

**Lifetime Roofing System  
Limited Warranty  
The Legal Stuff**  
(RESWT160)

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# The GAF Shingle & Accessory Limited Warranty

Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing asphaltic shingles and/or accessories from GAF, North America's largest roofing manufacturer – your best and safest choice. While many factors can affect how long your shingles and accessories will last, this Shingle & Accessory Limited Warranty covers your asphaltic shingles and accessories, including GAF Ridge Cap Shingles, GAF Starter Strip Shingles, GAF Leak Barrier Products, GAF Roof Deck Protection Products, and GAF Cobra® Ventilation Products, in the unlikely event that they contain a manufacturing defect. It provides great coverage that is “non-prorated” during the crucial up-front period of your ownership (the Smart Choice® Protection Period) with continued coverage for extended periods of time afterwards. Note: This warranty does not cover low-slope membranes, Master Flow® Ventilation Products, and ShingleMatch™ Roof Accessory Paint. Please go to [gaf.com](http://gaf.com) for a copy of the limited warranties covering these products.

## How Long Your Warranty Lasts

**Manufacturing Defects: GAF Lifetime Asphaltic Shingles.** Subject to the provisions below, all GAF Asphaltic Shingles other than Sentinel®, Royal Sovereign®, and Marquis WeatherMax® Shingles and Ridge Cap and Starter Strip Shingles carry a Lifetime warranty (as defined below) against manufacturing defects and a Smart Choice® Protection Period of 10 years.

**Manufacturing Defects: Other GAF Asphaltic Shingles.** Marquis WeatherMax® Shingles are warranted against manufacturing defects for 30 years; Royal Sovereign® Shingles are warranted for 25 years, and Sentinel® Shingles are warranted for 20 years. The Smart Choice® Protection Period is 5 years for Marquis WeatherMax® and Royal Sovereign® Shingles, and 3 years for Sentinel® Shingles. The warranty term and Smart Choice® Protection Period for Ridge Cap and Starter Strip Shingles are described below.

**Manufacturing Defects: GAF Accessories Used With Any Brand Of Lifetime Asphaltic Shingles.** When you install three or more of the GAF Accessory Products listed above on your roof with any brand of Lifetime Asphaltic Shingles, your GAF Accessory Products carry a Lifetime warranty (as defined below) against manufacturing defects and a Smart Choice® Protection Period of 10 years. When you install fewer than three of the above-listed GAF Accessories on your roof with any brand of Lifetime Asphaltic Shingles, your GAF Accessory Products carry a 40-year warranty against manufacturing defects and a Smart Choice® Protection Period of 5 years.

**Manufacturing Defects: GAF Accessories Used With Any Other Asphaltic Shingles.** When you install one or more of the above-listed GAF Accessories on your roof with any brand of non-Lifetime Asphaltic Shingles, your GAF Accessory Products carry a 25-year warranty against manufacturing defects and a Smart Choice® Protection Period of 5 years.

**Definition Of Lifetime:** The word “Lifetime” means as long as you, the original owner(s) [or the second owner(s) if coverage was properly transferred during the

Smart Choice® Protection Period], own the property where the shingles and/or accessories are installed. The Lifetime warranty and 10-year Smart Choice® Protection Period are applicable only to shingles and accessories installed on a single-family detached residence owned by individuals. 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 Smart Choice® Protection Period is 5 years.

**Failure To Seal/Blow-offs/Wind Damage.** GAF Lifetime Shingles, Timbertex® Premium Ridge Cap Shingles, and Ridglass® Premium Ridge Cap Shingles are warranted against failure to seal, blow-offs, and wind damage for 15 years. All other shingles (other than starter strips) and other ridge cap shingles are covered for 5 years. There is no coverage for failure to seal/blow-offs/wind damage for any other GAF Accessory Products.

**Algae Discoloration.** All StainGuard®-labeled Shingles and Ridge Cap Shingles are warranted against algae discoloration for 10 years. There is no coverage for algae discoloration for any other GAF Accessory Products.

## 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 for warranty coverage to be transferred. (Other than this one transfer, this warranty may **not** be transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly.) If the transfer takes place within the Smart Choice® Protection Period, the second owner is entitled to the same coverage as the original owner. If the transfer takes place afterwards, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after the ownership changes. If there is a defect during this two-year period, GAF's reimbursement to the second owner will be based only on the reasonable cost of replacement shingles or applicable accessories, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from the shingles or applicable accessories from date of installation through the date of claim.

## Manufacturing Defects: What Is Covered/Sole And Exclusive Remedy.

GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that your GAF Roofing Shingles will remain free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance during the applicable Smart Choice® Protection Period or that cause leaks for the remainder of the applicable warranty term and that your GAF Accessory Products will remain free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance during the applicable warranty term.

**Note:** Failure to seal/blow-offs/wind damage and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

(1) During the Smart Choice® Protection Period: GAF will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or re-cover any defective GAF Shingles or Accessories (excluding non-GAF accessories, metal work, or flashing) and will provide replacement shingles or accessories or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement shingles or accessories, at GAF's option. GAF will not pay to tear off your shingles or accessories, or to dispose of them.

(2) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period: Labor will no longer be covered. GAF's contribution to you will be based on either providing you with replacement GAF Shingles or Accessories, or at GAF's choice, reimbursing you for the reasonable cost of replacement shingles or accessories. The amount of shingles, accessories, or reimbursement provided to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your shingles or accessories. 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, the number of months in the warranty term is deemed to be 600 for years 11 – 40 of the warranty term. For years 41 and beyond of a Lifetime warranty, GAF's contribution is 20%. For example, if you make a claim for Lifetime Shingles installed on a single-family home after your shingles have been installed for 25 years (300 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 300/600 or 50%.

## 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 or ridge cap shingles being fastened and installed **strictly** in accordance with GAF's application instructions. This warranty does not apply to starter strip shingles. GAF warrants to you that your GAF Shingles or Ridge Cap Shingles will not fail to seal, blow off, or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed on the reverse 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 suffer wind damage, GAF will reimburse you for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off or damaged shingles or ridge cap shingles and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles or ridge cap shingles. Costs related to underlayment, 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.

## SEE REVERSE FOR LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

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Shingle	Wind Speed Coverage with special installation (mph / km/h)	Wind Speed Coverage without special installation (mph / km/h)
All GAF Lifetime Shingles	130/209*	110/175
Marquis WeatherMax®	N/A	80/130
Royal Sovereign® & Sentinel®	N/A	60/96
*Your shingles will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above <b>ONLY</b> if your shingles are installed using <b>6 nails</b> per shingle <b>and</b> you have GAF Starter Strip Products installed at the eaves <b>and</b> rakes.		
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 GAF Ridge Cap Shingles	90/144**	70/112
**Your ridge cap shingles will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above <b>ONLY</b> 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 GAFs, 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 and ridge cap shingles installed in fall or winter may not seal until the following spring. Shingles or ridge cap shingles that are not exposed to direct sunlight or adequate surface temperatures or that are not fastened or installed 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 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 cost of the affected shingles or ridge cap shingles. During the **remainder** of the StainGuard® Limited 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 your shingles or ridge cap shingles 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 shingles or accessories were 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) Damages resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in your shingles or accessories, such as:
  - (a) Improper fastening of your shingles or accessories or application not in strict accordance with GAF's printed application instructions, if the improper installation was the cause of the damage.
  - (b) Settlement, movement, or defects in the building, walls, foundation, or the roof base over which the shingles or accessories were applied.
  - (c) Inadequate attic ventilation.
- (2) Damages resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear, such as:
  - (a) acts of nature, such as hail, fire, winds (including gusts) over the applicable wind speed listed above, or ice damming above the areas of your roof deck covered by a GAF Leak Barrier.
  - (b) impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - (c) improper storage or handling of shingles or accessories.
- (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, tear-off costs, and costs related to underlayments (unless your claim involves a manufacturing defect in a GAF Underlayment), metal work, and flashings.
- (5) Damage to the interior or exterior of the building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.

#### Other Limitations Concerning Coverage.

Decisions as to the extent of repair, re-cover, 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 shingles or accessories to be repaired, re-covered, or cleaned instead of reimbursing you for such work. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those shingles and accessories actually exhibiting manufacturing defects or algae discoloration at the time your claim is settled. Any replacement shingles or accessories 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 or accessories 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 shingles or accessories were applied and that you were the owner at that time (or that the warranty was properly transferred to you). If you are claiming a Lifetime warranty on any GAF

Accessories, you must also provide proof of the date(s) your three or more GAF Accessories and Lifetime Shingles were applied. You must either call GAF at 1-800-458-1860 about your claim, or send a notice to GAF in writing to: GAF, Warranty Services, 1 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054, 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 shingles or accessories 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 limited warranty. If you repair or replace your GAF Products before you notify GAF about your claim or before GAF has completed its evaluation of your claim, your claim may be denied. If you need to repair or replace your GAF Products before your claim is resolved, you **MUST** provide GAF with reasonable notice. **NOTE: Notice to your contractor, dealer, or home builder is NOT notice to GAF.** You should retain this document for your records in the unlikely event that you need to file a claim.

#### Sole And Exclusive Warranty.

THIS LIMITED 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 OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. This limited warranty is your exclusive warranty from GAF and represents the **SOLE REMEDY** available to any owner of GAF Shingles or Accessories. 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 any claim against it is based upon breach of this warranty, negligence, strict liability in tort, or for any other cause. Some jurisdictions do not allow limitations on or the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the Sale of International Goods shall **NOT** apply either to the sale of the GAF products or to this limited warranty.

#### 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 the authority to assume any additional or other liability or responsibility for GAF in connection with your shingles or accessories except as described in this warranty. (**Note:** Warranty subject to change. For current information, visit [gaf.com](http://gaf.com) or write to GAF at 1 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054, USA, Attn: Warranty Services.)

#### Effective Date.

This limited warranty is effective for GAF Asphaltic Shingles and GAF Accessories installed after September 1, 2014.



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