

# A Great Roofing System Deserves A Great Warranty

## GAF'S SMART CHOICE® SYSTEM PLUS LTD. WARRANTY\*

GAF Materials Corporation's Smart Choice® System Plus Ltd. Warranty gives you longer and better protection for your new Weather Stopper® roofing system:

- **All Major Weather Stopper® System Components Are Covered...**for as long as your shingles are warranted (see chart)\*\*
- **Exclusive Smart Choice® Protection Period...**gives you reimbursement for both **material and installation labor** in the event of a manufacturing defect
- **Plus, No Reduction In Coverage...**for **up to 12 years** (see chart at right)!†

### Comprehensive Two-Phase Coverage\* For Major Weather Stopper® Roofing System Components

GAF SHINGLE INSTALLED	SMART CHOICE® PROTECTION PERIOD† (NON-PRORATED COVERAGE)	PRORATED MATERIAL AND LABOR COVERAGE PERIOD
<i>Traditional</i>		
ROYAL SOVEREIGN®	YEARS 1-10	YEARS 11-25
JUMBO ROYAL SOVEREIGN®	YEARS 1-10	YEARS 11-25
MARQUIS® WEATHERMAX®	YEARS 1-10	YEARS 11-30
<i>Architectural</i>		
TIMBERLINE® 30	YEARS 1-10	YEARS 11-30
TIMBERLINE® SELECT 40™	YEARS 1-10	YEARS 11-40
TIMBERLINE® ULTRA®	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-LIFETIME
SLATELINE®	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-40
GRAND SEQUOIA®	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-LIFETIME
GRAND CANYON™	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-LIFETIME
COUNTRY MANSION™	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-LIFETIME
COUNTRY ESTATES™	YEARS 1-12	YEARS 13-LIFETIME

## COMPARE THESE GREAT BENEFITS!

- ✓ **Covers More Than Just Shingles...** All major Weather Stopper® components installed on your roof are warranted for the same period as your shingles.\*\*
- ✓ **Smart Choice® Protection Period...** Protects all major Weather Stopper® Roofing System components during the critical early years of your new roof.\*\* Covers **material and installation labor** if there is a manufacturing defect!
- ✓ **Non-Prorated Coverage...** Unlike some roofing warranties, there is no reduction of coverage (for manufacturing defects) during the Smart Choice® Protection Period!
- ✓ **Transferable To Next Owner...** Can increase the resale value of your home.
- ✓ **No Charge To Transfer...** At any time during the life of your roof.
- ✓ **Also Includes Labor After The Smart Choice® Protection Period...** Unlike some warranties, coverage includes prorated material and installation labor (not just replacement material) after the Smart Choice® Protection Period.\*\*
- ✓ **Integrated System...** GAF's Weather Stopper® components are designed to work together for dependable, long-term performance.
- ✓ **Peace Of Mind...** Knowing that your roof is backed by North America's largest roofing manufacturer.



\* Always check ltd. warranty for complete coverage and restrictions.

\*\* Master Flow™ products are not covered by the System Plus Ltd. Warranty; see separate limited warranty for these products.

† Refers to manufacturing defects only; algae coverage is pro-rated; wind coverage is for first ten years on Slateline shingles and five years on all other shingles.

# The Legal Stuff

**What is Covered.** This warranty covers the GAF Materials Corporation ("GAFMC") Weather Stopper® products (except Master Flow™ products, which are covered by a separate warranty) installed on your roof. This warranty excludes any non-GAFMC roof products.

**Warranty Term.** Warranty coverage against manufacturing defects extends to the end of the warranty term stated below. Coverage for wind damage and failure to seal extends only for the first 5 years (10 years for Slateline® shingles) after application. Algae discoloration (if applicable) is covered for the first ten years after application.

Shingle Installed	Warranty Term for Mfg. Defects (yrs.)	Smart Choice® Protection Period (yrs.)	Dollar/ Sq. Value	Max. Wind Speed (mph)
Royal Sovereign®	25	10	\$30	60
JUMBO Royal Sovereign®	25	10	34	110
Marquis® WeatherMax®	30	10	35	80
Timberline® 30	30	10	40	70
Timberline® Select40™	40	10	45	80
Timberline® Ultra®	Lifetime	12	55	110*
Slateline®	40	12	55	110
Grand Sequoia®	Lifetime	12	90	110**
Grand Canyon™	Lifetime	12	120	110**
Country Mansion™	Lifetime	12	120	80
Country Estates™	Lifetime	12	120	80

\* 110 mph warranty applies only when: (a) product is installed using six nails per shingle and (b) product is installed with Timbertex® Ridge Cap shingles. (Note: On the West Coast, any GAF Ridge Cap shingle may be used). Otherwise, wind warranty is 90 mph.  
 \*\* 110 mph warranty applies only when: (a) product is installed using six nails per shingle and (b) product is installed with any GAF Ridge Cap shingle. Otherwise, wind warranty is 80 mph on Grand Sequoia and 100 mph on Grand Canyon shingles.

**Limited Warranty.** GAF Materials Corporation warrants to you, the registered owner of Weather Stopper® products, that GAFMC will compensate you if:

- (1) Your Weather Stopper® products do not remain free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance for the warranty term stated above (Master Flow products not included), or
- (2) Your Weather Stopper® products are damaged by winds up to the maximum wind speed listed above during the first 5 years (10 years for Slateline shingles), provided that thermal sealing of your shingles has occurred, or
- (3) In the event that you purchased shingles with Algae-Eater™ Protection, blue-green algae causes a pronounced discoloration of your shingles during the first ten years.

**Exclusive Remedies.** Your exclusive remedy for any covered Weather Stopper® product that does not perform as stated above is:

**(1) For Manufacturing Defects.**

(a) During the Smart Choice® Protection Period, GAFMC will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or recover any part of your Weather Stopper® products that is found to have a manufacturing defect that affects performance and will provide replacement Weather Stopper® products. GAFMC will not pay costs to tear off any roof products or to dispose of them.

(b) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period, the repair or recover cost which GAFMC will pay, and the roof products to be provided, will be reduced to reflect the amount of use you have received from your roof. The amount of use will be calculated by dividing the number of months which have elapsed since installation by the number of months in the warranty term. For shingles that carry a warranty term of "Lifetime," the following proration factors will apply:

Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment	Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment
13-14	80%	27-28	45%
15-16	75%	29-30	40%
17-18	70%	31-32	35%
19-20	65%	33-34	30%
21-22	60%	35-40	25%
23-24	55%	41-Lifetime	20%
25-26	50%		

GAFMC's maximum liability shall NOT exceed three times the Dollar Per Square Value (before any reduction for use).

**(2) For Wind Damage**

(10 yr. coverage on Slateline® shingles, 5 yr. coverage on all others). If your shingles are blown off or damaged by winds up to the maximum wind speed listed above after thermal sealing should have occurred and did not due to a manufacturing defect, GAFMC will reimburse you only for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off shingles and hand sealing any remaining unsealed shingles.

**Note:** All self-sealing shingles, including GAFMC's, must be subjected to warm sunlight for several days before full thermal sealing can occur. Shingles installed in fall or winter may not seal until the following spring. Shingles which are not exposed to direct sunlight or to adequate surface temperatures may never seal. Failure to seal or shingles that blow off under these circumstances result from the nature of self-sealing shingles, not a manufacturing defect.

**(3) For Algae Discoloration** (10 Year Coverage, if applicable).

(a) If your shingles have been applied for less than one year, GAFMC's contribution will be either the cost of cleaning your shingles or the cost to repair or recover your shingles, as described above, up to a maximum of the original installed cost of the affected shingles.

(b) For the next nine years, GAFMC's maximum contribution will be based upon the Dollar Per Square Value, reduced by the amount of use you have received from your shingles.

Decisions as to the extent of repair, recover or cleaning required, and the reasonable cost of such work, will be made solely by GAFMC. GAFMC 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 Weather Stopper® products actually exhibiting manufacturing defects or blue-green algae growth at the time of settlement. Any replacement Weather Stopper® products will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAFMC reserves the right to discontinue or modify its shingles, including the colors available, so any replacement shingles may not be an exact match for the shingles on your roof.

**Transferability; Remedy for New Owner.** This Limited Warranty may not be transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly, except for one transfer as follows:

(a) The second owner must notify GAFMC in writing within 30 days after the property transfer has occurred for any coverage to be transferred.

(b) If the transfer takes place within the Smart Choice® Protection Period, the second owner shall be entitled to all benefits contained in this warranty.

(c) If the transfer takes place after the Smart Choice® Protection Period ends, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after ownership changes. During this two-year period, GAFMC's reimbursement to the second owner will be based only on the Dollar Per Square Value, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from the roof from date of installation.

**Limitations on Coverage.** Even if your roofing system was not properly installed according to GAFMC's application instructions, this limited warranty remains in effect if your Weather Stopper® products exhibit manufacturing defects,

wind damage, or algae discoloration (if applicable). However, GAFMC will NOT compensate you for:

(1) Damage to your Weather Stopper® products resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in your Weather Stopper® products, such as:

(a) improper fastening of your shingles or application not in strict accordance with GAFMC's printed application instructions.

(b) settlement, movement or defects in the building, walls, foundation or the roof base over which your roof system was applied.

(c) inadequate attic ventilation or application of shingles directly to insulation or to an insulated deck unless prior written authorization is obtained from a GAFMC Contractor Services Manager. (Ventilation must meet at least FHA Minimum Property Standards.)

(2) Damage to your Weather Stopper® products resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear such as:

(a) acts of nature, such as hail, strong storms, winds over the maximum wind speed listed above, or ice damming above the area covered by waterproof underlayment or above flashings.

(b) impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.

(c) improper storage or handling of any roofing products.

(3) Shading or variations in the color of your shingles, or discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, algae (unless your shingles were sold with Algae-Eater™ Protection) or other contaminants.

(4) Labor costs, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, and costs relating to metal work, flashings, or non-GAFMC underlayments.

(5) Damage to, or caused by, Master Flow™ products.

**Sole and Exclusive Warranty.** THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE AND REPLACES ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. This written warranty is your exclusive warranty from GAF Materials Corporation and represents the SOLE REMEDY available to any owner of GAFMC's roofing products. GAFMC makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTY of any kind other than that stated herein. GAFMC WILL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY EVENT FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT OR INCIDENTAL 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 states 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. No one, including any representative or employee of GAFMC, has authority to assume any additional liability or responsibility for GAFMC in connection with your Weather Stopper® products except as described in this Warranty. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

**What You Must Do.** To file a claim under this Warranty, you must send written notice of claim, together with proof that this warranty was registered to you (or proof of transfer if the second owner has properly transferred coverage), to: GAFMC, Warranty Service Department, 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, within 30 days after your discovery of the alleged claim. **NOTE: Notice to your contractor or dealer is NOT notice to GAFMC.** Within a reasonable time after proper notification, GAFMC will evaluate your claim and resolve it in accordance with the terms of this Warranty. GAFMC may require you to submit, at your expense, sample roof products for testing and photographs.

# Eligibility Requirements For Smart Choice® System Plus Ltd. Warranty

1. Your roof must be installed by a GAF Materials Corporation Certified Contractor.\*
2. You must install GAF asphalt shingles **and at least two** of the following Weather Stopper® system products:\*\*
  - A. GAF Cobra® Exhaust Vent (hand nail or nail gun version), Cobra Rigid Vent II™ Exhaust Vent, Cobra Snow Country™ Rigid Exhaust Vent, or Master Flow™ Ventilation products, in a properly balanced ventilation system (must meet at least FHA Minimum Property Standards).
  - B. GAF Weather Watch® or StormGuard® Leak Barrier in valleys and around penetrations. In areas prone to ice damming, Weather Watch® or StormGuard® Leak Barrier is strongly recommended at all eaves to at least 24” inside of the warm wall.
  - C. GAF Shingle-Mate® or Leatherback® Roof Deck Protection (latter must be the version that meets ASTM D-226).
  - D. GAF Ridge Cap Shingles, which includes:
    - TIMBERTEX®,
    - PacificRIDGE™ (available only in the Western Region),
    - Grand Sequoia®/Grand Canyon™, or
    - GAF Universal Ridge Cap Shingles (available only in the Southeastern or Western Regions)

Your Contractor must also complete and return the attached Warranty Application Form for the Smart Choice® System Plus Ltd. Warranty, along with proof of purchase and the appropriate fee.

Note: Warranty covers only GAF Materials Corporation products (except Master Flow™ products; see separate limited warranty for Master Flow™ products).

\* Authorized Residential Installer or Master Elite™ Residential Contractor.

\*\* On jobs where you are re-roofing over existing shingles, you only need to use GAF asphalt shingles and at least one other Weather Stopper® system component to qualify for the Smart Choice® System Plus Ltd. Warranty.