

# GAF-Elk Smart Choice® Shingle Limited Warranty

Warranty

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 Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing shingles from GAF-Elk Corporation ("GAF-Elk"), North America's largest roofing manufacturer—your best and safest choice. While many factors can affect how long your shingles will last, this Smart Choice® Shingle Limited Warranty covers your 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-Elk 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-Elk's reimbursement to the second owner will be based only on the reasonable cost of replacement shingles, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from the shingles from date of installation.

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

GAF-Elk warrants that your roofing 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:** Shingle blow-off/wind damage/failure to seal, and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

During the Smart Choice® Protection Period (see Table 2a), GAF-Elk will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or re-cover any defective shingles (excluding underlayments, metal work, or flashings) and will provide replacement shingles or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement shingles, at GAF-Elk's option. GAF-Elk will **not** pay to tear off your shingles or to dispose of them.

After the Smart Choice® Protection Period ends, labor will no longer be covered. GAF-Elk's contribution to you will be based on either providing you with replacement shingles or, at GAF-Elk's choice, reimbursing you for the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement shingles. The amount of shingles or the reimbursement provided to you will be adjusted to reflect the use you have received from your shingles, based on the number of months that have elapsed since the shingles were installed. For shingles that carry a "lifetime" warranty term, the proration factors in Table 1 will apply.

# Of Years Installed	Proration Factor	# Of Years Installed	Proration Factor	# Of Years Installed	Proration Factor
11-12	85%	21-22	60%	31-32	35%
13-14	80%	23-24	55%	33-34	30%
15-16	75%	25-26	50%	35-40	25%
17-18	70%	27-28	45%	41-50	20%
19-20	65%	29-30	40%	51-Lifetime	10%

## Table 1 Wind Damage/Blow-Offs/Failure To Seal: What Is Covered/Sole and Exclusive Remedy

This Limited Wind Warranty lasts for 10 years for all GAF-Elk Lifetime shingles and 5 years on all other shingles, and is specifically conditioned on your shingles being fastened strictly in accordance with GAF-Elk's application instructions. GAF-Elk warrants to you that your shingles will not fail to seal, blow off or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the maximum wind speed listed in Table 2a after your shingles should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect. If your shingles do blow off, experience wind damage, or fail to seal, GAF-Elk's contribution to you is for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off shingles (exclusive of underlayment, metal work, or flashings) and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles. GAF-Elk's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the shingles on your roof.

**Note:** All self-sealing shingles, including GAF-Elk's, must be subjected to warm sunlight for several days before they completely seal. Before sealing occurs, shingles are vulnerable to blow-offs and wind damage. 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 or that are not fastened properly may never seal. 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 shingles. GAF-Elk warrants to you that blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) will not cause a pronounced discoloration of your StainGuard® labeled shingles. During the first year, if your StainGuard® labeled shingles do exhibit a pronounced discoloration caused by blue-green algae, GAF-Elk's contribution will be either the reasonable cost of commercially cleaning your shingles or

replacing discolored shingles. During the remainder of the algae discoloration coverage period, GAF-Elk's contribution to you will be adjusted to reflect the use you have received from your shingles, based on the number of months that have elapsed since your shingles were installed. **Note:** Preventing pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

## Limitations on Coverage

Unlike some roofing product warranties, even if your shingles were not properly installed according to GAF-Elk's application instructions or to standard good roofing practices, this Limited Warranty remains in effect. However, GAF-Elk will **NOT** compensate you for:

- Damages resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in your shingles, such as:
  - improper fastening of your shingles or application not in strict accordance with GAF-Elk's printed application instructions, if the improper installation was the cause of the damage.
  - settlement, movement, or defects in the building, walls, foundation, or the roof base over which the shingles were applied.
  - inadequate attic ventilation.
- Damages resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear such as:
  - acts of nature such as hail, ice damming, or winds, including gusts, above the maximum wind speed stated in Tables 2a and 2b.
  - impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - improper storage or handling of shingles.
- Shading or variations in the color of your shingles or discoloration caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae (except for blue-green algae if your shingles were labeled with the StainGuard® logo) or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- Labor costs, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, and costs relating to underlayments, metal work, and flashings.
- 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, re-cover, or cleaning required, and the reasonable cost of such work, will be made solely by GAF-Elk. GAF-Elk reserves the right to arrange directly for your shingles to be repaired, recovered, or cleaned instead of reimbursing you for such work. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those shingles actually exhibiting manufacturing defects or algae discoloration at the time that your claim is settled. Any replacement shingles will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAF-Elk 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. Even if GAF-Elk does not modify a color, replacement shingles may not match your original shingles due to normal weathering, manufacturing variations, or other factors.

## Claims: What You Must Do

To file a claim, you must send a notice in writing, together with proof of purchase to establish that you are the original owner (or proof of transfer if the second owner has properly transferred coverage), and proof of application date to: GAF-Elk, Warranty Service Department, 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, USA, within 30 days after your discovery of the alleged defect. **NOTE:** Notice to your contractor, dealer, or home builder is **NOT** notice to GAF-Elk. Within a reasonable time after proper notification, GAF-Elk will evaluate your claim and resolve it in accordance with this warranty. GAF-Elk may require you to submit, at your expense, sample shingles for testing and photographs. You should have this warranty certificate signed and dated by your contractor, dealer, or home builder to help establish proof of purchase and related information. You should retain this warranty for your records in the 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-Elk and represents the SOLE REMEDY available to any owner of GAF-Elk shingles. GAF-Elk makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITION, GUARANTEE, OR WARRANTY of any kind other than that stated herein. GAF-ELK 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-Elk. No one (other than an officer of GAF-Elk) has authority to assume any additional liability or responsibility for GAF-Elk in connection with your 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-Elk at 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 USA. Attn: Warranty Service Department.)

## Effective Date

This Limited Warranty is effective for GAF-Elk shingles installed after April 1, 2008.

**Note:** In Canada, only the GAF, Timberline®, Prestique® and High Definition® logos are registered trademarks.

Table 2a

Shingle	Warranty Term For Manufacturing Defects (yrs)	Smart Choice® Protection Period (yrs)	Maximum Wind Coverage (mph / km/h)
Sentinel®	20	3	60/96
Royal Sovereign®	25	5	60/96
Marquis® WeatherMax®	30	5	80/130
Timberline® Natural Shadow™	30	5	100/160*
Timberline® Prestique® 30	30	5	110/175*
Timberline® Prestique® 40 (including "Cool Colors")	40	5	110/175*
Timberline® Canadian 40™	40	5	110/175*
Timberline® Prestique® Grandé® 40	40	5	110/175*
Timberline® ArmorShield™ II	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Stateline®	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Capstone®	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Grand Sequoia®	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Grand Canyon™	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Country Mansion®	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Grand Slate™	Lifetime	10	130/209*
Camelot®	Lifetime	10	130/209*

\*In order to obtain the maximum wind coverage shown in Table 2a, above, the shingles listed below must be installed using 6 nails per shingle and certain GAF-Elk starter strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) on the eaves and rakes. **Note:** Shingles must be installed in strict accordance with application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement.

Table 2b

Shingle	Wind Coverage With Special Installation (mph / km/h)	Wind Coverage Without Special Installation (mph / km/h)
Timberline® Natural Shadow™	100/160	70/110
Timberline® Prestique® 30	110/175	80/130
Timberline® Prestique® 40 (including "Cool Colors")	110/175	80/130
Timberline® Canadian 40™	110/175	80/130
Timberline® Prestique® Grandé® 40	110/175	80/130
Timberline® ArmorShield™ II	130/209	110/175
Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	130/209	90/145
Stateline®	130/209	110/175
Capstone®	130/209	80/130
Grand Sequoia®	130/209	80/130
Grand Canyon™	130/209	100/160
Country Mansion®	130/209	110/175
Grand Slate™	130/209	110/175
Camelot®	130/209	110/175



## Smart Choice® Shingle Ltd. Warranty Registration Form

Please register online at [www.gaf.com/registermywarranty](http://www.gaf.com/registermywarranty) or complete the information below, detach this form, and mail to GAF-Elk Corporation, P.O. Box 395, Ingomar, PA 15127-0395 USA. (Note: Registration is not required for warranty coverage.)

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Address of building, if different \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ New Construction \_\_\_ Re-roofing \_\_\_

### Shingle Installed:

- Sentinel®
- Royal Sovereign®
- Marquis® WeatherMax®
- Timberline® Natural Shadow™
- Timberline® Prestique® 30
- Timberline® Prestique® 40 (including "Cool Colors")
- Timberline® Canadian 40™
- Timberline® Prestique® Grandé® 40
- Timberline® ArmorShield™ II
- Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime
- Stateline®
- Capstone®
- Grand Sequoia®
- Grand Canyon™
- Country Mansion®
- Grand Slate™
- Camelot®
- StainGuard® labeled?  
 Yes  No

To assist other homeowners who may be interested in viewing homes with your color and style of shingle, we would like to include your address in our national database. No information other than your address, shingle style, and color will be released.

- Yes, GAF-Elk may include me in its database to assist other homeowners
- No, please do not include me

Number of Squares \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Installation \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of Installation \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Owner Warranty Record

To be completed by owner and contractor. Keep this warranty record with your contractor's receipt for future reference. **DO NOT SEND TO GAF-ELK.**

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address Where Applied \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

- Sentinel®
- Royal Sovereign®
- Marquis® WeatherMax®
- Timberline® Natural Shadow™
- Timberline® Prestique® 30
- Timberline® Prestique® 40 (including "Cool Colors")
- Timberline® Canadian 40™
- Timberline® Prestique® Grandé® 40
- Timberline® ArmorShield™ II
- Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime
- Stateline®
- Capstone®
- Grand Sequoia®
- Grand Canyon™
- Country Mansion®
- Grand Slate™
- Camelot®

Number of Squares \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

StainGuard® labeled?  Yes  No

Date of application of shingles \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost of shingles and application \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System Plus Limited Warranty



**“Your Best & Safest Choice...  
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# The Legal Stuff

**What is Covered/Excluded.** This System Plus warranty covers all GAF-Elk Corporation ("GAF-Elk") products installed on your roof (the "Weather Stopper" products), except for low slope roofing (see separate System Plus Ltd. Warranty Addendum For Low Slope Roofs for eligible systems and registration details). This warranty does not cover any non-GAF-Elk roof products, such as roofing nails.

**Warranty Term.** For all installations except newly constructed homes, coverage begins when your Weather Stopper® products are installed. For a newly constructed home built by a GAF-Elk Authorized Home Builder, coverage begins when you take title to the property (see Transferability section below). Coverage against manufacturing defects in your Weather Stopper® products (except for Master Flow® products and GAF-Elk accessory paint) extends to the end of the warranty term stated below based on the shingle you install. For Master Flow® ventilation, the warranty term for manufacturing defects is 15 years (except motors and electronic components, which have 5-year coverage). (Note: Some Master Flow® products may have extended coverage under the standard Master Flow® Ltd. Warranty.) For GAF-Elk accessory paint, the warranty term for manufacturing defects is one year. Coverage for wind damage or the failure of your shingles to seal extends for the first 10 years on Lifetime shingles and the first 5 years on all other shingles after application. Algae discoloration (if applicable) is covered for the first ten years after application. Note: If cut-up GAF-Elk strip shingles are used instead of Timberline, Ridglass, or other eligible ridge cap product, the warranty term and Smart Choice® Protection Period for the cut-up strip shingles is as shown for that shingle below (i.e., it does NOT assume the warranty term for the shingles used in the field of the roof).

Shingle Installed	Warranty Term for Mfg. Defects (yrs.)	Smart Choice® Protection Period (yrs.) <sup>1</sup>	Standard Wind Speed (mph / km/h)	Maximum Wind Speed (mph / km/h) <sup>2</sup>
Royal Sovereign®	25	20	60/96	n/a
Marquis® WeatherMax®	30	20	80/130	n/a
Timberline® Natural Shadow™	30	20	70/110	100/160
Timberline® Prestique® 30	30	20	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Prestique® 40	40	20	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Canadian 40***	40	20	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Prestique® Grandé® 40	40	20	80/130	110/175
Timberline® ArmorShield® II	Lifetime	50	110/175	130/209
Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	Lifetime	50	90/145	130/209
Slateline®	Lifetime	50	110/175	130/209
Capstone®	Lifetime	50	80/130	130/209
Grand Sequoia®	Lifetime	50	80/130	130/209
Grand Canyon®	Lifetime	50	100/160	130/209
Country Mansion®	Lifetime	50	110/175	130/209
Grand Slate™	Lifetime	50	110/175	130/209
Camelot®	Lifetime	50	110/175	130/209

<sup>1</sup>50 year Smart Choice® protection period applies only to single family detached residences; for all other structures, Smart Choice® protection period is 20 years. The Smart Choice® protection period for Master Flow® ventilation is 15 years (except motors and electronic components, which have 5-year coverage). The Smart Choice® Protection Period for accessory paint is 1 year.

<sup>2</sup>Maximum wind speed applies only when shingles are installed using six nails per shingle and certain GAF-Elk starter strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) are installed at the eaves and rakes. Shingles must be installed in strict accordance with application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement. Otherwise, wind coverage reverts to Standard Wind Speed.

\*\*Available only in Canada.

**Limited Warranty.** GAF-Elk warrants to you, the registered owner of covered Weather Stopper® products, that GAF-Elk 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, or
- (2) Your Weather Stopper® products are damaged by winds up to the applicable wind speed (including gusts) listed above during the first 10 years when Lifetime shingles are installed (or the first 5 years when other shingles are installed), provided that thermal sealing of your shingles has occurred and your shingles have been fastened strictly in accordance with GAF-Elk's application instructions (particularly in regard to nail placement), or your shingles fail to seal due to a manufacturing defect, or
- (3) Blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) causes a pronounced discoloration of your StainGuard® labeled shingles during the first 10 years, if you purchased StainGuard® labeled shingles. Note: Preventing the pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

**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, GAF-Elk will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor (\$25 maximum for accessory paint) 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. The costs of labor to **tear off** some or all of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System are included, if necessary, to repair your roof. GAF-Elk will **not** pay costs to **dispose** of any roof products. Note: Shingle blow-offs/wind damage/failure to seal and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

- (b) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period, the repair or recover cost which GAF-Elk 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," and which are installed on single family detached residences, the prorated value of your Weather Stopper® products after 50 years will be 10%. For shingles that carry a warranty term of "Lifetime," and which are installed on structures other than single family detached residences, the following proration factors will apply to your Weather Stopper® products:

### Proration Schedule For Weather Stopper® Products Where "Lifetime" Shingles Are Installed On Structures Other Than Single Family Residences:

Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment	Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment
21-22	60%	31-32	35%
23-24	55%	33-34	30%
25-26	50%	35-40	25%
27-28	45%	41-50	20%
29-30	40%	51-Lifetime	10%

After the Smart Choice® Protection Period, GAF-Elk's maximum liability for any roof shall NOT exceed three times the reasonable cost of replacement shingles before any reduction for use. GAF-Elk's maximum liability for labor to repair GAF-Elk accessory paint shall NOT exceed \$25.

### (2) For Wind Damage/Blow-Offs/Failure To Seal: (10 year coverage when Lifetime shingles are installed, 5 year coverage when other shingles are installed).

If your Weather Stopper® products do blow off, experience wind damage, or your shingles fail to seal, GAF-Elk's contribution to you is for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off products (exclusive of metal work or flashings) and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles. GAF-Elk's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the shingles on your roof.

**Note:** All self-sealing shingles, including GAF-Elk'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 or are not fastened properly 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 you purchased shingles labeled with the StainGuard® logo).

(a) If your shingles have been applied for less than one year, GAF-Elk'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, GAF-Elk's contribution will be based on the reasonable cost of replacement shingles, adjusted to reflect 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 GAF-Elk. GAF-Elk 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. GAF-Elk 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. Even if GAF-Elk does not modify a color, replacement shingles may not match your original shingles due to normal weathering, manufacturing variations, or other factors.

**Transferability; Remedy for New Owner.** This limited warranty may be transferred only once. The second owner must notify GAF-Elk in writing within 60 days after the property transfer has occurred for any coverage to be transferred. (Other than this one transfer, this warranty may not be transferred or assigned, directly or indirectly.) Note: If this warranty is initially registered by a GAF-Elk Authorized™ Home Builder, the buyer of the home must notify GAF-Elk in writing within 60 days of taking title to the property for coverage to be transferred. For the purposes of transferability, the home buyer will be considered the first owner under this warranty. If the transfer takes place within the first 12 years after installation,

the second owner shall be entitled to all benefits contained in this warranty. If the transfer takes place after the first 12 years after application, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after ownership changes. During this two-year period, GAF-Elk's reimbursement to the second owner will be based only on the reasonable cost of replacement Weather Stopper® products, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from your Weather Stopper® products from date of installation.

**Limitations on Coverage.** Even if your roofing system was not properly installed according to GAF-Elk'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, GAF-Elk 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 of your Weather Stopper® products not in strict accordance with GAF-Elk'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.
- (2) Damage to your Weather Stopper® products resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear such as:
  - (a) acts of nature, such as hail or winds/gusts over the applicable wind speed listed above, or ice damming above the area covered by GAF-Elk's leak barriers or above flashings.
  - (b) impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - (c) improper storage or handling of any Weather Stopper® products.
- (3) Shading or variations in the color of your shingles, or discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, algae (unless your shingles were labeled with the StainGuard® logo) or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- (4) Chipping, fading, or peeling paint on Master Flow® ventilation products.
- (5) Labor costs, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, and costs relating to metal work, flashings, or non-GAF-Elk products.
- (6) Damage to the interior or exterior of any building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.

**Claims: 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: GAF-Elk, Warranty Service Department, 1361 Alps Road, Wayne, New Jersey 07470, within 30 days after your discovery of the alleged claim. **NOTE: Notice to your installer, dealer, or home builder is NOT notice to GAF-Elk.** Within a reasonable time after proper notification, GAF-Elk will evaluate your claim and resolve it in accordance with the terms of this Warranty. GAF-Elk may require you to submit, at your expense, sample roof products for testing and photographs.

**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-Elk Corporation and represents the SOLE REMEDY available to any owner of GAF-Elk's Weather Stopper® products. GAF-Elk makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITION, GUARANTEE, OR WARRANTY of any kind other than that stated herein. GAF-ELK 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-Elk. No one (other than an officer of GAF-Elk) has authority to assume any additional liability or responsibility for GAF-Elk 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 jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

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# The Legal Stuff

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE GOLDEN PLEDGE® LIMITED WARRANTY! THIS IS AN INTERIM WARRANTY THAT WILL EXPIRE 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION. IT IS YOUR CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THIS WARRANTY WITHIN 45 DAYS OF INSTALLATION. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR PERMANENT WARRANTY FROM GAF-ELK IN THE MAIL WITHIN 60 DAYS, YOU SHOULD CALL GAF-ELK AT: 1-888-532-5767, OPTION 1.**

**What is Covered/Excluded.** This warranty covers your complete GAF-Elk Corporation ("GAF-Elk") Weather Stopper® Roof System, which includes your GAF-Elk roofing shingles, GAF-Elk starter strips, GAF-Elk ridge cap shingles, GAF-Elk attic ventilation products, GAF-Elk leak barrier, GAF-Elk roof deck protection, and GAF-Elk accessory paint (the "Weather Stopper® System"). This warranty does not warrant against manufacturing defects in any non-GAF-Elk roofing products (such as roofing nails). Eligible Low Slope Roofing Products are covered by a separate Golden Pledge® Ltd. Warranty Addendum For Low Slope Roofs. Misapplication of the Weather Stopper® System and flashings at valleys, dormers, chimneys, and plumbing vents (the "Covered Flashings") is also covered.

**Warranty Term.** Warranty coverage begins when your roof has been installed. Warranty coverage against *manufacturing* defects in your Weather Stopper® System extends to the end of the warranty term stated below based on the shingle you install. Warranty coverage against *application* defects in your Weather Stopper® System or Covered Flashings lasts for the first 20 years after application. Protection against wind damage and failure to seal lasts for the first 15 years after application. Algae discoloration (if applicable) is covered for the first 10 years after application.

Shingle Installed	Warranty Term for Mfg. Defects (yrs.) <sup>†</sup>	Standard Wind Speed (mph/kmh)	Max. Wind Speed (mph/kmh) <sup>*</sup>
Royal Sovereign®	25	60/96	n/a
Marquis® WeatherMax®	30	80/130	n/a
Timberline® Natural Shadow™	30	70/110	100/160
Timberline® Prestique® 30	30	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Prestique® 40	40	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Canadian 40™™	40	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Prestique® Grandé®40	40	80/130	110/175
Timberline® Armor Shield™ II	Lifetime	110/175	130/209
Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	Lifetime	90/145	130/209
Slateline®	Lifetime	110/175	130/209
Capstone®	Lifetime	80/130	130/209
Grand Sequoia®	Lifetime	80/130	130/209
Grand Canyon™	Lifetime	100/160	130/209
Country Mansion®	Lifetime	110/175	130/209
Grand Slate™	Lifetime	110/175	130/209
Camelot®	Lifetime	110/175	130/209

<sup>†</sup>For Master Flow® ventilation products, the warranty term for manufacturing defects is 20 years (except motors and electronic components, which have 5-year coverage). (Note: Some Master Flow® products may have extended coverage under the standard Master Flow® Ltd. warranty.) For GAF-Elk accessory paint, the warranty term for manufacturing defects is one year.

<sup>\*</sup>Maximum Wind Speed applies **only** when shingles are installed using six nails per shingle and certain GAF-Elk starter strip products (only those with factory-applied adhesive) are installed at the eaves and rakes. Shingles must be installed in strict accordance with application instructions, particularly in regard to nail placement. Otherwise, wind coverage reverts to Standard Wind Speed.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Available only in Canada.

**Limited Warranty.** GAF-Elk warrants to you, the registered owner of a Weather Stopper® Roof System, that GAF-Elk will compensate you in accordance with this warranty if:

- (1) Your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System does not remain free from manufacturing defects for the warranty term stated above or there are application errors in your Weather Stopper® System or Covered Flashings that adversely affect their performance during the warranty term for application defects, or
- (2) Your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System is damaged by winds up to the applicable wind speed (including gusts) listed above or your shingles fail to seal during the first 15 years, or
- (3) In the event that you purchased shingles with StainGuard® Protection, blue-green algae (also known as cyanobacteria) causes a pronounced discoloration of your StainGuard® labeled shingles during the first 10

years. Note: Preventing the pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

**Exclusive Remedies.** Your exclusive remedy for any part of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System that does not perform as stated above is:

### (1) For Manufacturing Defects.

(a) **Non-Prorated Period.** The Non-Prorated Period for your Weather Stopper® System depends on the shingle installed. When "Lifetime" shingles are installed, the Non-Prorated Period (except for Master Flow® ventilation products and GAF-Elk accessory paint) is the first 50 years after application for single family detached residences (20 years for all other structures); for all other shingles, the Non-Prorated Period is the first 20 years.

For Master Flow® ventilation products, the Non-Prorated Period is 20 years (except for motors and electronic components, which have 5-year coverage).

For GAF-Elk accessory paint, the Non-Prorated Period is one year.

During the Non-Prorated Period, if any part of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System is found to have a manufacturing defect, GAF-Elk will arrange to have your roof repaired or recovered or, at its sole option, will provide you with replacement roofing products and reimburse you for the full reasonable cost of labor (\$25 maximum for accessory paint) and other materials to repair or recover your roof, including Covered Flashings. **The costs of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System and disposal are included, if necessary to repair your roof.**

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

(b) **Subsequent Claims.** After the Non-Prorated Period, if there is a covered manufacturing defect, the repair or recover cost which GAF-Elk will pay, and the roofing 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 installations where a "Lifetime" shingle has been installed on a single family detached residence, the prorated value of your Weather Stopper® System after 50 years will be 10%. For installations where a "Lifetime" shingle has been installed on a structure other than a single family detached residence, the following proration factors will apply to your Weather Stopper® System:

### Proration Schedule For The Weather Stopper® System Where "Lifetime" Shingles Are Installed On Structures Other Than Single Family Residences:

Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment	Years Of Service	Proration Adjustment
21-22	60%	31-32	35%
23-24	55%	33-34	30%
25-26	50%	35-40	25%
27-28	45%	41-50	20%
29-30	40%	51-Lifetime	10%

After the Non-Prorated Period, GAF-Elk's **maximum liability** for any roof shall NOT exceed three times the reasonable cost of replacement shingles before any reduction for use. GAF-Elk's maximum liability for labor to repair GAF-Elk accessory paint shall not exceed \$25.

### (2) For Misapplication.

If during the warranty term for misapplication any part of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System or Covered Flashings is found to have application errors that adversely affect their performance, GAF-Elk will arrange to have your roof repaired or recovered or, at its sole option, will provide you with replacement roofing products and reimburse you for the full reasonable cost of labor (\$25 maximum for GAF-Elk accessory paint) and other materials to repair or recover your roof, including Covered Flashings. **The costs of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System and disposal are included, if necessary to repair your roof.**

### (3) For Wind Damage/Blow-Offs/Failure To Seal (15 year coverage).

If your Weather Stopper® products do blow off, experience wind damage, or your shingles fail to seal,

GAF-Elk's contribution to you is the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off products (exclusive of metal work or flashings) and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles. GAF-Elk's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the shingles on your roof.

### (4) For Algae Discoloration (10 year coverage if you purchased shingles labeled with the StainGuard® logo).

(a) If your shingles have been applied for less than one year, GAF-Elk's contribution will be either the cost of cleaning your shingles or the cost to repair or recover your discolored shingles, up to a **maximum** of the original installed cost of the affected shingles.

(b) For the next 9 years, GAF-Elk's contribution to you will be based on the reasonable cost of replacement shingles, adjusted to reflect 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 GAF-Elk. The remedy under this warranty is available only for those parts of your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System actually exhibiting manufacturing defects, misapplication (including misapplication of Covered Flashings) or blue-green algae growth at the time of settlement. Any replacement GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® products will be warranted only for the remainder of the original warranty period. GAF-Elk 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. Even if GAF-Elk does not modify a color, replacement shingles may not match your original shingles due to normal weathering, manufacturing variations, or other factors.

**Transferability; Remedy for New Owner.** This limited warranty may be **transferred only once**. The second owner must notify GAF-Elk in writing within 60 days after the property transfer has occurred for any 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 15 years after application, the second owner shall be entitled to all benefits contained in this warranty. If the transfer takes place after the first 15 years after application, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after ownership changes. During this two-year period, GAF-Elk's reimbursement to the second owner will be based on the reasonable cost of replacement Weather Stopper® products, reduced by the amount of use that has been received from your Weather Stopper® products from date of installation.

**Limitations on Coverage.** GAF-Elk will NOT be liable for and this warranty does NOT apply to:

(1) Damage to your GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System resulting from anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in the GAF-Elk Weather Stopper® System products on your roof, their misapplication or their failure to seal, or the misapplication of Covered Flashings, such as:

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

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

- (a) acts of nature, such as hail, winds (or gusts) over the applicable wind speed listed above, or ice damming above the area covered by leak barriers 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 caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae (except for blue-green algae if your shingles were labeled with the StainGuard® logo) or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.

(4) Chipping, fading, or peeling paint on Master Flow® ventilation products.

(5) Damages caused by, or the cost to repair or replace, products not supplied by GAF-Elk, including, but not limited to, counter flashing, or GAF-Elk products not specifically included above.

(6) Improperly designed or installed gutter or down-

spout systems.

(7) Damage to the interior or exterior of any 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, rooftop satellite dishes or other radio/tv devices, counter flashing, or flashings other than those specifically included above.

**Claims: What You Must Do.** To file a claim, including during the first two years, you must send a notice in writing, together with proof that this warranty was registered to you (and proof of transfer if the second owner has properly transferred coverage), to: GAF-Elk, 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 GAF-Elk.** Within a reasonable time after proper notification, GAF-Elk will evaluate your claim and resolve it in accordance with the terms of this warranty. GAF-Elk may require you to submit, at your expense, sample roofing products for testing and photographs. You should retain this certificate for your records in the event you need to file a claim.

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**Special Note: First Two Years.** If your claim arises out of an application error in your Weather Stopper System 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 your Master Elite roofing contractor is unable or unwilling to perform these repairs, GAF-Elk will arrange to have your roof repaired.

**Special Note: Ventilation/Flashings.** Due to the design of certain buildings, installation of minimum adequate ventilation or the replacement of existing flashings may be difficult, costly, or impractical. **Please be sure to review these items with your roofing contractor.**

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