



# Golden Pledge<sup>®</sup> Limited Warranty



## The Legal Stuff

**What Is Covered/Excluded.** This *Golden Pledge<sup>®</sup> Limited Warranty* covers certain GAF roofing products installed on your roof (the "GAF Products") including GAF Asphaltic Shingles, GAF Ridge Cap Shingles, GAF Starter Strip Shingles, GAF Leak Barrier Products, GAF Roof Deck Protection Products, GAF Cobra<sup>®</sup> Attic Ventilation Products, and GAF-labeled Ultimate Pipe Flashing<sup>®</sup> with EasySleeve<sup>®</sup> (manufactured by Lifetime Tool<sup>®</sup> & Building Products LLC) in the unlikely event that they contain a manufacturing defect. Misapplication of your GAF Products and flashings at valleys, dormers, chimneys, and plumbing vents (the "Covered Flashings") is also covered. Note: This limited warranty does not cover low-slope membranes, Master Flow<sup>®</sup> Ventilation Products, or GAF ThermaCal<sup>®</sup> Ventilated Nail Base Roof Insulation. Please go to [gaf.com](http://gaf.com) for a copy of the limited warranties covering these products.

## How Long Your Warranty Lasts

GAF Shingles	Manufacturing Defect Coverage		Wind Warranty Coverage		Algae Warranty Coverage		Misapplication Coverage*****
	Limited Warranty Term	Smart Choice <sup>®</sup> Protection Period**	Limited Warranty Term	Wind Speed Coverage (mph / km/h)	Limited Warranty Term	Smart Choice <sup>®</sup> Protection Period**	
Designer Lifetime <sup>†</sup> Shingles	Lifetime <sup>†</sup>	50 Years	15 Years	With Special Installation***: 130/209 Without Special Installation***: 110/175	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	30 Years
Timberline <sup>®</sup> UHD Shingles							
LayerLock <sup>™</sup> -labeled Timberline <sup>®</sup> Shingles	Lifetime <sup>†</sup>	50 Years	15 Years	<b>WindProven<sup>™</sup> Limited Wind Warranty****:</b> No maximum wind speed.  For all other installations: With Special Installation***: 130/209 Without Special Installation***: 110/175	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	25 Years
All Other Timberline <sup>®</sup> Lifetime <sup>†</sup> Shingles	Lifetime <sup>†</sup>	50 Years	15 Years	With Special Installation***: 130/209 Without Special Installation***: 110/175	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years StainGuard <sup>®</sup> : 10 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years StainGuard <sup>®</sup> : 1 Year	25 Years
Marquis WeatherMax <sup>®</sup>	30 Years	20 Years	15 Years	80/130	No coverage	No coverage	20 Years
Royal Sovereign <sup>®</sup>	25 Years	20 Years	15 Years	60/96	StainGuard <sup>®</sup> : 10 Years	StainGuard <sup>®</sup> : 1 Year	20 Years
GAF Ridge Cap Shingles	Manufacturing Defect Coverage	Wind Warranty Coverage		Algae Warranty Coverage		Misapplication Coverage*****	
		Limited Warranty Term	Wind Speed Coverage (mph / km/h)	Limited Warranty Term	Smart Choice <sup>®</sup> Protection Period**		
TimberTex <sup>®</sup> , Ridglass <sup>®</sup> , and TimberCrest <sup>®</sup>	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	15 Years	With Special Installation***: 130/209 Without Special Installation***: 110/175	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Ridge Cap Shingles lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	
Seal-A-Ridge <sup>®</sup> , Seal-A-Ridge <sup>®</sup> AS	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	15 Years	90/144	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Ridge Cap Shingles lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	
Z <sup>®</sup> Ridge	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	15 Years	With Special Installation***: 90/144 Without Special Installation***: 70/112	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Ridge Cap Shingles lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	
GAF Starter Strip Shingles	Manufacturing Defect Coverage	Wind Warranty Coverage		Algae Warranty Coverage		Misapplication Coverage*****	
		Limited Warranty Term	Smart Choice <sup>®</sup> Protection Period**				
StarterMatch <sup>®</sup>	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	No coverage		StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 25 Years	StainGuard Plus <sup>™</sup> : 15* / 10 Years	<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Starter Strip Shingles lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	
All Other GAF Starter Strip Shingles	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	No coverage		No coverage	No coverage	<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Starter Strip Shingles lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	
Other GAF Accessories	Manufacturing Defect Coverage	Wind Warranty Coverage		Algae Warranty Coverage		Misapplication Coverage*****	
GAF Leak Barrier Products GAF Roof Deck Protection Products GAF Cobra <sup>®</sup> Attic Ventilation Products	<b>Limited Warranty Term and Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period**</b> lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	No coverage		No coverage		<b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for GAF Accessories lasts as long as the <b>Misapplication Coverage Term</b> for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof.	

**† 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 within the first 20 years], own the property where the shingles and/or accessories are installed. The Lifetime warranty term and 50-year non-prorated 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 non-prorated period is 20 years.

**\*\*Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period:** refers to the crucial period of time following installation of the GAF Products during which the coverage provided for in this limited warranty is non-prorated. After the Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period specified above, the remedy provided for in this warranty may be different than that provided for during the Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Protection Period, and any remedy will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your GAF Products. 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<sup>†</sup> warranty, GAF's contribution in years 51 and beyond is 20%. After the non-prorated period, GAF's maximum liability for any roof shall NOT exceed three times the reasonable cost of replacement GAF Products before any reduction for use.

**\*\*\*Special Installation:** Your GAF LayerLock<sup>™</sup>-labeled shingles will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above **ONLY** if installed using **4 nails** per shingle and you have GAF Starter Strip Products installed at the eaves and rakes. Special Installation for all other GAF Shingles requires use of **6 nails** per shingle and GAF Starter Strip Products installed at the eaves and rakes. Your GAF 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 Limited Warranty" section of the applicable ridge cap shingle application instructions.

**\*\*\*\*WindProven<sup>™</sup> Limited Wind Warranty** requires installation of LayerLock<sup>™</sup>-labeled shingles using 4 nails per shingle, and at least four (4) qualifying accessories.

**\*\*\*\*\*Misapplication Coverage:** Misapplication Coverage Terms listed above pertain to GAF Shingles and Accessories installed on single-family detached residences owned by individual(s). For other types of owners or buildings, coverage lasts for 20 years.



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## Who Is Covered by This Limited Warranty; Transferability

You are covered by this limited 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 **one year** 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 first 20 years after installation, 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 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.

## 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:** Wind Warranty and Algae Warranty 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 Product(s) (excluding non-GAF accessories, metal work, or flashings other than Covered Flashings), and will provide replacement GAF Products or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement GAF Products, at GAF's option. The costs of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF Products and disposal are included if necessary to repair your roof.

**(2) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period:** The repair or re-cover cost, replacement GAF Products, or reimbursement provided to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your GAF Products. 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<sup>1</sup> 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 GAF Products before any reduction for use.

## WindProven™ Limited Wind Warranty: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

This limited warranty is **specifically conditioned** on your meeting all eligibility requirements, including installation of **LayerLock™-labeled** shingles, GAF Ridge Cap Shingles, GAF Starter Strip Shingles, and a GAF Roof Deck Protection Product, plus your choice of either a GAF Leak Barrier Product or GAF Attic Ventilation Product, and your **LayerLock™-labeled** shingles being fastened and installed **strictly** in accordance with GAF's application instructions. For installations which do not meet these eligibility requirements, see **Wind Warranty** section below. The limited warranty applies only to your **LayerLock™-labeled** shingles and does not apply to any GAF Accessory Products. GAF warrants to you that your **LayerLock™-labeled** shingles will not fail to seal, blow off, or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) after they should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect. If your **LayerLock™-labeled** 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 and hand-sealing any unsealed 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 **LayerLock™-labeled** shingles on your roof.

## Wind Warranty: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

GAF warrants to you that your GAF shingles and ridge cap shingles will not fail to seal, blow off, or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed above after they should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect or their misapplication. 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 shingles or damaged shingles or ridge cap shingles and head-sealing any unsealed shingles or ridge cap shingles. Costs relating to metal work and flashings (other than Covered 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 and ridge cap shingles on your roof.

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

This limited warranty applies only to shingles, ridge cap shingles, and starter strip shingles sold in packages bearing the **StainGuard Plus™** or **StainGuard®** logos. GAF warrants to you that blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) will not cause a pronounced discoloration of your **StainGuard Plus™**- or **StainGuard®-labeled** shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles for the warranty term listed above. If your **StainGuard Plus™-labeled** or **StainGuard®-labeled** shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles exhibit a pronounced discoloration caused by blue-green algae during the Smart Choice® Protection Period listed above, GAF's contribution will be either the reasonable cost of commercially cleaning your shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles or, at GAF's sole option, replacing discolored shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles. The **maximum** cost to GAF shall be lesser of the original cost of the affected shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles or the cost to clean the affected shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles. During the **remainder** of the limited warranty period, GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the amount of use you have received from your shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles since they were installed. 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 Algae Warranty term.

**Note:** Preventing pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles, ridge cap shingles, and starter strip shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

## Misapplication: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

If any of your GAF Products or Covered Flashings is found to have an application error that adversely affects performance, GAF will arrange to have your roof repaired or re-covered or, at its sole option, will provide you with replacement GAF product(s) and reimburse you for the full reasonable cost of labor and other materials to repair or re-cover your roof, including Covered Flashings. The costs of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF Products and Covered Flashings and disposal are included if necessary to repair your roof.

If your claim arises out of an application error in your GAF Products or Covered Flashings, which is discovered or discoverable within the first two years after installation, it is the obligation of your Master Elite® Roofing Contractor to make all necessary repairs. In the event that GAF determines your Master Elite® Roofing Contractor is unable or unwilling to perform these repairs, GAF will arrange to have your roof repaired if the issues were caused by application errors within the scope of GAF liability under this limited warranty.

**NOTE:** Failure to install adequate ventilation is **NOT** an application error of your GAF Products and is not covered under this Limited Warranty. Due to the design of certain buildings, the replacement of existing flashings may be difficult, costly, or impractical.

Please be sure to review these items with your roofing contractor.

## What Is Not Covered

Even if your GAF Products 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** be liable for and this warranty does **NOT** apply to:

- (1) Damage resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in the GAF Products, their misapplication, or the misapplication of Covered Flashings, such as:
  - (a) settlement, movement, structural damage, or defects in the building, walls, foundation, or the roof base over which the shingles or accessories were applied.
  - (b) inadequate ventilation.
- (2) Damage resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear, such as:
  - (a) acts of nature, such as hail, fire, or winds (including gusts) over the applicable wind speed listed above except there is no maximum wind speed restriction for shingles covered by the WindProven™ Limited Wind Warranty.
  - (b) impact of traffic on the roof or foreign objects, including damage caused by objects blown onto the roof by wind.
  - (c) improper storage or handling of the GAF Products.
- (3) Ice damming, except for leaks in the area of your roof covered by a GAF Leak Barrier which are caused by a manufacturing defect in your GAF Leak Barrier, its misapplication, or the misapplication of Covered Flashings.
- (4) Shading or variations in the color of your GAF Products or discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae (except for blue-green algae if your shingles, ridge cap shingles, or starter strip shingles were labeled with the StainGuard Plus™ or StainGuard® logos), or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- (5) Damage caused by, or the cost to repair or replace, products not sold by GAF, including but not limited to metal work and counterflashing.
- (6) Improperly designed or installed gutter or downspout systems.
- (7) Damage to the interior or exterior of the building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.
- (8) Damage to or caused by rooftop air conditioning units (and their flashing), pipe works, brace works, skylights, rooftop satellite dishes or other radio/TV devices, counterflashing, or flashings other than those specifically included above.

## 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 GAF Products to be repaired, re-covered, 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, application errors (including misapplication of Covered Flashings), or algae discoloration at the time your claim is settled. 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 GAF Products may not be an exact match for the GAF Products on your roof. Even if GAF does not modify a color, replacement GAF Products may not match your original GAF Products 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. You may report a claim online at [gaf.com/contact](http://gaf.com/contact), by calling GAF at 1-800-458-1860, sending an e-mail to [warrantyclaims@gaf.com](mailto:warrantyclaims@gaf.com), or by sending a notice in writing to: GAF, Warranty Claims Department, 1 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054, USA. You will then be provided with complete details about submitting your claim. You may be required to send to GAF, at your expense, photographs and sample products for testing. 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 homebuilder 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 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 any claim against it is based upon breach of this warranty, negligence, strict liability in tort, or for any other cause. This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. 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. New Jersey state residents are encouraged to review their rights under the agreement, as provided under the New Jersey Truth-In-Consumer Contract Warranty and Notice Act ("TCCWNA").

The United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of 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 GAF Products and Covered Flashings except as described in this limited warranty.

## 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.

## Important Notice:

**THIS IS A SAMPLE GOLDEN PLEDGE® LIMITED WARRANTY. IT IS YOUR CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER YOUR WARRANTY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF INSTALLATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR WARRANTY FROM GAF WITHIN 60 DAYS, YOU SHOULD CALL GAF AT: 1-888-532-5767, OPTION 5.**

