

# System Plus SPECIMEN Warranty Brochure

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# Your Safest Choice

WEATHER STOPPER®

*System  
Plus*

LIMITED  
WARRANTY

NOW  
WITH  
**Lifetime  
Coverage**  
On All Laminated  
Shingles!

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## The Legal Stuff

**What is Covered/Excluded.** This System Plus Limited Warranty covers all GAF 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 roof products, such as roofing nails.

### 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 property owner (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 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 Authorized™ Home Builder, the buyer of the home must notify GAF 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 to be the original owner under this warranty.

If the transfer takes place during the first 20 years, the second owner shall be entitled to all benefits contained in this warranty. If the transfer takes place afterwards, the length of this warranty shall be reduced to the two-year period after ownership changes. During this two-year period, GAF'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 the Weather Stopper® products from date of installation through the date of claim.

### How Long Your Warranty Lasts: All Weather Stopper Products.

Coverage begins when your Weather Stopper® products are installed, except for newly constructed homes built by a GAF Authorized™ Home Builder, where coverage begins when you take title to the property (see Transferability section above). Coverage for all Weather Stopper® products lasts as long as the warranty for manufacturing defects for the type of shingle installed in the field of the roof, except as follows: The warranty for manufacturing defects in Master Flow® Products is 15 years (except motors and electronic components, which have 5-year coverage). (Note: Some MasterFlow® products may have extended coverage under the standard MasterFlow® limited warranty.) For GAF ShingleMatch™ accessory paint, the warranty for manufacturing defects is one year. If cut-up GAF strip shingles are used instead of a ridge cap product, the warranty and non-prorated period for the cut-up strip shingles are the same as the cut-up GAF shingle NOT the warranty term for the shingles used in the field of the roof.

**Manufacturing Defects: Lifetime Shingles.** All GAF shingles covered by this warranty other than Royal Sovereign® and Marquis® WeatherMax® shingles carry a lifetime warranty against manufacturing defects and a non-prorated period of 50 years. (Note: This limited warranty is not available for roofs with Sentinel® shingles.) The word "lifetime" means as long as you, the original owner (or the second owner if coverage was properly transferred within the first 20 years), own the property where the shingles are installed. The lifetime warranty term and 50-year non-prorated period are applicable only to 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, length of the warranty is 40 years and the non-prorated period is 20 years.

**Manufacturing Defects: Other Shingles.** Marquis® WeatherMax® shingles are warranted against manufacturing defects for 30 years; Royal Sovereign® shingles are warranted for 25 years. The non-prorated period is 20 years for both Marquis® WeatherMax® and Royal Sovereign® shingles.

**Failure to Seal/Blow-offs/Wind Damage.** Coverage lasts for 15 years if lifetime shingles are installed on your roof. If other shingles are installed on your roof coverage lasts for 5 years.

**Algae Discoloration.** All StainGuard®-labeled shingles are warranted against algae discoloration for 10 years.

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

GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that your Weather Stopper® products will remain free from manufacturing defects that adversely affect their performance during the applicable warranty term listed above. **Note:** Failure to seal/blow-offs/wind damage and algae discoloration are covered separately below.

(a) During the non-prorated period: If any part of your Weather Stopper® products is found to have a manufacturing defect that affects performance, GAF will pay you the full reasonable cost of labor (\$25 maximum for accessory paint) to repair or recover the affected Weather Stopper® product(s), and will provide replacement products. The cost of labor to tear off some or all of your GAF Weather Stopper® System is included if necessary to repair your roof. GAF will **not** pay costs to **dispose** of any roof products.

(b) After the non-prorated period: The repair or recover cost which GAF will pay, and the roof products to be provided, will be reduced to

reflect the amount of use you have received from your roof through the date of your claim. 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 roofs with lifetime shingles installed, GAF's contribution will be as follows:

Structure/Owner	Years 1-50	Years 51 and beyond
Single family detached residences owned by individuals	100%	20%
Any other type of owner or building	Years 1-20	Years 21-40
	100%	100%, reduced by a percentage equal to the number of months from the installation date to the date of claim divided by 480 (# of months in 40 years)*

\*Example: If you make a claim for a multi-family home after your shingles have been installed for 25 years (300 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 300/480 or 62.5%.

After the non-prorated period, GAF's maximum liability for any roof shall NOT exceed three times the reasonable cost of replacement shingles before any reduction for use.

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

This Limited Failure to Seal/Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty is **specifically conditioned** on your shingles being fastened **strictly** in accordance with GAF's application instructions. GAF warrants to you that your shingles will not fail to seal and that your shingles and other Weather Stopper® products will not blow off or sustain damage from winds (including gusts) up to the applicable wind speed listed below after your shingles should have sealed but did not due to a manufacturing defect. If your shingles do fail to seal, blow off or sustain wind damage, or your other Weather Stopper® products blow off or sustain damage from winds, GAF's contribution to you will be for the reasonable costs of replacing the blown-off shingles and other affected Weather Stopper® products and hand-sealing any unsealed shingles. Costs relating to metal work and flashings are not included. GAF's maximum liability under this paragraph is to reimburse you for the cost of hand-sealing all of the shingles on your roof.

Shingle	Wind Speed Coverage with special installation (mph / km/h)	Wind Speed Coverage without special installation (mph / km/h)
All Lifetime	130/209*	110/175
Marquis® WeatherMax®	80/130	80/130
Royal Sovereign®	60/96	60/96

\*Your roof will be covered up to the maximum wind speed above **ONLY** if your shingles are installed using **6 nails** per shingle **and** you have GAF starter strip products installed at the eaves **and** rakes.

Note: All self-sealing shingles, including GAF's, must be exposed to warm, sunny conditions 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. Failures to seal, blow-offs, and wind damage under these circumstances result from the nature of self-sealing shingles, not a manufacturing defect, and are not covered under this warranty.

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

This StainGuard® Limited Warranty applies **only** to shingles sold in packages bearing the StainGuard® logo. GAF 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's contribution will be either the reasonable cost of commercially cleaning your shingles or, at GAF's option, replacing discolored shingles up to a **maximum** of the original installed cost of the affected shingles. During the remainder of the StainGuard® warranty period, GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the amount of use you have received from your shingles since your shingles were installed (100%, reduced by a percentage equal to the number of months from the installation date to the date of claim divided by 120). **Note:** Preventing pronounced algae-related discoloration of your shingles is achieved through formulations or through unique blends of granules.

**What Is Not Covered.** Even if your roofing system was 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) Damage to your Weather Stopper® products resulting from

anything other than an inherent manufacturing defect in your Weather Stopper® products, such as:

- improper fastening of your shingles or application of your Weather Stopper® products not in strict accordance with GAF's printed application instructions, if the improper installation was the cause of damage.
  - settlement, movement or defects in the building, walls, foundation or the roof base over which your roof system was applied.
  - inadequate attic ventilation.
- (2) Damage to your Weather Stopper® products resulting from causes beyond normal wear and tear, such as:
- acts of nature, such as hail, winds (or gusts) over the applicable wind speed listed above or ice damming above the area covered by GAF's leak barriers or above flashings.
  - impact of foreign objects or traffic on the roof.
  - 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, 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.
- Chipping, fading or peeling paint on Master Flow® ventilation products.
  - Labor costs, except as specifically provided for above, disposal costs, and costs relating to metal work, flashings or non-GAF products.
  - Damage to the interior or exterior of any building, including, but not limited to, mold growth.

### Other Limitations Concerning Coverage

Decisions as to the extent of repair, recover 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 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 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 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

You must notify GAF about any claim within **30 days** after you notice a problem and provide proof of the date your Weather Stopper® products 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 products 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 products 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's Weather Stopper® products. GAF makes NO OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITIONS, GUARANTEES OR WARRANTIES 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 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.

**Effectiveness:** This Limited Warranty will not take effect unless all eligibility requirements have been satisfied, this warranty is registered to you and your roofing contractor has been paid in full.



# Weather Stopper® System Plus Ltd. Warranty Application Form

**GAF certified installer (NOT homeowner) must register this warranty either online at [www.gaf.com](http://www.gaf.com) OR by mailing this form along with business check (or money order) for correct amount made payable to GAF Materials Corporation to: GAF • 1361 Alps Road • CCP Cashier, Bldg. 2 • Wayne, NJ 07470**

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

Street, City, State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Street, City, State/Province of building, if different \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street, City, State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/PC \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ GAF License # (MUST include) \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate Type Of Job:**  Clean deck  Re-cover over existing shingles

**Indicate GAF Shingles Used:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Sovereign®	<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Ultra HD™	<input type="checkbox"/> Country Mansion® II
<input type="checkbox"/> Marquis® WeatherMax®	<input type="checkbox"/> Capstone®	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Slate™ II
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Natural Shadow™	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia®	<input type="checkbox"/> Other GAF Shingle _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Prestique® 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Canyon™	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® HD™	<input type="checkbox"/> Country Mansion	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Prestique® 40	<input type="checkbox"/> Grand Slate™	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® ArmorShield™	<input type="checkbox"/> Camelot®	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Cool Series	<input type="checkbox"/> Camelot® 30	
<input type="checkbox"/> Timberline® Prestique® Lifeline™	<input type="checkbox"/> Camelot® II	

**StainGuard® labeled?**  
 Yes  No

**How many nails were used to install each shingle?**  
 6 nails  4 nails

**Indicate GAF Accessories Used (Maximum 3 required):**

**1. GAF Roof Deck Protection**

Deck-Armor™  Timber Paw™ or \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mate®  RoofPro™

**GAF Leak Barriers**  
 WeatherWatch® (any version) or  StormGuard®  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (any version)

**3A. GAF Pre-Cut Starter Strip**

WeatherBlock®  
 Pro-\_\_\_\_\_ (with factory-applied adhesive only)  
 Other GAF \_\_\_\_\_ (with factory-applied adhesive only)

**3B. GAF Pre-Cut Starter Strip Installation**

Installed on rakes only  Installed on eaves only  
 Installed on rakes and eaves (required for max. wind coverage)

**4. GAF Attic Ventilation**

Cobra® (roll)  
 Cobra® Ridge Runner™ (rigid roll)  
 Cobra Rigid Vent II™ or Rigid Vent 3™  
 Cobra Snow Country™ or Snow Country Advanced™

Cobra FasciaFlow™ Intake Ventilation  
 Master Flow® solar-powered roof exhaust vent(s)  
 Other Master Flow® exhaust ventilation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vented RidgeCrest™  
 Other GAF exhaust ventilation \_\_\_\_\_

**5. GAF Ridge Cap**

Timbertex®  
 Seal-A-Ridge®  
 Ridglass®  
 Sequoia®/Canyon™  
 Z® Ridge  
 Vented RidgeCrest™  
 Other GAF \_\_\_\_\_

**Was GAF ShingleMatch™ accessory paint used?**  
 Yes  No  
*(accessory paint receives warranty coverage, but does NOT count toward the required # of accessories)*

Type of Structure:  Single family, detached residence  Multi-family  HOA/Condo Assoc.  Commercial Property

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

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

Installer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Certifies that above information is accurate)

## Important—Owner Please Read!

**It is your Installer's responsibility to register this warranty within 45 days of installation.** After your Installer registers and pays for this warranty, GAF will send you (the owner) a notification letter that your Weather Stopper® System Plus Ltd. Warranty has been registered. Your notification letter will confirm which Weather Stopper® products have been installed on your roof.

**If you have not received your notification letter from GAF within 60 days after installation, please contact your Installer to confirm that your paperwork has been submitted to GAF.** If your Installer has submitted your paperwork, but you have not received your notification letter from GAF within 60 days, call GAF at 1-888-532-5767, option 1, to confirm that GAF has received your paperwork. Your System Plus Ltd. Warranty will NOT be in effect until you receive written confirmation from GAF.

Note: If you are purchasing a newly constructed home and your Installer is a GAF Authorized™ Home Builder who has already registered this warranty with GAF, you must notify GAF in writing within 60 days after taking title to the property in order for coverage to be transferred to you.



# Get 5 times the up-front coverage of typical shingle warranties on all GAF laminated shingles!

“TYPICAL”  
Competitor’s  
Shingle Warranty

OUR  
Deluxe  
Warranty 

## • Manufacturing Defect Coverage\*

- 100% coverage period
- Covers roofing system?
- Cost of installation labor included?

## • Peace Of Mind\*

- Installer certified?
- Tear-off costs included (when necessary)?
- Free transfer?
- Good Housekeeping protection on roofing system?



Only **10** yrs.

**No, just shingles**

Only **10** yrs.

**NO**  
(Anyone can install)

**NO**

**MAYBE**

**NO**

**50** yrs.  
(20 years on 3-tab shingles)

**Yes, entire system**

**Lifetime**

(25 or 30 years on 3-tab shingles)

**YES**

**YES**  
(For manufacturing defects only)

**FREE**

**YES**

## Up To 50 Years Of Non-Prorated Protection!\*

\*Review ltd. warranty (on back page) for complete coverage and restrictions. Note:

- 50 year 100% coverage period for manufacturing defects applies only to lifetime shingles installed on single family detached residences owned by individuals. For all other shingles, structures, and owners, coverage period is 20 years.
- Installer certification is only for installations covered by GAF system warranties.
- The word “lifetime” means for as long as you, the original owner of a single family detached residence (or the second owner, if coverage was properly transferred during the first 20 years), own the property where the shingles are installed. For structures/owners not meeting the above criteria (e.g., a church), warranty term is 40 years.

IF YOU  
INSTALL THIS  
SHINGLE...

THE 100% COVERAGE  
PERIOD FOR MANUFACTURING  
DEFECTS IN YOUR  
WEATHER STOPPER® SYSTEM IS...  
...AND THE PRORATED  
MATERIAL AND  
LABOR PROTECTION  
PERIOD IS...

### Traditional

	FIRST 20 YEARS	YEARS 21-25
ROYAL SOVEREIGN®	FIRST 20 YEARS	YEARS 21-25
MARQUIS® WEATHERMAX®	FIRST 20 YEARS	YEARS 21-30

### Lifetime Architectural & Designer

ALL	FIRST 50 YEARS	YEARS 51-LIFETIME
	FIRST 50 YEARS	YEARS 51-LIFETIME



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# The Weather Stopper<sup>®</sup> 3-Part Roof Protection System



## Part 1: The Right System

Premium  
Quality  
Shingles

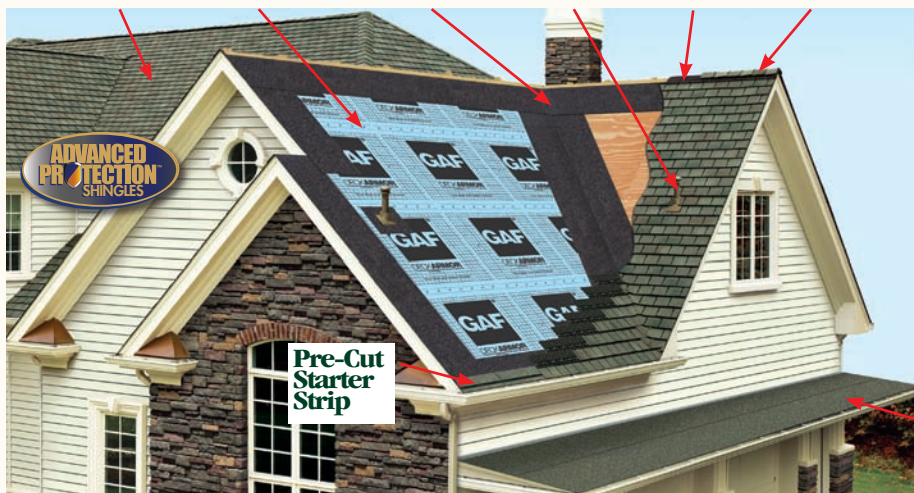
Roof  
Deck  
Protection

Waterproof  
Leak  
Barrier

Roof  
Accessory  
Paint

Effective  
Attic  
Ventilation

Distinctive  
Ridge Cap  
Shingles



The GAF Weather Stopper<sup>®</sup> Roofing System has earned the prestigious Good Housekeeping Seal, which means that Good Housekeeping stands behind these products. (Refer to Good Housekeeping Magazine for its consumer protection policy.)

Quality  
Low-Slope  
Membranes\*

\*See System Plus Ltd. Warranty Addendum For Low-Slope Roofs for complete coverage and restrictions on these products.

## Part 2: The Right Contractor

You can't be too careful when choosing a roofing contractor. GAF factory-certified contractors are your safest choice because they are:

- Local
- Properly Insured
- Properly State Licensed
- Factory-Certified
- With Hundreds of Satisfied Local Homeowners!

They're committed to providing you with your best and safest choice in roofing!

## Part 3: The Right Warranty

Offers up to five times the up-front coverage versus typical shingle warranties—don't settle for less!



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

1. Your roof must be installed by an eligible GAF certified contractor.\*
2. You must install qualifying GAF shingles *and at least three* of the following Weather Stopper® product categories (see Application Form for eligible products):
  - A. **GAF Roof Deck Protection**
  - B. **GAF Leak Barrier...**Must be installed in valleys and around all penetrations. In areas prone to ice damming, an eligible Leak Barrier product is strongly recommended at all eaves to at least 24" inside of the warm wall.
  - C. **GAF Pre-Cut Starter Strip Products...**Must be installed at the eaves. Note: To obtain maximum wind coverage, you must use GAF Pre-Cut Starter Strip products at the eaves and rakes **and** you must install each shingle using six nails.
  - D. **GAF Attic Ventilation**

Ventilation Note: Minimum net free ventilation area of 1 sq. foot (or meter) per 150 sq. feet (or meters) of ceiling area is required. When intake vents are located at the eaves and exhaust vents are located near the roof's peak (in a properly balanced system) for maximum air flow, ventilation may be reduced to 1 sq. foot (or meter) per 300 sq. feet (or meters) .
  - E. **GAF Ridge Cap**

Note: If cut-up GAF strip shingles are used instead of one of the eligible ridge cap products on the Application Form, the warranty term and 100% coverage period for the cut-up strip shingles is the same as it would be if that shingle were used in the *field* of the roof. (For example, if Royal Sovereign® shingles are cut up and used as your ridge cap, then the warranty term for those cut-up Royal Sovereign® shingles is 25 years.) In addition, on roofs where Royal Sovereign® or Marquis® WeatherMax™ shingles are installed, you may use cut-up Royal Sovereign® or Marquis® WeatherMax™ shingles as the ridge cap, and they will qualify as one of the required accessories.

Note: To improve the finished look of the roof, the use of GAF accessory paint is highly recommended. GAF accessory paint is covered by the System Plus Ltd. Warranty, but does NOT count toward the required number of accessories.

### 3. Registration Options...

- Installer can register this warranty online at the Certified Contractor Zone at [www.contractors.gaf.com](http://www.contractors.gaf.com), or
- Installer can complete and return the attached Warranty Application Form along with the appropriate fee.

Your Installer must register your warranty within 45 days after installation (GAF reserves the right not to issue the System Plus Ltd. Warranty if the warranty is not registered within 45 days).

Note: Warranty covers only GAF products. In Canada, only the GAF and Timberline® logos are registered trademarks.

\* GAF Master Elite™ Contractor, GAF Certified™ Contractor, GAF Authorized™ Home Builder, or Canadian VIP Contractor (Canada Only).