

GAF-Elk Smart Choice[®] Ridge Cap Shingle Limited Warranty

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

Congratulations! Thank you for purchasing GAF-Elk Timberline®, Ridgloss®, Z®Ridge, Seal-A-Ridge®, Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™, Vented RidgeCrest™ or Sequoia®/Canyon™ Ridge Cap Shingles (“Ridge Cap 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 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-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 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-Elk 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: 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-Elk 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-Elk’s option. GAF-Elk 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-Elk’s contribution to you will be based on either providing you with replacement Ridge Cap Shingles or, at GAF-Elk’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-ELK SHINGLES

GAF-Elk 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® Ridgloss®	Timberline® Natural Shadow®	80/100	5	30	5
	Timberline® Prestique® 30	80/110	5	30	5
	Timberline® Canadian 40™	80/110	5	40	5
	Timberline® Prestique® 40	80/110	5	40	5
	Timberline® Prestique® Cool Colors	80/110	5	40	5
	Timberline® Prestique® Grande 40	80/110	5	40	5
	Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	90/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Slateline®	110/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Capstone®	80/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Grand Sequoia®	80/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Grand Canyon™	100/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Country Mansion®	110/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Grand Slate™	110/130	10	Lifetime	10
	Camelot®	110/130	10	Lifetime	10

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Seal-A-Ridge®	Timberline® Natural Shadow®	70/90	5	30	5
Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™	Timberline® Prestique® 30	70/90	5	30	5
	Timberline® Canadian 40™	70/90	5	40	5
Z®Ridge	Timberline® Prestique® 40	70/90	5	40	5
	Timberline® Prestique® Cool Colors	70/90	5	40	5
Vented RidgeCrest™***	Timberline® Prestique® Grande 40	70/90	5	40	5
	Timberline® ArmorShield™ II	110/130	10	Lifetime	10
Sequoia®/ Canyon™ H&R	Timberline® Prestique® Lifetime	70/90	5	40	5
	Grand Sequoia®	70/90	5	40	5
	Grand Canyon™	70/90	5	40	5

*Note: To achieve “maximum” wind speed coverage, installation must comply with written high wind installation instructions on product packaging.

**Note: Maximum wind speed is not available for Vented RidgeCrest. Will only receive “standard” wind speed coverage.

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

GAF-Elk Ridge Cap Shingles	When Installed Over...	Wind Coverage (mph)	Wind Coverage Period (yrs)	Warranty Term Manufacturing Defects (yrs)	Smart Choice Protection Period (yrs)
Timbertex® Ridglass	Non GAF-Elk Shingles	80	5	Matches life of shingle	5
Seal-A-Ridge® Seal-A-Ridge® ArmorShield™ Z®Ridge Vented RidgeCrest™ Sequoia®/ Canyon™ H&R	Non GAF-Elk Shingles	70	3	Matches life of shingle (up to 30yrs)	3

TABLE 2 – PRORATION FACTOR WHEN INSTALLED OVER LIFETIME SHINGLES

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

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-Elk’s application instructions. GAF-Elk 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-Elk’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-Elk’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-Elk’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 Ridge Cap 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-Elk 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-Elk’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-Elk’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-Elk’s application instructions or to standard good roofing practices, this Limited Warranty remains in effect. However, GAF-Elk 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-Elk’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 maximum 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-Elk. GAF-Elk 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-Elk 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-Elk 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

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 Ridge Cap 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 Ridge Cap 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 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 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 Ridge Cap Shingles installed after January 1, 2009.

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