

# V.I.P. LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY Vinyl Siding + Vinyl Accessories

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 SIDING & ACCESSORIES

Ply Gem manufactures SolarDefense Reflective Technology™ Vinyl Siding and Vinyl Accessories (the "Products") in accordance with high standards and tight quality controls, and the Products will not rust or corrode, because they are made of polymer, or flake or peel, because there is no paint to flake or peel. It is important for you to know that Ply Gem supports its Products and that, as a consumer-purchaser, Ply Gem will respond to notice from you regarding any product concerns according to the terms set forth below.

# WHAT DOES THIS WARRANTY COVER?

Ply Gem warrants to you, the owner of the property at the time the Products were originally installed, that, upon notice from you as required herein, Ply Gem will provide replacement product or refund (as provided below) to correct any of the following conditions if such condition is directly caused by a manufacturing defect in the Product as determined by Ply Gem and has resulted in a significant impairment in usage, provided the Products are installed according to the specifications of Ply Gem.

Limited Lifetime Manufacturing Defects Warranty. Blistering, checking, crazing, flaking, peeling, rot or corrosion if it is directly caused by a manufacturing defect in the Product as determined by Ply Gem.

Limited Fade Warranty. Excessive fade, which is more than 'normal fading' (see below) and is in excess of (i) a Delta E of 1 Hunter unit outside the manufacturing tolerances in the first 5 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property and (ii) a Delta E of 2 Hunter units outside the manufacturing tolerances after the first 5 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property. Excessive fade shall be determined by Ply Gem based on our examination of a siding sample.

Limited Heat Distortion Warranty. Heat distortion from normal conditions or normal reflective light sources (see exclusions below).

Limited Hail Damage Warranty. Hail damage on the terms and conditions more fully outlined below.

These warranties are limited to the terms and conditions, exclusions and limitations, requirements and legal rights set forth in this Warranty.

#### HOW LONG DOES THE WARRANTY LAST AND CAN IT BE TRANSFERRED?

If you are an individual, the Limited Lifetime Manufacturing Defects Warranty, Limited Fade Warranty, Limited Heat Distortion Warranty and Limited Hail Damage Warranty will last for as long as you own and reside in the property on which the Products were originally installed ("Property"). If you are not an individual (e.g., a corporation, condominium, cooperative housing arrangement, unincorporated association, school, church, government or public entity, etc.) or the Products are installed in a multi-family, non-owner occupied or commercial application (such as condominiums, rental properties, apartments, office buildings, schools, churches, government buildings, etc.), the warranty period will be 50 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property, prorated as outlined in the Warranty Coverage Schedule below.

The Limited Lifetime Manufacturing Defects Warranty, Limited Fade Warranty, Limited Heat Distortion Warranty and Limited Hail Damage Warranty may be transferred with the Property; however, upon the transfer, the warranty period will be no more than 50 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property, prorated in accordance with the Warranty Coverage Schedule below.

#### WHAT WILL WE DO?

You must notify us in accordance with the notice requirements outlined below, and we must validate the complaint. Upon the notification and validation, we will undertake the following:

At our sole option, we will repair, replace or refund the original purchase and installation price (as prorated in accordance with the Warranty Coverage Schedule below, if applicable) of any of the Products we determine to be defective under the terms of this Warranty. Our obligations under this Warranty will in no event exceed the original purchase price of the Products found to be defective and the cost of the labor involved in the original installation of such defective Products. Any additional costs and expenses beyond these amounts are your responsibility. If we elect to repair or replace Product under this warranty, we will also cover the reasonable labor costs for the applicable area, as determined solely by us.

For the Limited Hail Damage Warranty, it is your responsibility to pursue the cost of repair or replacement of damaged material through all applicable insurance coverage, including homeowner's insurance. After you exhaust such coverage, if you have any Product cost that you have incurred in the purchase of the Product that is necessary to replace the Product on your Property which was damaged by hail, and these costs are in excess of your total insurance coverage (excluding your insurance deductible), we will reimburse you for that difference, up to the original purchase price for the damaged Product. Any additional costs and expense beyond these amounts are your responsibility. We will have no responsibility for any costs associated with the labor required to remove, replace or install any Product damaged by hail.

In the event of repair, replacement or refinishing under this Warranty, the Warranty applicable to the replacement material or to the repaired or refinished Products will extend only for the time remaining under the original Warranty.

#### WHAT DOESN'T THIS WARRANTY COVER?

Any obligation of Ply Gem hereunder is contingent upon proper installation per manufacturer's instructions and good building practices, normal product use, maintenance and proper care, including annual cleaning. This Warranty does not cover:

any condition not directly caused by a defect in a Product as manufactured.
any installation or defects or damage of any kind attributable to or resulting from installation, including faulty or improper installation.

- normal weathering or changes in surface color resulting from chalking, fading, discoloring, soiling or staining. Exposure to sunlight, the elements, weather and atmospheric conditions may cause these changes over time, and the degree to which weathering occurs will vary depending on air quality, the building's location and other local conditions over which we have no control.
- normal wear or conditions caused by:
- accidental damage;
- settlement;
- structural shrinkage or distortion of the property structure;
- fire;
- lightning, hurricane, tornado, windstorm, earthquake, or other acts of God;
- corrosive or abrasive products or harmful chemicals (including harmful cleaning compounds and pesticides);
- fumes or vapors;
- air pollution;
- neglect;
- mishandling;
- improper care;
- improper or harmful cleaning;
- misuse or abuse;
- vandalism;
- airborne stains, mold and mildew accumulation;
- your failure (or the failure of subsequent property owners) to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance of the Products (see "Care and Maintenance Instructions"); and
- impact of foreign objects.
- warping or distortion due to exposure to unusual or excessive heat sources (e.g., fire, barbecue grills, etc.).
- Products that have been altered, modified or subjected to unauthorized repair.
- Products that have been painted or whose surface has been altered in any way without written authorization from Ply Gem.
- uneven fading, color change or "striping" due to installation over dissimilar, inconsistent or inadequate sheathing or backer board.
- any other causes beyond our reasonable control.

#### **OTHER LIMITATIONS**

- This Warranty covers only genuine Ply Gem SolarDefense Reflective Technology Vinyl Siding and Vinyl Accessories. It is your responsibility to verify that the products installed are our Products. It is a good idea to retain your proof of purchase in case it is needed if you submit a warranty claim.
- Replacement products may differ in gloss and/or color from Products originally installed on the Property, and Ply Gem shall not be responsible or liable as a result of such variance.
- 3. We reserve the right to discontinue or change any of our products, including design and color changes, at any time and without notice or liability. If, for any reason, Products of the type originally installed are no longer available from us at the time you make a warranty claim, we may substitute another product determined by us to be of comparable quality and/or price and shall not be liable as a result of any difference.
- 4. There are no warranties on these Products other than as set forth in this Warranty, and no dealer, contractor, applicator, distributor or other is authorized to change or add to this Warranty. We are not liable to you for a breach of any other written or oral express warranties, such as those, if any, given to you by dealers, contractors, applicators, or distributors of the Products. You agree that no action or inaction of Ply Gem shall constitute a waiver.
- 5. THIS IS THE SOLE WARRANTY FOR THE PRODUCTS, AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR PURPOSE, ARE DISCLAIMED AND EXCLUDED. THIS IS YOUR EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, REMEDIES OR CLAIMS, IRRESPECTIVE OF SOURCE AND PLY GEM'S NEGLIGENCE. WE EXCLUDE AND IN NO EVENT SHALL WE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OF USE, LOST PROFIT, DIMINUTION IN VALUE, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, INDIRECT, EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL WE BE LIABLE FOR AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE AFFECTED PRODUCT. COURSE OF DEALINGS, CUSTOM AND USAGE, STATEMENTS, LABELS, ADVERTISING AND PRODUCT REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND SHALL NOT EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THIS WARRANTY.
- 6. Where these limitations are prohibited or otherwise altered by mandatory legal provisions, the warranty shall remain effective to the full extent of the law. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may also have other rights which vary from state to state. SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.
- 7. Ply Gem Products are often designed and tested in accordance with required standard procedures established by industry associations. These measure performance of sample products in a laboratory-type setting. To pursue consistency, Ply Gem manufactures its products for sale utilizing the same methods and materials as in fabrication of a product for testing. All product components and manufacturing processes, however, involve an inherent range of tolerance. These and other factors can result in some variance among individual product performance.

## THESE DEFINITIONS APPLY TO THE TERMS USED:

**Excessive Fade** means a change in the color of any siding in excess of (i) a Delta E of 1 Hunter unit outside the manufacturing tolerances within 5 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property and (ii) a Delta E of 2 Hunter units outside the manufacturing tolerances after 5 years from the date of the original installation of the Products on the Property and (iii) a Delta E of 2 Hunter units of the Products on the Property and (iii) a Delta E of a Delta E of the original installation of the Products on the Property, provided that any uneven or abnormal fade distribution is not due to a buildup or accumulation of stains, dirt, mold, mildew, or any other deficiency caused by the lack of at least annual preventative maintenance by the homeowner as such annual preventative maintenance is described in the PIy Gem Installation Manual. Excessive fade shall be determined by PIy Gem based on our examination of a siding sample.

**Purchase and Installation Price** means the sum of (a) the total original cost of the siding that is defective or otherwise being replaced, plus (b) the total original cost of labor for the installation of siding that is defective or otherwise being replaced. If we cannot determine these amounts from original documents, we will compute the purchase and installation price using (i) our suggested retail price in effect at the time of the installation for the cost of material, (ii) labor rates prevailing in the area where the building is located at the time of installation and (iii) an estimated installation time for the cost of labor.

 $\mathbf{Products}$  means Solar Defense Reflective Technology  $^{\rm tw}$  Vinyl Siding and Vinyl Accessories manufactured by Ply Gem.

**Weathering** means changes caused by exposure to sunlight, rain, air pollution, variations in temperature and other atmospheric conditions.

Weathers Unevenly or Uneven Weathering, such as checker boarding, means uneven or non-uniform change in color of contiguous elements of siding under uniform, even and equal exposure to sunlight, natural radiation, rain, natural variations in temperature or other atmospheric conditions.

# HOW DO YOU REGISTER YOUR WARRANTY?

For all Ply Gem materials used on this installation project, one Application for Warranty Registration must be completed at mastic.com or mailed within 30 days after original installation has been completed. Please mail it to Ply Gem, Warranty Registration Department, P.O. Box 110100, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Failure to register the Warranty will not void the Warranty, but registration of this Warranty confirms the date of purchase of our Products and assists Ply Gem in processing any Warranty claim you might have. This confirmation is of benefit to you, especially if your original proof of purchase is lost. It is a good idea to retain your proof of purchase in case it is needed if you submit a warranty claim.

## HOW DO YOU TRANSFER YOUR WARRANTY?

You and subsequent Property owners may transfer this Warranty by providing written notice to us within 30 days after the date of transfer of ownership. The notice should include the warranty registration number (if available), the address of the Property, the name and mailing address of the new owners and the date of transfer. The notice should be sent to Ply Gem, Warranty Transfer Department, P.O. Box 110100, Pittsburgh, PA 15232. Failure to notify Ply Gem will not void the Warranty, but the notice will assist Ply Gem in processing any warranty claim.

Warranty coverage upon transfer is as described in detail above. Upon any transfer of the property, your obligations become the obligations of the new Property owners.

## HOW DO YOU SUBMIT A WARRANTY CLAIM?

You must submit your claim in writing to us within the warranty period and within thirty (30) days of product failure.

To initiate a claim, you should contact our warranty services number at 1-800-962- 3563 to receive a warranty claims packet.

If you would like to submit a claim request in writing, please provide the following information: a description of the claimed Product failure and the date the failure was discovered; the warranty registration number (if available); the date of original installation; proof of status as property owner; proof of purchase; date and place of purchase; and your name, address and phone number. Written claims should be sent to Ply Gem, Warranty Claims Department, 303 West Major, Kearney, MO 64060 or fax your information to 816-426-8210.

Ply Gem will provide notification of any additional information and physical evidence that may be required to process your claim. When a sample is required, it must be sent at the homeowner's expense. In the event the homeowner wants the sample returned, there will be a \$25 handling fee.

Ply Gem shall have no obligation whatsoever without proper notice and an opportunity to respond. Upon proper notice, Ply Gem shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect or take other action necessary to formulate a response.

ANY REPAIR OF THE PRODUCTS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM PLY GEM WILL VOID THIS WARRANTY.

#### WARRANTY COVERAGE SCHEDULE

NUMBER OF YEARS FROM DATE OF ORIGINAL INSTALLATION TO DATE OF CLAIM	PERCENTAGE OF PURCHASE PRICE OF ORIGINALLY INSTALLED PRODUCTS FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS WARRANTY FOR WHICH PLY GEM WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
DURING THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER'S OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY:	100%
SUBSEQUENT OWNERS AND OTHERS COVERED BY A 50-YEAR PRORATED WARRANTY:	
0-5	100%
MORE THAN 5 BUT LESS THAN 7	90%
MORE THAN 7 BUT LESS THAN 8	80%
MORE THAN 8 BUT LESS THAN 9	70%
MORE THAN 9 BUT LESS THAN 10	60%
MORE THAN 10 BUT LESS THAN 11	50%
MORE THAN 11 BUT LESS THAN 12	40%
MORE THAN 12 BUT LESS THAN 13	30%
MORE THAN 13 BUT LESS THAN 14	20%
MORE THAN 14 BUT LESS THAN 50	10%

Total claim cost of refund not to exceed original purchase and installation price.

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Ply Gem Vinyl Siding, Soffit and Accessories are some of the most durable building products materials available today for residential applications. In most cases, normal rainfall is sufficient to keep it clean. But if your Ply Gem Vinyl Siding should need cleaning, we recommend the following procedures. Particular attention should be given to areas under eaves, porches, awnings and other overhangs that have limited exposure to the natural washing effect of rainfall.

- Moderate Atmospheric Dirt We recommend an occasional washing with clear water using a garden hose and soft-bristled brush (a long-handled, car-washing brush is ideal for this purpose).
- 2. Heavy Industrial Atmospheric Dirt Wash in the manner indicated above, but use the following solution:
  - 1/3 cup detergent (Tide<sup>\*</sup>, for example)2/3 cup trisodium phosphate (Soilax<sup>\*</sup>, for example)

1 gallon water

- 3. Mildew Accumulation Mildew can collect on surfaces of all types of building products and is often evident on surfaces that have not been properly cared for and maintained. Normally, mildew will appear as black spots. Mildew is easy to remove by using the basic cleaning solution above with the addition of sodium hypochlorite as follows: a. 1/3 cup detergent (Tide; for example)
  - b. 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate (Soilax, for example)
- c. 1 quart sodium hypochlorite 5% solution (Clorox, for example)
- d. 3 quarts water
- Caulking Compounds, Tar and Similar Substances Use mineral spirits in reasonable amounts and apply directly to the foreign substance. Immediately after cleaning, rinse the area thoroughly with water.

**CAUTION:** Do not exceed the recommended concentrations of cleaners. To do so can cause damage to the Products' surface. Avoid skin and eye contact with the solution, and in all cases follow munfacturer's instructions for the use of cleaning compounds and solutions. Avoid use of abrasive-type cleaners and strong solvents. Test any cleaner on an inconspicuous area before applying to major areas. To minimize streaking, always clean from the bottom to the top and follow with a rinsing of clear water. Excessive scrubbing is unnecessary and can be harmful to the Products, and may cause undesirable glossy areas over the finish.

### **IMPORTANT: FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION**

Exterior vinyl building materials require little maintenance for many years. Nevertheless, common sense dictates that builders and suppliers of vinyl products store, handle and install vinyl materials in a manner that avoids damage to the product and/or structure. Owners and Installers should take a few simple steps to protect vinyl building materials from fire.

## TO THE HOME AND BUILDING OWNER

Rigid vinyl siding is made from organic material and will melt or burn when exposed to a significant source of flame or heat. Building owners, occupants and outside maintenance personnel should always take normal precautions to keep sources of fire, such as barbecues, and combustible materials, such as dry leaves, mulch and trash away from vinyl siding.

#### TO THE BUILDING TRADES, SPECIFIERS, PROFESSIONAL AND DO-IT-YOURSELF INSTALLERS

When rigid vinyl siding is exposed to significant heat or flame, the vinyl will soften, sag, melt or burn, and may thereby expose material underneath. Care must be exercised when selecting underlayment materials because many underlayment materials are made from organic materials that are combustible. You should ascertain the fire properties of underlayment materials prior to installation. All building materials should be installed in accordance with local, state and federal building code and fire regulations.

For more information about vinyl siding products, contact Ply Gem or visit the Vinyl Siding Institute at vinylsiding.org or contact them at 202-587-5100.

## FACTS ABOUT THE INSTALLATION OF PLY GEM VINYL SIDING

We designed and manufactured Ply Gem Vinyl Siding to perform best when installed by qualified applicators. While Ply Gem does not assume responsibility for installation of its products, it does keep installers informed on new techniques and provides detailed installation instructions on all of its products. We frequently update our installation manuals with new and improved methods of application.

You should discuss any product adjustments with the dealer or applicator that did the work. These adjustments can best be made by the original dealer or applicator, since he or she is most familiar with your particular installation.



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