

# **DecoTech<sup>®</sup> Addendum to the Golden Pledge<sup>®</sup> Limited Warranty**

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# The DecoTech® Addendum to the Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty



Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty*,

The *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty* shall be deemed to include coverage for your DecoTech® Solar Roofing System (the "DecoTech® Materials"), including: (i) the DecoTech® Solar Module(s) [comprised of one or more DecoTech® photovoltaic solar panels (the "DecoTech® Solar Panels"), as well as the integrated racking and mounting hardware] and (ii) Covered Flashings [defined as the metallic flashing components installed around the array of DecoTech® Solar Modules on your roof], in the unlikely event that they contain a manufacturing defect. Misapplication of your DecoTech® Materials is also covered.

**MANUFACTURING DEFECTS: DECOTECH® MATERIALS.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech® Materials are warranted against manufacturing defects for 25 years. The Smart Choice® Protection Period is 10 years.

**BLOW-OFFS/WIND DAMAGE.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech® Materials are warranted against blow-offs/wind damage for 10 years.

**SOLAR POWER GENERATION.** Subject to the provisions below, the DecoTech® Materials are warranted against manufacturing defects that adversely affect their solar power generation for 25 years.

**MISAPPLICATION: DECOTECH® MATERIALS.** Coverage for misapplication of your DecoTech® Materials lasts as long as there is coverage for misapplication of Covered Flashings under the *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty*.

## **WHAT IS COVERED/SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.**

All warranty coverage is subject to

the exclusions set forth in the *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty* section entitled "What Is Not Covered" including the amendments set forth in this Addendum.

## **MANUFACTURING DEFECTS: DECOTECH® MATERIALS.**

GAF Warranty Company, LLC, a subsidiary of GAF, warrants that your DecoTech® Materials will remain free from manufacturing defects that cause leaks during the warranty term. **Note:** Blow-Offs/Wind Damage and Solar Power Generation are covered separately below.

(1) During the Smart Choice® Protection Period: GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any defective DecoTech® Materials and will provide any necessary replacement DecoTech® Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost to install that portion of the DecoTech® Materials exhibiting the defect at the time of settlement. GAF will not pay to tear off your DecoTech® Materials, or to dispose of them. GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech® Materials.

(2) After the Smart Choice® Protection Period: Labor will no longer be covered. GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) provide replacement DecoTech® Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost of that portion of the DecoTech® Materials exhibiting the defect at the time of settlement. The amount of DecoTech® Materials or reimbursement provided to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech® Materials. 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 (i.e., 300 months). For example, if you

make a claim after your DecoTech® Materials have been installed for 15 years (180 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 180/300 or 60%. GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost of the DecoTech® Materials, before any reduction for use.

**BLOW-OFFS/WIND DAMAGE:** This Limited Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty is specifically conditioned on your DecoTech® Materials being fastened and installed strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions. This Limited Blow-Offs/Wind Damage Warranty does not apply to Covered Flashings. GAF warrants to you that your DecoTech® Solar Module(s) will not blow off, or sustain damage from winds, including gusts, up to 110 mph / 175 km/h due to a manufacturing defect. During the first year of the warranty term GAF, at its sole option, will either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any blown-off or damaged DecoTech® Materials and will provide any necessary replacement DecoTech® Materials or (b) will refund you the original cost to install that portion of the DecoTech® Materials that have blown-off or sustained damage from winds at the time of settlement. Costs related to underlayment, metal work, and flashings are not included.

After the first year, GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech® Materials. 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 (i.e., 120 months). For example, if you make a claim after your DecoTech® Materials have been installed for 5 years (60 months), GAF's contribution will be reduced by 60/120 or 50%.

GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech® Materials, before any reduction for use.

**SOLAR POWER GENERATION:** This Limited Solar Power Generation Warranty is specifically conditioned on your DecoTech® Solar Module(s) being installed strictly in accordance with GAF's application instructions and appropriately placed for optimal solar exposure. GAF warrants to you that in the first year after installation of the DecoTech® Solar Module(s), the actual power output in the aggregate will be no less than 97% of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech® Solar Module(s) installed on your roof due to a manufacturing defect in the DecoTech® Solar Module(s). For each subsequent year after installation of the DecoTech® Solar Module(s), the actual power output in the aggregate will not decline by more than 0.7% annually for the remainder of the warranty term.

YEAR	WARRANTED OUTPUT*
1	97
2	96.3
3	95.6
4	94.9
5	94.2
6	93.5
7	92.8
8	92.1
9	91.4
10	90.7
11	90
12	89.3
13	88.6
14	87.9
15	87.2
16	86.5
17	85.8
18	85.1
19	84.4
20	83.7
21	83
22	82.3
23	81.6
24	80.9
25	80.2

\* Warranted Output refers to the percentage of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech® Solar Module(s) installed on your roof which is warranted for each year of this Limited Solar Power Generation Warranty.

If the average aggregate power output is less than the Warranted Output stated above as a result of a manufacturing defect in the DecoTech® Solar Module(s), GAF will, at its sole option, either (a) pay you the full reasonable cost of labor to repair or replace any defective DecoTech® Materials and will provide replacement DecoTech® Materials or the reasonable cost of obtaining replacement DecoTech® Materials; (b) provide you with additional DecoTech® Materials, and the reasonable cost of labor to install the additional DecoTech® Materials, to make up for such loss in power generation; or (c) refund that portion of the original cost to install the DecoTech® Materials that corresponds to the difference between the Warranted Output and the actual output at the time of settlement (Actual Output). For example, if you make a claim in Year 1 and the actual output is 57% of the original rated power output specified on the name plate(s) of the DecoTech® Solar Module(s), GAF will refund 40% [Warranted Output (97%) less Actual Output (57%)] of the original cost to install the DecoTech® Materials.

Additionally, after the first year GAF's contribution to you will be reduced to reflect the use you have received from your DecoTech® Materials. 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.

GAF's **maximum** liability shall not exceed the original cost to install the DecoTech® Materials, before any reduction for use.

**MISAPPLICATION: DECOTECH® MATERIALS.** If any part of your DecoTech® Materials is found to have application errors that adversely affect performance, GAF, at its sole option, will (a) arrange to have your DecoTech® Materials repaired or

replaced or (b) will refund you the original cost to install the affected portion of the DecoTech® Materials.

The *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty* section entitled "**What Is Not Covered**" shall be amended as follows:

- (8) Damages to your DecoTech® Materials resulting from:
  - a. Installation in a corrosive environment, as determined by GAF, including but not limited to exposure to smoke, salt, chemicals or other corrosive substances.
  - b. Power Surges.
  - c. Unapproved installation of equipment on the roof area adjacent to the DecoTech® Materials, including without limitation, signs or air conditioning units.
- (9) Shading or variations in the color or overall appearance of the DecoTech® Materials, including but not limited to scratches, stains, mechanical wear, rust, discoloration or contamination caused by fungus, mold, lichen, algae, paints, or other contaminants, including that caused by organic materials on the roof.
- (10) Damage caused by improper wiring or electrical work.
- (11) Damages related to loss of power or production, including but not limited to rebates, refunds, credits, revenues, or any other benefit associated with solar generated electrical power.

All terms and conditions of the *Golden Pledge® Limited Warranty* shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically modified herein.

