The GAF Shingle & Accessory
Limited Warranty

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Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing asphaltic shingles and/or accessories from GAF. This Limited Warranty covers your asphaltic shingles and/or accessories from GAF for the provisions below, all GAF Asphaltic Shingles other than Sentinel®, Royal Sovereign®, and Marquis® WeatherMax® Shingles and Ridge Cap and Starter Shingles.

How Long Your Warranty Lasts

Manufacturing Defects: GAF Limited Lifetime Warranty. Subject to the provisions below, all GAF Asphaltic Shingles other than Sentinel®, Royal Sovereign®, and Marquis® WeatherMax® Shingles and Ridge Cap and Starter Shingles are covered by a Limited 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® Shingles, 6 years for Royal Sovereign® Shingles, and 5 years for Sentinel® Shingles. The warranty term and Smart Choice® Protection Period for Ridge Cap and Starter Striper Shingles are described below.

Manufacturing Defects: GAF Accessories Used With Any Brand Of Lifet ime 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 Limited Warranty (as defined below) 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(s) including, such as, but not limited to, governmental entity, religious entity, condominium or homeowner association, school, apartment building, office building, 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 Limited Warranty. If your GAF shingles or ridge cap shingles are fastened and installed 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 suffer damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed on the reverse after your GAF Shingles or ridge cap shingles are sealed but 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 blowing-off or damaged shingles or ridge cap shingles and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles or ridge cap shingles. Costs related to transportation, labor, and other reasonable costs 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.

Failure To Seal/Blow-OFFs/Wind Damage: Water Damage. StainGuard®-labeled Shingles and Ridge Cap Shingles are warranted against alien discoloration caused by blue-green algae, red-sludge, mold, dirt, debris, shading or variations in the color of your shingles or ridge cap shingles or improper storage or handling of shingles or accessories.

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 owner of the property where the shingles or accessories were installed (i.e., a builder or installer) and the second or third 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 change. 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 accessories or actual cash value produced 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/Soled 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 replacing shingles or accessories, as 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 and Accessories for the remainder of the warranty term, or 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 41 years 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 they 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/Soled 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 suffer damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed on the reverse after your GAF Shingles or ridge cap shingles are sealed but 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 blowing-off or damaged shingles or ridge cap shingles and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles or ridge cap shingles. Costs related to transportation, labor, and other reasonable costs 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.

Failure To Seal/Blow-OFFs/Wind Damage: StainGuard®-labeled Shingles and Ridge Cap Shingles. StainGuard®-labeled Shingles and Ridge Cap 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: Preventing pronounced discoloration caused by blue-green algae from your shingles or ridge cap shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

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) Improper application of roof underlayments, Flashing, or the roof base over which the shingles or accessories were applied.
   (c) Inadequate attic ventilation.
   (d) Damages resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear, such as:
      (a) Abuse, tampering, or damage caused by animals (not including blue-green algae if your shingles or ridge cap shingles were labeled with the StainGuard® logo), or other contaminants, including that caused by smoking.
      (b) Labor, except as specifically provided for above, disposal, tear-off costs, and costs related to underlayment (unless your claim involves a manufacturing defect in a GAF Underlayment), metal work, or other reasonable costs.
   (e) Labor, except as specifically provided for above, disposal, tear-off costs, and costs related to underlayment (unless your claim involves a manufacturing defect in a GAF Underlayment), metal work, or other reasonable costs.
   (f) Failure to maintain proper attic ventilation.
   (g) Failure to maintain proper attic ventilation.
   (h) Failure to maintain proper attic ventilation.
   (i) Failure to maintain proper attic ventilation.