

# The DecoTech™ Limited Warranty

Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing DecoTech™ Solar Roofing System. While many factors can affect how long your DecoTech™ Solar Roofing System will last, this DecoTech™ Limited Warranty covers your DecoTech™ Solar Roofing System (the "DecoTech™ Materials"), including: (i) the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s) [comprised of one or more DecoTech™ photovoltaic solar panels (the "DecoTech™ Solar Panels"), as well as the integrated racking and mounting hardware] and (ii) Covered Flashings [defined as the metallic flashing components installed around the array of DecoTech™ Solar Modules on your roof], 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 other GAF Products on your roof. 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: DECOTECH™ MATERIALS.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech™ Materials are warranted against manufacturing defects for 25 years. The Smart Choice® Protection Period is 10 years.

**BLOW-OFFS/WIND DAMAGE.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech™ Materials are warranted against blow-offs/wind damage for 10 years.

**SOLAR POWER GENERATION.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech™ Materials are warranted against manufacturing defects that adversely affect their solar power generation for 25 years.

### 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.)

### WHAT IS COVERED/SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.

All warranty coverage is subject to the exclusions set forth in the section entitled "What Is Not Covered."

**MANUFACTURING DEFECTS: DECOTECH™ MATERIALS.** GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that

your DecoTech™ Materials will remain free from manufacturing defects that cause leaks during the warranty term.

**Note:** Blow-Offs/Wind Damage and Solar Power Generation are covered separately below.

(1) During the Smart Choice® Protection Period: GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any defective DecoTech™ Materials and will provide any necessary replacement DecoTech™ Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost to install that portion of the DecoTech™ Materials exhibiting the defect at the time of settlement. GAF will not pay to tear off your DecoTech™ Materials, or to dispose of them. GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech™ Materials.

(2) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period: Labor will no longer be covered. GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) provide replacement DecoTech™ Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost of that portion of the DecoTech™ Materials exhibiting the defect at the time of settlement. The amount of DecoTech™ Materials or reimbursement provided to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech™ Materials. 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 (i.e., 300 months). For example, if you make a claim after your DecoTech™ Materials have been installed for 15 years (180 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 180/300 or 60%. GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost of the DecoTech™ Materials, before any reduction for use.

**BLOW-OFFS/WIND DAMAGE:** This Limited Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty is specifically conditioned on your DecoTech™ Materials being fastened and installed strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions. This Limited Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty does not apply to Covered Flashings. GAF warrants to you that your DecoTech™ Solar Module(s) will not blow off, or sustain damage from winds, including gusts, up to 110 mph / 175 km/h due to a manufacturing defect. During the first year of the warranty term GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any blown-off or damaged DecoTech™ Materials and will provide any necessary replacement DecoTech™ Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost to install that portion of the DecoTech™ Materials that have blown-off or sustained damage from winds at the time of settlement. Costs related to underlayment, metal work, and flashings are not included.

After the first year, GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech™

Materials. 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 (i.e., 120 months). For example, if you make a claim after your DecoTech™ Materials have been installed for 5 years (60 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 60/120 or 50%.

GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech™ Materials, before any reduction for use.

**SOLAR POWER GENERATION:** This Limited Solar Power Generation Warranty is specifically conditioned on your DecoTech™ Solar Module(s) being installed strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions and appropriately placed for optimal solar exposure. GAF warrants to you that in the first year after installation of the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s), the actual power output in the aggregate will be no less than 97% of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s) installed on your roof due to a manufacturing defect in the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s). For each subsequent year after installation of the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s), the actual power output in the aggregate will not decline by more than 0.7% annually for the remainder of the warranty term.

YEAR	WARRANTED OUTPUT*
1	97
2	96.3
3	95.6
4	94.9
5	94.2
6	93.5
7	92.8
8	92.1
9	91.4
10	90.7
11	90
12	89.3
13	88.6
14	87.9
15	87.2
16	86.5
17	85.8
18	85.1
19	84.4
20	83.7
21	83
22	82.3
23	81.6
24	80.9
25	80.2

\* Warranted Output refers to the percentage of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s) installed on your roof which is warranted for each year of this Limited Solar Power Generation Warranty.

If the average aggregate power output is less than the Warranted Output stated above as a result of a manufacturing defect in the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s), GAF will, at its sole option, either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any defective DecoTech™ Materials and will provide

replacement DecoTech™ Materials or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement DecoTech™ Materials; (b) provide you with additional DecoTech™ Materials, and the reasonable cost of labor to install the additional DecoTech™ Materials, to make up for such loss in power generation; or (c) refund that portion of the original cost to install the DecoTech™ Materials that corresponds to the difference between the Warranted Output and the actual output at the time of settlement (Actual Output). For example, if you make a claim in Year 1 and the actual output is 57% of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech™ Solar Module(s), GAF will refund 40% [Warranted Output (97%) less Actual Output (57%)] of the original cost to install the DecoTech™ Materials. Additionally, after the first year GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech™ Materials. 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.

GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech™ Materials, before any reduction for use.

**WHAT IS NOT COVERED.** Even if your DecoTech™ Materials 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 or normal wear and tear in your DecoTech™ Materials, such as:
  - a. Improper fastening of your DecoTech™ Materials 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 DecoTech™ Materials were applied.
  - c. Impact of foreign objects, foot traffic, or physical damage caused by any intentional or negligent acts, accidents, misuse, abuse or the like on the DecoTech™ Materials or roof area adjacent thereto.
  - d. Inadequate attic ventilation.
  - e. Inadequate roof drainage.
  - f. Improperly designed or installed gutter or downspout systems.
  - g. Unapproved maintenance, repair or alteration to the DecoTech™ Materials.
  - h. 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.
  - i. Abuse, neglect, improper storage or handling of the DecoTech™ Materials.
  - j. Installation in a corrosive environment, as determined by

GAF, including but not limited to exposure to smoke, salt, chemicals or other corrosive substances.

- k. Power Surges.
  - l. Unapproved installation of equipment on the roof area adjacent to the DecoTech™ Materials, including without limitation, signs or air conditioning units.
- (2) Shading or variations in the color or overall appearance of the DecoTech™ Materials, including but not limited to scratches, stains, mechanical wear, rust, discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae, paints, or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- (3) Damage caused by improper wiring or electrical work.
- (4) Labor costs or costs related to flashings, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, tear-off costs, costs related to underlayments, and costs related to metal work.
- (5) Damage caused by, or the cost to repair or replace, non-GAF Products.
- (6) Damage to the interior or exterior of the building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.
- (7) Damages related to loss of power or production, including but not limited to rebates, refunds, credits, revenues, or any other benefit associated with solar generated electrical power.
- (8) Abnormal or unintended use, including but not limited to installation on mobile units such as vehicles or water vessels.

#### OTHER LIMITATIONS CONCERNING

**COVERAGE.** Decisions as to the extent of repair or replacement required, and the reasonable cost of such work, will be made solely by GAF. GAF reserves the right to arrange directly for your DecoTech™ Materials to be repaired or replaced instead of reimbursing you for such work. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those DecoTech™ Materials actually exhibiting manufacturing defects at the time your claim is settled. Any replacement DecoTech™ Materials will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAF reserves the right to discontinue or modify its DecoTech™ Materials, so any replacement DecoTech™ Materials may not be an exact match for the DecoTech™ Materials on your roof. Even if GAF does not modify the DecoTech™ Materials, replacement DecoTech™ Materials may not match your original DecoTech™ Materials 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 DecoTech™ Materials 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 sent 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. 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 DecoTech™ Materials 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 DecoTech™ Materials 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 ANY 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 DecoTech™ Materials. 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 DecoTech™ Materials 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 DecoTech™ Materials 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 DecoTech™ Materials installed after June 26, 2017.

