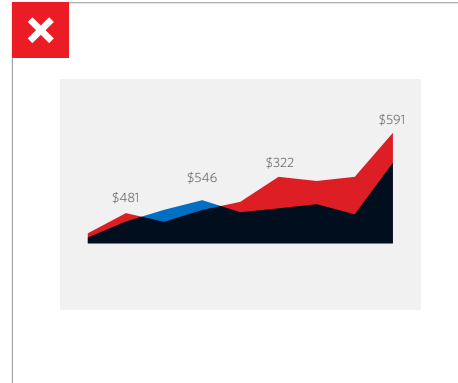
Do choose colors from our dark color palette for a more friendly look.



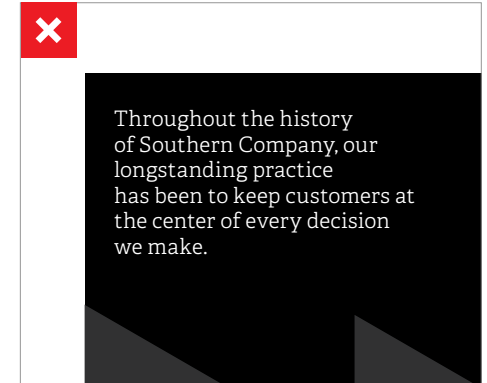
Do not arbitrarily apply or overuse color in a way that may diminish its effectiveness.



Do not use multiple colors when it is not necessary to use colors for differentiation.



Do not use colors that are jarring or that appear too dark when combined.



Do not use black or any other colors that are not part of our color palette.

Our typefaces

Typography is particularly important for us due to our volume of communications and our emphasis on dialogue. To embody our tone, we use Adelle as our primary font and Bernina Sans as our secondary font. Both of these font families are well-crafted, approachable, human and readily legible.

Hi!
I'm Adelle
and I'm Bernina Sans

Adelle Light
Adelle Light Italic
Adelle Regular
Adelle Italic
Adelle SemiBold
Adelle SemiBold Italic
Adelle Bold
Adelle Bold Italic
Adelle ExtraBold
Adelle ExtraBold Italic
Adelle Heavy
Adelle Heavy Italic

Bernina Sans Light
Bernina Sans Light Italic
Bernina Sans Regular
Bernina Sans Italic
Bernina Sans Semibold
Bernina Sans Semibold Italic
Bernina Sans Bold
Bernina Sans Bold Italic
Bernina Sans Extrabold
Bernina Sans Extrabold Italic

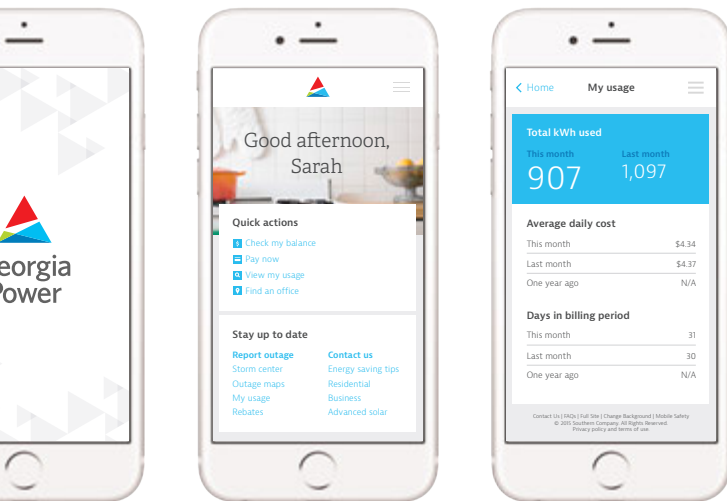
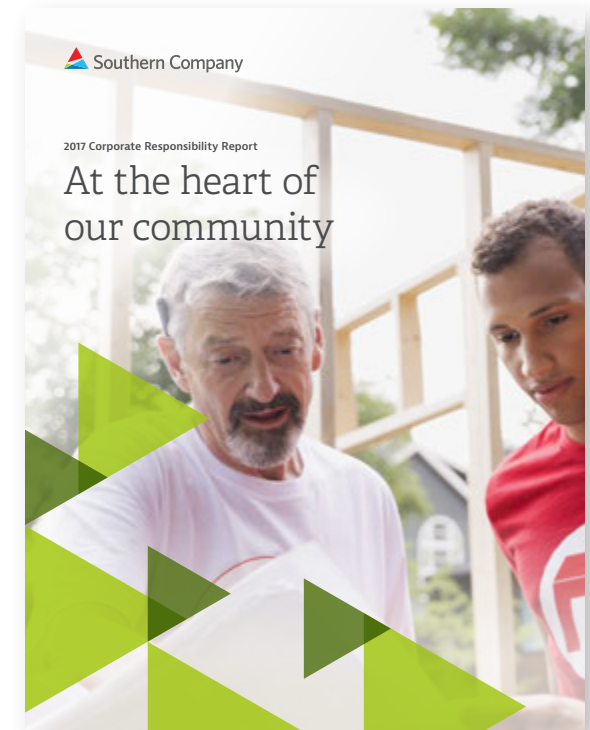
How we use our typefaces

For all professional designs, keep it simple by using only a few key type styles and weights. We use Adelle Light for headlines and large callouts. We use Bernina Sans Light for body text and Bernina Sans Semibold for sub-headlines. In situations where legibility might be a concern (such as for outdoor billboards, directional signage, or small footnotes), other weights (such as Regular or Bold) may be used. Use Southern Company Dark Gray (PMS Cool Gray 11 or 85% black) for small body text to ensure legibility.

For PC users, use Arial, a standard system font available on all Windows computers.

Keep it light

We prefer to use our fonts at a light weight for most communications.



Keep it clear

We use scale and color to help create a clear hierarchy of information.

Keep it approachable

We use sentence case to convey a warm, conversational tone.

Use italics sparingly and only if necessary (e.g., when referencing titles of works, such as newspapers).

"We do much more than keep the lights on. We provide hope for customers – hope for a better way to meet their economic challenges, better communities in which to live and a better future for their children."

Thomas A. Fanning—Chairman, President & CEO
Southern Company

Dear shareholders,

This is such an important time in America. With a volatile global economy, challenges in the Middle East and ongoing economic uncertainty here at home, Americans are looking for hope and a way to move forward and "play offense" in this unsettled environment.

Southern Company is leading our industry and, in many ways, our nation to provide real solutions to drive our economy, create jobs, grow personal incomes and make American lives better.

This past year was a memorable one in which our franchise operations continued to perform beautifully. We made significant progress with construction at Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle and Mississippi Power's Kemper facility. We continued to expand our renewable energy portfolio. We announced a merger with AGL Resources.

These are all major accomplishments of which I am quite proud. However, none is any more important than the work that is accomplished to deliver electrical

In 2015, Southern Company earned the Edison Electric Institute's (EEI) National Key Accounts Customer Service Award for the 12th time. EEI also honored Alabama Power with its Emergency Recovery Award for going "above and beyond" to restore service after summer storms left more than 100,000 customers without electricity—the seventh time Alabama Power has received this honor.

Our traditional operating companies continue to be among the most highly rated utilities for customer satisfaction by J.D. Power, which ranks companies on the basis of power quality and reliability, price, billing and payment, corporate citizenship, communications and customer service. Also, for the 38th consecutive year, Southern Company and its traditional operating

Helpful tips for using our font

Here are examples of what to avoid in order to help us maintain consistency across all of our communications. These principles apply to both print and digital applications.

Our customers depend on reliable natural gas to fuel their way of life. They want to know that their house will be warm, the stove will light and their water will be hot. Our core mission is and

Do not use unapproved typefaces.

**Maximizing
renewables**
We've committed \$20B to developing the full portfolio of low/zero-carbon emission energy resources. We currently have more than 40 solar energy projects, and the nation's largest voluntary

Do not use unapproved type weights.

With a renewed and strengthened partnership, Southern Company, Coca-Cola and the PGA TOUR announced today that the TOUR Championship will stay in Atlanta through 2020.

Do not use unapproved type styles.

We have several other landfill gas projects in our development pipeline and look forward to reporting on those in the future.

Do not use a bold type weight for a large amount of body copy. Use type weight strategically to highlight key information.

We will provide **reliable**, safe and affordable **natural gas** services in an environmentally **friendly** manner.

Do not arbitrarily mix two typefaces in one sentence.

SOUTHERN POWER
OWNS OVER 1,500
MW1 OF SOLAR
GENERATING
CAPACITY AT 23

Do not use all uppercase.

Important time
in America
With a volatile global economy, challenges in the Middle East and ongoing economic uncertainty here at home, Americans are looking for hope and a way to move forward and "play offense" in

Do not use a type size or color that does not provide sufficient contrast and legibility.

A brighter future
Southern Company is leading our nation to provide real solutions to grow personal incomes and make
This past year was a memorable operations continued to perform progress with construction at Ge

Do not overuse type size, weight and color in a way that makes it difficult for readers to understand a clear information hierarchy.

How we use our imagery

We use people-focused photography as our primary imagery to show that we put the needs and well-being of our customers, employees and communities at the center of all that we do. Our imagery should always have a simple, yet dynamic, composition and project our optimistic outlook and collaborative spirit.

When we select or shoot still imagery or video, we apply the same principles for both style and content as outlined in these guidelines.



Keep it dynamic

We use imagery with a sense of movement and a positive outlook.

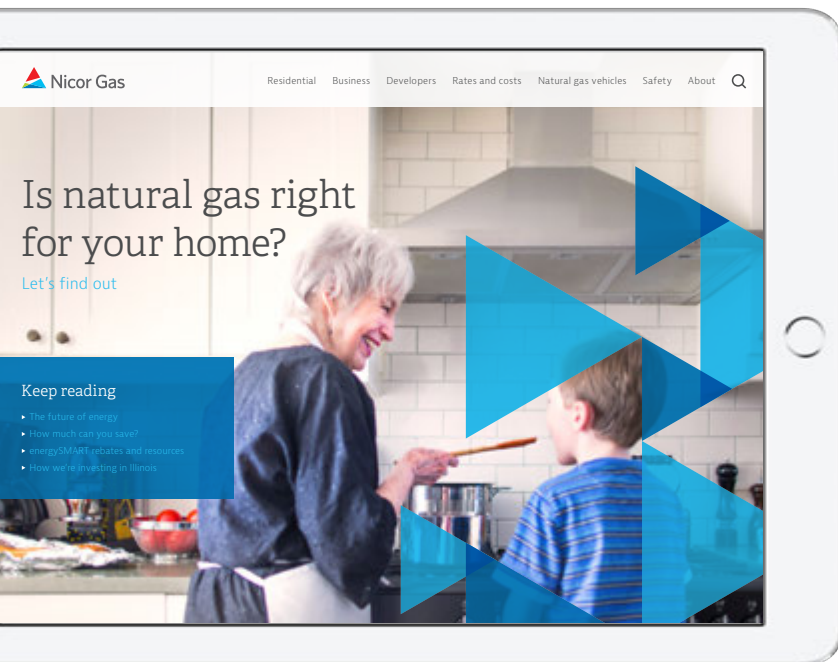


Keep it simple

We use imagery with a simple composition and light background to provide space for our full-color logo and messaging.

Be authentic and relatable

We use imagery that captures everyday people and activities.



Our primary imagery palette

Our people-focused imagery should always look authentic and relatable, capturing everyday activities in real environments.

Consider these principles when selecting an image:

- The image should have a strong focal subject.
- Consider a focal subject with a sense of movement and vivid colors to add energy and optimism.
- Natural lighting and a straight-on or eye-level view are preferred.
- The surrounding environment should be simple and have a light-color tone to provide quiet space for other visual elements (such as our logo and messaging) to reside with clear legibility.
- Consider how the focal subject interacts with the overlay graphics to create a visually compelling composition.
- For situations where the image is used independently (without overlay graphics), use scale, cropping and placement to create a dynamic composition.

Important note: For any images or video footage used in our communications, it is the user's responsibility to secure the necessary usage rights and ensure adherence to any restrictions or requirements for use.



Our supporting imagery palette

We use supporting imagery to more explicitly speak to specific subject matters, such as fuel sources, our products and services, the industries and regions in which we serve, our communities and our employees. Our supporting imagery should follow the same basic style principles used for our primary imagery, including coloration, lighting, cropping and composition.

For portraits, consider these additional principles:

- The subject should dress in simple, yet realistic, clothing. When featuring our employee(s), the clothing should be neutral and professional.
- Posture should appear comfortable and approachable.
- The surrounding environment should be simple.
- Use a strong depth of field to highlight the subject against the background.
- When a color backdrop is preferred, choose a color from our color palette. The tone-on-tone pattern may be used.

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Fuel sources



Residential/commercial/industrial



Facilities/locations/regions



Objects



Community and employee activities



Portraits



Helpful tips for selecting the right image

Here are examples of what to avoid in order to help us maintain consistency across all of our communications. These principles apply to both still photography and video footage.



Do not use imagery that appears dark.



Do not use imagery with a busy background or complex composition.



Do not use imagery that looks posed or staged.



Do not use imagery that doesn't convey a forward-looking and optimistic quality.



Do not use imagery with a blurry composition.



Do not use imagery that depicts a clichéd concept or that literally illustrates an idea.



Do not use imagery that looks manufactured or that has been excessively manipulated.



Do not use imagery that looks flat or has no clear subject.

How it comes together

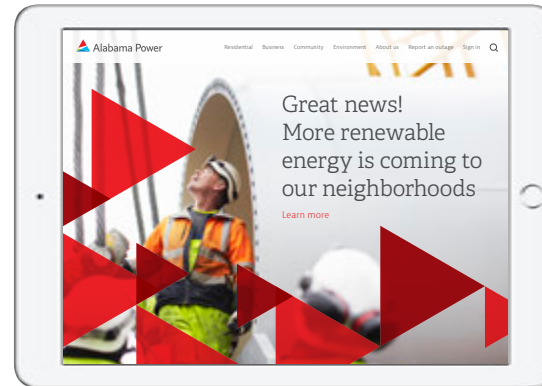
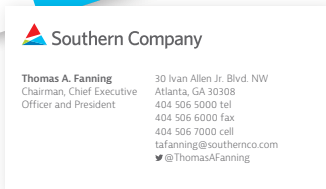
Here are some key characteristics that make up our unique visual identity system.



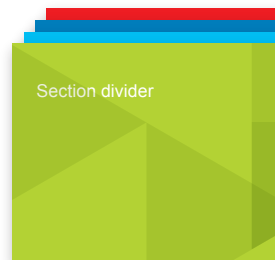
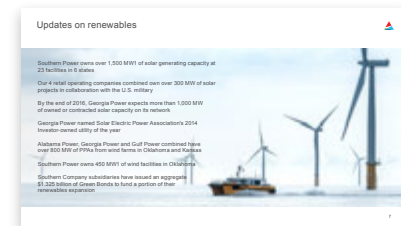
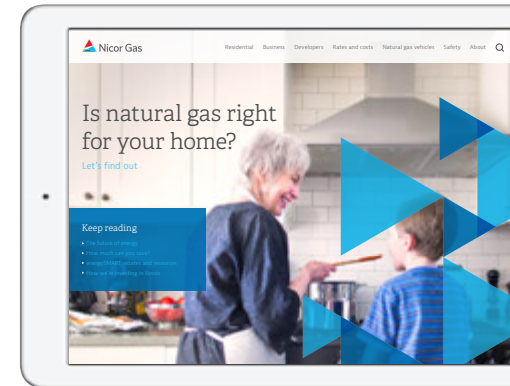
..... **Human and optimistic**
Our visual system feels open and approachable, with people-focused imagery and a warmhearted tone of voice.



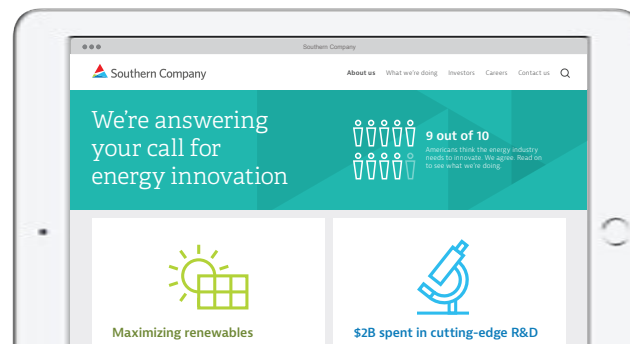
..... **Bold and confident**
Interacting triangle shapes guide our visual system, echoing our unique logo form and color palette.



..... **Dimensional and forward-looking**
Multiple transparent pieces convey the depth and breadth of our portfolio, while infusing our sense of momentum, progress and collaborative spirit.



..... **Functional and engaging**
Vibrant supportive colors, photography and iconography add flexibility and a touch of vitality to our communications.

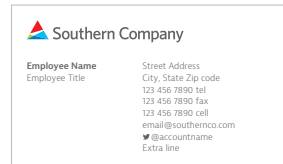


Stationery

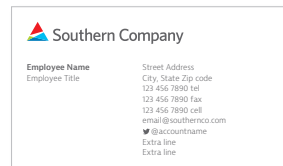
Stationery is a highly visible reflection of our brand in everyday correspondence. Displayed at right is our stationery design. The layouts are clean and open, featuring our horizontal, 1-line logo, along with our color palette and typefaces.

- Refer to the templates for default type size, styles and logo size.
- Respect and maintain template margins and structure.
- For letterhead body copy, use Arial 10/14pt in black only.
- When permitted, personal signatures may be applied to letterheads.
- Do not add unapproved photography or graphics to any of the stationery templates.

Note: Please order stationery through your OpCo print shop via ePrint.



Standard



Copy-heavy



Back (optional)



Standard and executive







Embroidery

Refer to the illustrations at right when selecting a logo version for your applications.

In order to build equity in our new brand, use the full-color logo whenever possible. A tone-on-tone or white logo treatment will be available, but it's strongly preferred to use the full-color logo to help build recognition for our new logo.

Thread specifications

Refer to the Madeira thread specifications listed below. When using threads from other manufacturers, match the color to Pantone solid-coated swatches.

Pantone	Madeira thread
 PMS 485C	1878
 PMS 2299 C	1649
 PMS 306 C	1895
 PMS 7461 C	1797
 PMS Cool Gray 10 C	1614
 n/a	1801

Full-color (preferred)

Use for white or very light-color fabrics (saturation equivalent to 10% black or lighter)

Full-color reversed (optional)

Use for dark-color or black fabrics (saturation equivalent to 75% black or darker)



Examples



Embroidery — Clear space and minimum size

Clear space for embroidery

Be sure to follow the standard minimum clear space, which equals 65% of the height of the symbol on all sides of the logo.

The clear space within the symbol should always show as negative space and not be filled in with white.

Minimum size for embroidery

To ensure quality reproduction, do not embroider the logo with the height of the symbol smaller than the size illustrated at right.

Clear space for embroidery



Minimum size for embroidery

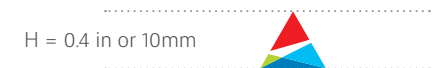
Horizontal lockup



Vertical lockup



Symbol only



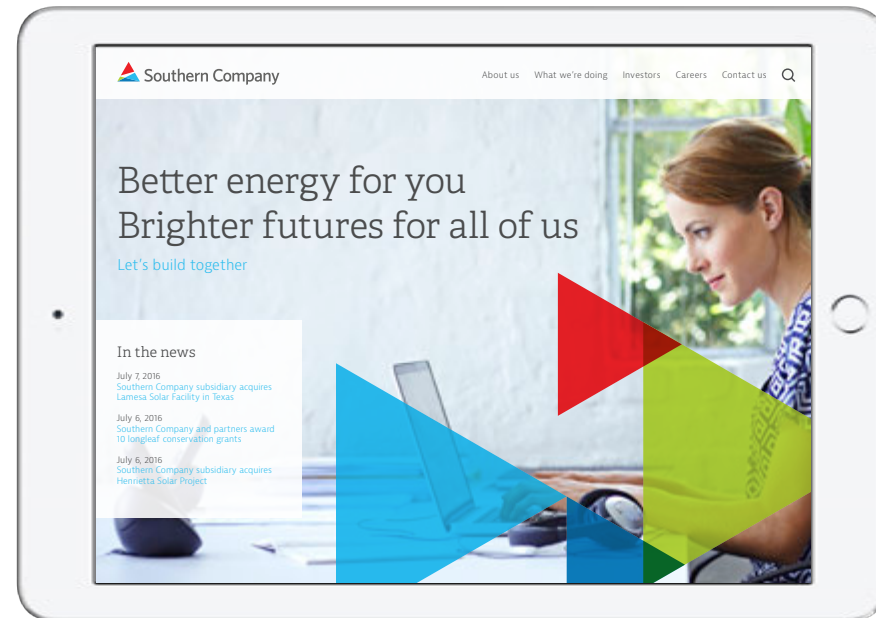
How we use our supergraphics

We overlay our supergraphics on images that appear on the primary surface of an application, such as website home pages, posters or presentation covers. Our supergraphics are also effective when used as the hero element in an application to help build equity and recognition for our brand, such as in fleet design and promotional items.

Additionally, we use our supergraphics as tone-on-tone pattern backdrops to highlight key messages and add flexibility to our communications.

Keep it dynamic

We crop at least one side of the graphic off the page. Use scale and placement to help create a dynamic composition.

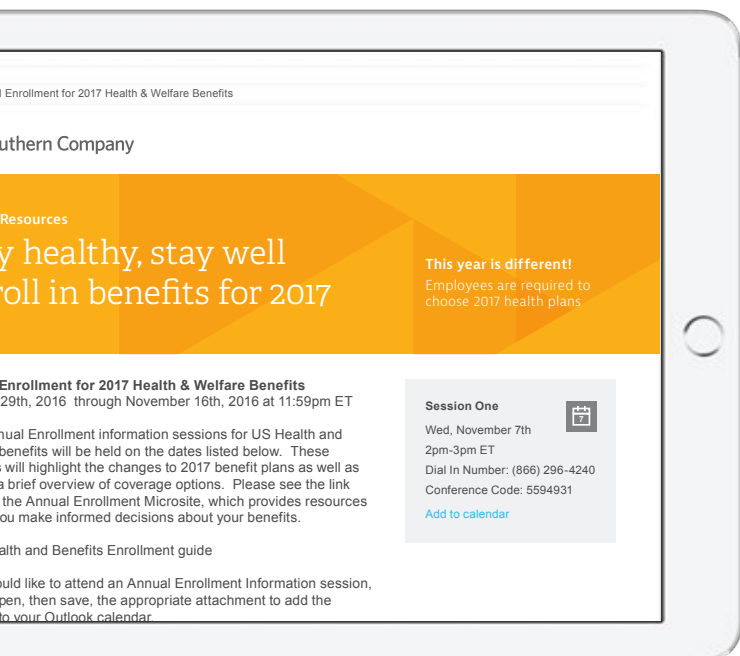


Catch the eye

We use a tone-on-tone pattern to organize content and lead the eye to messages that we want to highlight.

Use it purposefully

We use our tone-on-tone pattern as a bold and dynamic backdrop to provide visual pacing, add energy and create visual impact.



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Promotional items



←..... We prefer to use our primary colors on promotional items to build equity and recognition for our brand.



←..... We celebrate Red, our legacy color, and use it boldly to create impact and differentiation.



PowerPoint® presentation

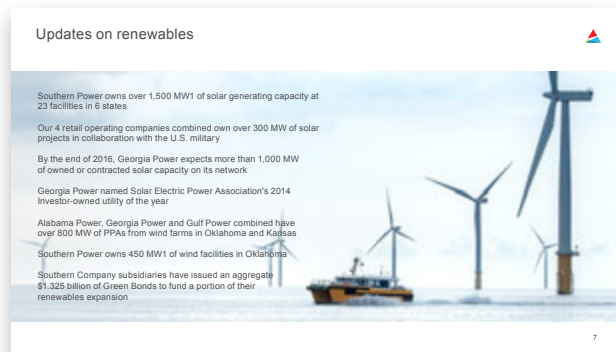
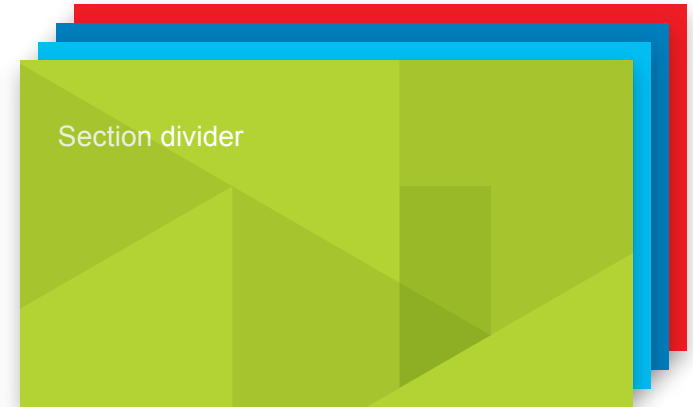
For the cover, we use imagery that supports the content of high-visibility presentations.



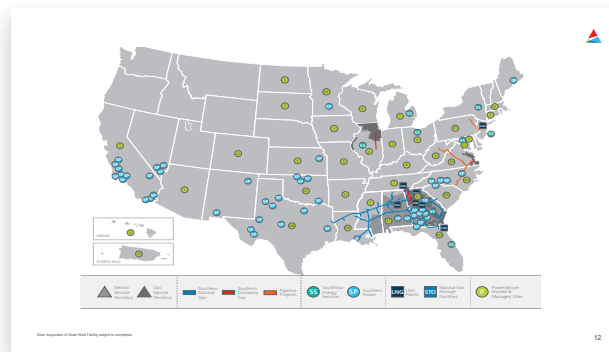
For everyday use, choose a printer-friendly cover.



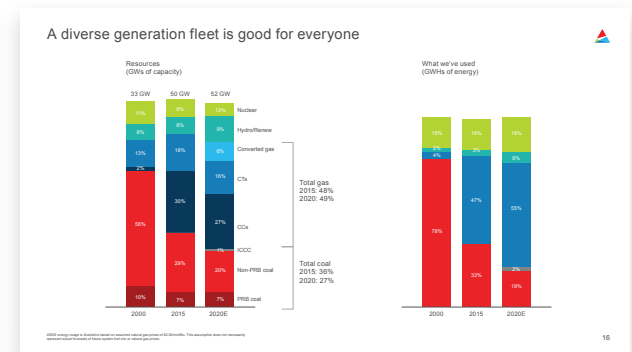
We use color dividers to clearly organize content.



We use large imagery to bring the content to life and provide visual pacing.



We use neutral colors, like grays, for secondary information and bright colors for key information.



We use differentiating colors to make information clear and easy to understand.

Our iconography

We use iconography as a shorthand or representation of simple objects, actions or ideas. Our icons use only one color, but the color choice is flexible, depending on the color theme selected for the specific application.

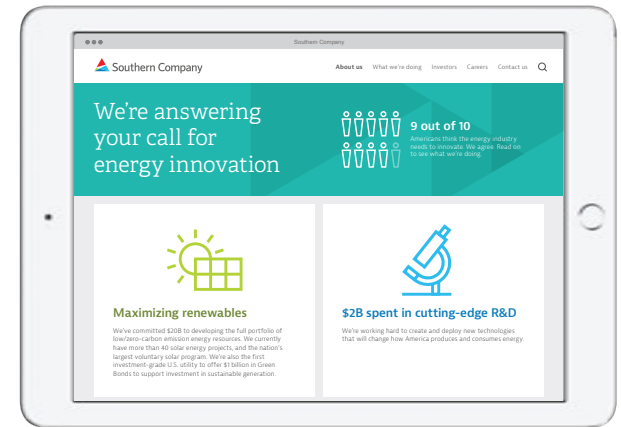
Consider using featured icons to highlight key subjects or ideas or to help create engaging presentations. Consider using simplified icons for functional purposes or as call-to-action buttons.

Note: For more information about creating new icons, please contact your brand ambassador.

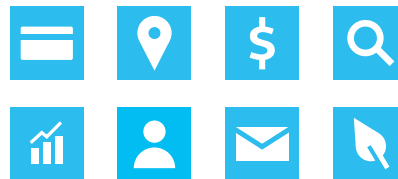
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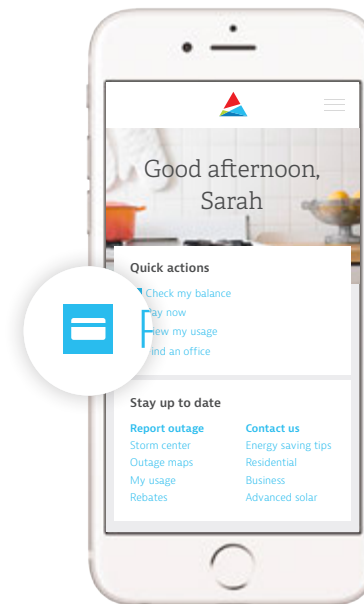
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Simplified icons



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