

GAF Smart Choice<sup>®</sup> Ridge Cap  
Shingle Limited Warranty

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## RIDGE CAP SHINGLE LIMITED WARRANTY

### Great Protection – The GAF Smart Choice® Ridge Cap Shingle Limited Warranty

Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing GAF Timbertex®, Ridglass®, Z® Ridge, Seal-A-Ridge®, Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™, Vented RidgeCrest™ or Sequoia®/Canyon™ Ridge Cap Shingles (“Ridge Cap Shingles”) from GAF. While many factors can affect how long your Ridge Cap Shingles will last, this Smart Choice® Ridge Cap Shingle Limited Warranty covers your Ridge Cap Shingles 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.

### Who Is Covered by This Limited Warranty

You are covered by this warranty if you live in the United States or Canada and are the original property owner/consumer (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 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 Ridge Cap Shingles, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from the Ridge Cap Shingles from date of installation.

### Manufacturing Defects: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that your Ridge Cap Shingles will remain free from manufacturing defects that (a) adversely affect their performance during the Smart Choice® Protection Period or (b) cause leaks for the remainder of the warranty term.

**Note:** Ridge Cap Shingle blow-off/wind damage/failure to seal, and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

During the Smart Choice® Protection Period (see Tables 1A and 1B), GAF will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any defective Ridge Cap Shingles (excluding underlayments, metal work, or flashings) and will provide replacement Ridge Cap Shingles or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement Ridge Cap Shingles, at GAF’s option. GAF will NOT pay to tear off your Ridge Cap Shingles or to dispose of them.

After the Smart Choice® Protection Period ends, labor will no longer be covered. GAF’s contribution to you will be based on either providing you with replacement Ridge Cap Shingles or, at GAF’s choice, reimbursing you for the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement Ridge Cap Shingles. The amount of Ridge Cap Shingles or the reimbursement provided to you will be adjusted to reflect the use you have received from your Ridge Cap Shingles, based on the number of months that have elapsed since the Ridge Cap Shingles were installed. For Ridge Cap Shingles that carry a “lifetime” warranty term, the proration factors in Table 2 will apply.

**TABLE 1A – INSTALLED OVER GAF SHINGLES**

GAF Ridge Cap Shingles	When Installed Over...	Standard/Maximum Wind Coverage* (mph)	Wind Coverage Period (yrs)	Warranty Term Manufacturing Defects (yrs)	Smart Choice Protection Period (yrs)
Timbertex® or Ridglass®	All GAF Lifetime Shingles	110/130	15	Lifetime**	10
Seal-A-Ridge®, Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™, Z® Ridge, Vented RidgeCrest™***, or Sequoia® / Canyon™ H&R	Timberline® Natural Shadow®	70/90	5	40	5
	Timberline® HD™	70/90	5	40	5
	Timberline® Ultra HD™	70/90	5	40	5
	Timberline® Cool Series	110/130	15	Lifetime**	10
	Timberline® ArmorShield™ II	110/130	15	Lifetime**	10
	Grand Sequoia®	70/90	5	40	5
All GAF Ridge Cap Shingles	Grand Canyon™	70/90	5	40	5
	GAF Non-Lifetime Shingles	Matches wind coverage of shingle	5	Matches warranty term of shingle	5

\* To achieve the “maximum” wind speed coverage, the ridge cap shingles listed above must be installed in strict accordance with the “Maximum Wind Speed Coverage Under Ridge Cap Ltd. Warranty” section of the applicable ridge cap application instructions.

\*\* The word “lifetime” means as long as you, the original owner (or the second owner if coverage was properly transferred during the Smart Choice® Protection Period), own the property where the ridge cap shingles are installed. The lifetime warranty term and 10-year Smart Choice® Protection Period are applicable only to ridge cap shingles installed on a single family detached residence owned by individual(s). 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.

\*\*\* There is no “maximum” wind speed for Vented RidgeCrest ridge cap shingles. Only the “standard” wind speed coverage is available.

**TABLE 1B – INSTALLED OVER NON-GAF SHINGLES**

GAF Ridge Cap Shingles	When Installed Over...	Wind Coverage (mph)	Wind Coverage Period (yrs)	Warranty Term Manufacturing Defects (yrs)	Smart Choice Protection Period (yrs)
Timbertex® or Ridglass®	Non-GAF Shingles	80	5	Matches warranty term of shingle (up to 40 yrs)	5
Seal-A-Ridge®, Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™, Z® Ridge, Vented RidgeCrest™, or Sequoia® / Canyon™ H&R	Non-GAF Shingles	60	3	Matches warranty term of shingle (up to 30 yrs)	3

**TABLE 2 – PRORATION FACTOR**

Years 1-10	Years 11-40	Years 41 and beyond
100%	100%, reduced by a percentage equal to the number of months from the installation date to the date of claim divided by 600*	20%

\* Example: If you make a claim after your Ridge Cap Shingles have been installed for 25 years (300 months), GAF’s contribution will be reduced by 300/600 or 50%

## Wind Damage/Blow-Offs/Failure To Seal: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

This Limited Wind Warranty lasts for the wind warranty term listed in Tables 1(a) and 1(b) and is specifically conditioned on your Ridge Cap Shingles being fastened strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions. GAF warrants to you that your Ridge Cap Shingles will not fail to seal, blow off or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the maximum wind speed listed above after your Ridge Cap Shingles should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect. If your Ridge Cap Shingles do blow off, experience wind damage, or fail to seal, GAF's contribution to you is for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off Ridge Cap Shingles (exclusive of underlayment, metal work, or flashings) and hand-sealing any unsealed Ridge Cap Shingles. GAF's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the Ridge Cap Shingles on your roof.

**Note:** All self-sealing Ridge Cap Shingles, including GAF's, must be subjected to warm sunlight for several days before they completely seal. Before sealing occurs, Ridge Cap Shingles are vulnerable to blow-offs and wind damage. Ridge Cap Shingles installed in fall or winter may not seal until the following spring. Ridge Cap Shingles which are not exposed to direct sunlight or to adequate surface temperatures or that are not fastened properly may never seal. Ridge Cap Shingles that fail to seal or that blow off under these circumstances result from the nature of self-sealing shingles, not a manufacturing defect.

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

This StainGuard® Limited Warranty lasts for 10 years on all StainGuard® labeled Ridge Cap Shingles. GAF warrants to you that blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) will not cause a pronounced discoloration of your StainGuard® labeled Ridge Cap Shingles. During the first year, if your StainGuard® labeled Ridge Cap Shingles do exhibit a pronounced discoloration caused by blue-green algae, GAF's contribution will be either the reasonable cost of commercially cleaning your Ridge Cap Shingles or replacing discolored Ridge Cap Shingles. During the remainder of the algae discoloration coverage period, GAF's contribution to you will be adjusted to reflect the use you have received from your Ridge Cap Shingles, based on the number of months that have elapsed since your Ridge Cap Shingles were installed. **Note:** Preventing pronounced algae-related discoloration of your Ridge Cap Shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

## Limitations on Coverage

Unlike some roofing product warranties, even if your Ridge Cap Shingles 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 Ridge Cap Shingles, such as:
  - (a) improper fastening of your Ridge Cap Shingles 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 Ridge Cap Shingles 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, ice damming, or winds, including gusts, above the applicable wind speed stated in Tables 1(a) and 1(b).
  - (b) impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - (c) improper storage or handling of your Ridge Cap Shingles.
- (3) Shading or variations in the color of your Ridge Cap Shingles or discoloration caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae (except for blue-green algae if your 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, and costs relating to underlayments, metal work, and flashings.
- (5) Damage to the interior or exterior of any building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.

## Other Limitations and Conditions

Decisions as to the extent of repair, replacement 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 Ridge Cap Shingles to be repaired, replaced or cleaned instead of reimbursing you for such work. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those Ridge Cap Shingles actually exhibiting manufacturing defects or algae discoloration at the time that your claim is settled. Any replacement Ridge Cap Shingles will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAF reserves the right to discontinue or modify its Ridge Cap Shingles, including the colors available, so any replacement Ridge Cap Shingles may not be an exact match for the Ridge Cap Shingles on your roof. Even if GAF does not modify a color, replacement Ridge Cap Shingles may not match your original Ridge Cap Shingles 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 ridge cap shingles 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 send a notice in writing to GAF, Warranty Service Department, 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, 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 ridge cap shingles 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 Warranty. Any claim for ridge cap shingles which have been replaced before notifying GAF of your claim may be denied.

**Note:** Notice to your contractor, dealer or home builder is NOT notice to GAF. You should retain this warranty for your records in the unlikely event that you need to file a claim.

## Sole and Exclusive Warranty

THIS 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 AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. This written warranty is your exclusive warranty from GAF and represents the SOLE REMEDY available to any owner of GAF Ridge Cap Shingles. GAF makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITION, GUARANTEE, OR WARRANTY 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 for breach of this warranty, negligence, strict liability in tort, or for any other cause. Some jurisdictions 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 except in writing, signed by an officer of GAF. No one (other than an officer of GAF) has authority to assume any additional liability or responsibility for GAF in connection with your Ridge Cap Shingles except as described in this warranty. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. (**Note:** Warranty subject to change. For current information, visit [www.gaf.com](http://www.gaf.com) or write to GAF at 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 USA, Attn: Warranty Service Department.)

## Effective Date

This Limited Warranty is effective for GAF Ridge Cap Shingles installed after January 1, 2011.

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