

# System Plus Limited Warranty (English Version)

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# The Legal Stuff

**What is Covered/Excluded.** This System Plus Limited Warranty covers certain GAF roofing products installed on your roof (the "GAF Products") including GAF Shingles, GAF Ridge Cap Shingles, GAF Starter Strip Shingles, GAF Leak Barrier products, GAF Roof Deck Protection products, and GAF Cobra® Attic Ventilation products. This warranty does not cover ShingleMatch™ Roof Accessory Paint, MasterFlow™ Attic Ventilation, or low-slope membranes (each of which is covered by a separate limited warranty) or any non-GAF roof products, such as roofing nails.

## Who Is Covered by This Limited Warranty; Transferability.

You are covered by this warranty if you live in the United States or Canada and are the original property owner (i.e., not a builder or installer) or the first subsequent owner if this warranty was properly transferred.

This Limited Warranty may be transferred only once. The second owner must notify GAF in writing within **60 days** after the property transfer has occurred for any coverage to be transferred. (Other than this one transfer, this warranty may not be transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly.) **Note:** If this warranty is initially registered by a GAF Authorized™ Home Builder, the buyer of the home must notify GAF in writing within **60 days** of taking title to the property for coverage to be transferred. The home buyer will then be considered to be the original owner under this warranty.

If the transfer takes place during the first 20 years, the second owner shall be entitled to all benefits contained in this warranty. If the transfer takes place afterwards, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after ownership changes. During this two-year period, GAF's reimbursement to the second owner will be based only on the reasonable cost of replacement GAF Products, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from the GAF Products from date of installation through the date of claim.

**How Long Your Warranty Lasts: All GAF Products.** Coverage begins when your GAF Products are installed. (If a GAF Authorized™ Home Builder initially registers this warranty for a newly constructed home, coverage begins when you take title to the property and you properly transfer coverage.) Coverage for all GAF Products lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof. **Note:** If cut-up GAF Strip Shingles are used instead of a ridge cap shingle, the warranty and non-prorated period for the cut-up strip shingles are the same as the cut-up GAF Shingle NOT the warranty term for the shingles used in the field of the roof.

**Manufacturing Defects: Lifetime Shingles.** All GAF shingles covered by this warranty other than Royal Sovereign® and Marquis® WeatherMax® Shingles carry a Lifetime warranty against manufacturing defects and a non-prorated period of 50 years. (Note: This limited warranty is not available for roofs with Sentinel® Shingles.) The word "Lifetime" means as long as you, the original owner (or the second owner if coverage was properly transferred within the first 20 years), own the property where the shingles are installed. The Lifetime warranty term and 50-year non-prorated period are applicable only to shingles installed on a single family detached residence owned by individual(s). For any other type of owner or building, such as a corporation, governmental entity, religious entity, condominium, or homeowner association, school, apartment building, office building, or multi-use structure, the length of the warranty is 40 years and the non-prorated period is 20 years.

**Manufacturing Defects: Other Shingles.** Marquis® WeatherMax® Shingles are warranted against manufacturing defects for 30 years; Royal Sovereign® Shingles are warranted for 25 years. The non-prorated period is 20 years for both Marquis® WeatherMax® and Royal Sovereign® Shingles.

**Failure to Seal/Blow-offs/Wind Damage.** Coverage lasts for 15 years for Lifetime Shingles and for Timbertex® and Ridglass® Ridge Cap Shingles. Coverage for all other shingles and ridge cap shingles is 5 years.

**Algae Discoloration.** All StainGuard®-labeled shingles and ridge cap shingles are warranted against algae discoloration for 10 years.

## Manufacturing Defects: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that your GAF Products will remain free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance during the applicable warranty term listed above. **Note:** Failure to seal/blow-offs/wind damage and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

(a) During the non-prorated period: If any of your GAF Products are found to have a manufacturing defect that affects performance, GAF will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or recover the affected GAF Product(s), and will provide replacement products. The cost of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF Products is included if necessary to repair your roof. GAF will not pay costs to dispose of any roof products.

(b) After the non-prorated period: The repair or recover cost which GAF will pay, and the roof products to be provided, will be reduced to reflect the amount of use you have received from your roof through the date of your claim. The amount of use will be calculated by dividing the number of months which have elapsed since installation

to the date of claim by the number of months in the warranty term.

For a Lifetime warranty, GAF's contribution in years 51 and beyond will be 20%.

After the non-prorated period, GAF's maximum liability for any roof shall NOT exceed three times the reasonable cost of replacement shingles before any reduction for use.

## Failure to Seal/Blow-offs/Wind Damage: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

This Limited Failure to Seal/Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty is specifically conditioned on your shingles and ridge cap shingles being fastened strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions. GAF warrants to you that your shingles and ridge cap shingles will not fail to seal and that your shingles and other GAF Products will not blow off or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed below after your shingles or ridge cap shingles should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect. If your shingles or ridge cap shingles do fail to seal, blow off, or sustain wind damage, or your other GAF Products blow off or sustain damage from winds, GAF's contribution to you will be for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off shingles or ridge cap shingles and other affected GAF Products and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles or ridge cap shingles. Costs relating to metal work and flashings are not included. GAF's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the shingles or ridge cap shingles on your roof.

Shingle	Wind Speed Coverage with special installation (mph / km/h)	Wind Speed Coverage without special installation (mph / km/h)
All Lifetime	130/209*	110/175
Marquis® WeatherMax®	80/130	80/130
Royal Sovereign®	60/96	60/96
Ridge Cap Shingle	Wind Speed Coverage with special installation (mph / km/h)	Wind Speed Coverage without special installation (mph / km/h)
Timbertex® & Ridglass®	130/209**	110/175
All other	90/144**	70/112

\*Your roof will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above ONLY if your shingles are installed using **6 nails** per shingle and you have GAF Starter Strip Products installed at the eaves and rakes.

\*\*Your ridge cap shingles will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above ONLY if your ridge cap shingles are installed in strict accordance with the "Maximum Wind Speed Coverage Under Ltd. Warranty" section of the applicable ridge cap shingle application instructions.

**Note:** All self-sealing shingles and ridge cap shingles, including GAF's, must be exposed to warm, sunny conditions for several days before they completely seal. Before sealing occurs, shingles and ridge cap shingles are vulnerable to blow-offs and wind damage. Shingles or ridge cap shingles installed in Fall or Winter may not seal until the following spring. Shingles or ridge cap shingles which are not exposed to direct sunlight or to adequate surface temperatures or that are not fastened properly may never seal. Failures to seal, blow-offs, and wind damage under these circumstances result from the nature of self-sealing shingles and ridge cap shingles, not a manufacturing defect, and are not covered under this warranty.

## Algae Discoloration: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

This StainGuard® Limited Warranty applies only to shingles and ridge cap shingles sold in packages bearing the StainGuard® logo. GAF warrants to you that blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) will not cause a pronounced discoloration of your StainGuard® labeled shingles or ridge cap shingles. During the first year, if your StainGuard® labeled shingles or ridge cap shingles do exhibit a pronounced discoloration caused by blue-green algae, GAF's contribution will be either the reasonable cost of commercially cleaning your shingles or ridge cap shingles or, at GAF's option, replacing discolored shingles or ridge cap shingles up to a maximum of the original installed cost of the affected shingles or ridge cap shingles. During the remainder of the StainGuard® warranty period, GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the amount of use you have received from your shingles or ridge cap shingles since they were installed (100%, reduced by a percentage equal to the number of months from the installation date to the date of claim divided by 120). **Note:** Preventing pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles or ridge cap shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

**What Is Not Covered.** Even if your roofing system was not properly installed according to GAF's application instructions or to standard good roofing practices, this Limited Warranty remains in effect. However, GAF will NOT compensate you for:

(1) Damage to your GAF Products resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in your GAF Products, such as:

- improper fastening of your shingles or application of your GAF Products not in strict accordance with GAF's printed application instructions, if the improper installation was the cause of damage.
  - settlement, movement, or defects in the building, walls, foundation, or the roof base over which your roof system was applied.
  - inadequate attic ventilation.
- (2) Damage to your GAF Products resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear, such as:
- acts of nature, such as hail, winds (or gusts) over the applicable wind speed listed above, or ice damming above the area covered by GAF's Leak Barriers or above flashings.
  - impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - improper storage or handling of any GAF Products.
- (3) Shading or variations in the color of your shingles or ridge cap shingles, or discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae (except for blue-green algae if your shingles or ridge cap shingles were labeled with the StainGuard® logo), or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- (4) Labor costs, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, and costs relating to metal work, flashings, or non-GAF products.
- (5) Damage to the interior or exterior of any building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.

## Other Limitations Concerning Coverage

Decisions as to the extent of repair, recover, or cleaning required, and the reasonable cost of such work, will be made solely by GAF. GAF reserves the right to arrange directly for your roof products to be repaired, recovered, or cleaned instead of reimbursing you for such work. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those GAF Products actually exhibiting manufacturing defects or blue-green algae growth at the time of settlement. Any replacement GAF Products will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAF reserves the right to discontinue or modify its shingles or accessories, including the colors available, so any replacement shingles or accessories may not be an exact match for the shingles on your roof. Even if GAF does not modify a color, replacement shingles or accessories may not match your original shingles or accessories due to normal weathering, manufacturing variations, or other factors.

## Claims: What You Must Do

You must notify GAF about any claim within **30 days** after you notice a problem and provide proof of the date your GAF Products were applied and that you were the owner at that time (or that the warranty was properly transferred to you). You must either call GAF at 1-800-458-1860 about your claim, or send a notice in writing to GAF, Warranty Service Department, 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, USA. You will then be provided with complete details about submitting your claim. GAF may require you to send to GAF, at your expense, sample products for testing and photographs. Within a reasonable time after proper notification, GAF will evaluate your claim and resolve it in accordance with the terms of this Warranty. Any claim for products which have been replaced before notifying GAF of your claim may be denied. **NOTE: Notice to your contractor, dealer, or home builder is NOT notice to GAF.** You should retain this warranty for your records in the unlikely event that you need to file a claim.

**Sole and Exclusive Warranty.** THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND REPLACES ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, CONDITIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND GUARANTEES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WHETHER BY STATUTE, AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. This written warranty is your exclusive warranty from GAF and represents the SOLE REMEDY available to any owner of GAF Products. GAF makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITIONS, GUARANTEES, OR WARRANTIES of any kind other than that stated herein. GAF WILL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY EVENT FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR OTHER SIMILAR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, including DAMAGE TO THE INTERIOR OR EXTERIOR OF ANY BUILDING, whether for breach of this warranty, negligence, strict liability in tort, or for any other cause. Some jurisdictions do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusions or limitations may not apply to you.

**Modification of Warranty.** This Limited Warranty may not be changed or modified except in writing, signed by an officer of GAF. No one (other than an officer of GAF) has authority to assume any additional liability or responsibility for GAF in connection with your GAF Products except as described in this warranty. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

**Effectiveness:** This Limited Warranty will not take effect unless all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, this warranty is registered to you, and your roofing contractor has been paid in full.