

Guardian Guarantee
PRODUCT WARRANTY

45 YEAR

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Gulf Coast Supply & Manufacturing, LLC (GULF COAST) is pleased to offer this forty-five (45) year limited warranty to the herein-identified customer (CUSTOMER) concerning sales of unpainted 55% aluminum zinc (AZ55) roofing and siding panels (PRODUCT) installed in the continental United States.

SECTION A: WHAT IS COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY?

GULF COAST warrants PRODUCT as follows:

1. For **forty-five (45)** years from the date of shipment of PRODUCT from GULF COAST's vendor to GULF COAST, PRODUCT will not, as a result of corrosion, rupture, fail structurally or perforate when installed at least **1500'** from salt or brackish water.

SECTION B: WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY?

This Warranty does not apply to PRODUCT exposed at any time to corrosive, aggressive, harmful, or other abnormal atmospheric conditions, including but not limited to:

1. Areas subject to fallout of or exposure to corrosive chemicals, ash, fumes, cement dust, animal waste, or its decomposition by-products, fallout from copper, lead, nickel, or silver mining or refining operations, and carbon black.
2. Conditions and circumstances where corrosive fumes or condensation are generated or released inside the building.
3. Areas subject to water run-off from lead or copper flashing or piping or areas in contact with lead or copper or lumber containing same.
4. Areas subjected to constant spraying of either salt or fresh water.

OTHER EXCLUDED SITUATIONS

1. Mechanical, chemical, or other damage sustained during shipment, storage, forming, and fabrication, during or after erection.
2. Failure to provide free drainage of water, including internal condensation, from overlaps and all other surfaces of the sheets or panels.
3. Failure to remove debris from overlaps and all other surfaces of PRODUCT.
4. Damage caused to the metallic coating by improper roll forming, scouring, or cleaning procedures.
5. Deterioration of PRODUCT caused by contact with green or wet lumber or wet storage stain caused by water damage or condensation.
6. The presence of damp insulation or other corrosive materials in contact with or close proximity to PRODUCT.
7. Deterioration of PRODUCT caused directly or indirectly by contact with fasteners. Selection of suitable long-lasting fasteners to be used with the PRODUCT rests solely with CUSTOMER.
8. Slopes of roof or sections of the roof flatter than 1/4:12.
9. Forming which incorporates severe reverse bending or which subjects coating to alternate compression and tension.
10. Bends less than 2T for sheet thickness 0.030" and thinner and less than 4T for sheet thickness 0.031" and thicker.
11. Cut edge corrosion.
12. This warranty applies only to the substrate and not to any paint coating that may be applied to the metal. A separate warranty is available for all GULF COAST paint coatings.
13. Failure to install or handle PRODUCT in accordance with applicable building codes, product approvals, and the manufacturer's specifications and instructions as outlined in the then-current published technical data sheets and/or installation guides.

SECTION C: WHAT MUST CUSTOMERS DO TO KEEP THIS LIMITED WARRANTY COVERAGE?

1. CUSTOMER shall perform a "sweet water" / fresh tap water rinse twice a year, or more frequently as needed, to avoid salt residue accumulation in accordance with AAMA 610.1.1979. The product must not be cleaned with abrasive or chemical cleaners. The building owner shall maintain records of the maintenance.
2. CUSTOMER shall exercise diligence in the inspection of PRODUCT received from GULF COAST so as to mitigate repair or replacement. No warranty shall apply to panels that are installed despite containing defects discernable by reasonable inspection.
3. Claims shall be reported by CUSTOMER within 30 days of discovery to GULF COAST, and shall be reported in writing. GULF COAST shall be given a reasonable opportunity to inspect the PRODUCT claimed to be defective. CUSTOMER must demonstrate that the defective materials were sold by GULF COAST by means of proper identification of the material involved, including the date of shipment by GULF COAST, the date of installation, and the GULF COAST invoice number.
4. CUSTOMER shall exercise diligence in the inspection of PRODUCT when received from GULF COAST so as to mitigate repair or replacement. No warranty shall apply to the PRODUCT that is installed despite containing defects discernable by reasonable inspection.

SECTION D: REMEDY

Customer's exclusive remedy and GULF COAST's sole liability for breach of this limited warranty shall be limited to the cost of either repairing non-conforming panels or at GULF COAST's sole option:

1. Furnishing to Customer, FOB Customer's job-site, sufficient PRODUCT to enable Customer to replace the defective panels; or
2. Reimburse the customer for the original cost of the defective PRODUCT.

SECTION E: EXCLUSION OF OTHER WARRANTIES

THIS WARRANTY IS GIVEN AS THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY, AND NO OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR PURPOSES ARE MADE, AND ANY SUCH OTHER WARRANTIES ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES THAT EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN THIS INSTRUMENT. CUSTOMER WAIVES THE BENEFIT OF ANY RULE THAT THE DISCLAIMERS OF WARRANTY SHALL BE CONSTRUED AGAINST GULF COAST AND AGREES THAT THE DISCLAIMERS IN THIS INSTRUMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED LIBERALLY IN FAVOR OF GULF COAST. GULF COAST SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. GULF COAST HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL LIABILITIES FOR DAMAGES BASED ON THEORIES OF NEGLIGENCE AND STRICT PRODUCT LIABILITY.

SECTION F: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

THE LIABILITY OF GULF COAST SHALL NOT EXTEND TO PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, LOSS OF PROFIT, DELAY, OR ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THE FAILURE OF ANY SHEET TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. GULF COAST SHALL NOT, IN ANY EVENT, BE LIABLE FOR THE COST OF LABOR EXPENDED BY OTHERS ON ANY DEFECTIVE PANEL OR FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES WHATSOEVER WHETHER ARISING FROM BREACH OF CONTRACT, BREACH OF WARRANTY, TORT, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR OTHERWISE TO ANYONE BY REASON OF THE FACT THAT SUCH PANELS SHALL HAVE BEEN DEFECTIVE. THE ACRYLIC COATING APPLIED TO THE GALVALUME SUBSTRATE IS AN IMPERMANENT COATING THAT IS INTENDED TO PROTECT THE STEEL FOR ONLY A SHORT PERIOD OF EXPOSURE IN ORDINARY ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A FINISHED PRODUCT. GULF COAST WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DIFFERENTIAL DARKENING OR MISCOLORATION OF THE PRODUCT.

SECTION G: OTHER TERMS

No terms or conditions, other than those stated herein, and no agreement or understanding, oral or written, and no course of conduct or performance, in any way purporting to modify this Limited Warranty or to waive GULF COAST's rights hereunder, shall be binding on unless the same be clearly set forth in a writing that expressly refers to this limited warranty and expressly refers to having such effect upon this limited Warranty, and is signed by the authorized representative of GULF COAST.

This limited Warranty is extended to Customer as the original purchaser from GULF COAST and is non-transferable and non-assignable, and may not be enlarged in its scope by any representative, salesperson, agent, or another employee of GULF COAST. No rights against GULF COAST shall be created by any purported transfer or assignment. This provision is a material term of this Warranty, and its violation or breach by Customer or any of Customer's agents or representatives shall void and cancel this Warranty for all purposes.

Customer acknowledges that GULF COAST is not the manufacturer of either the metal or the coating warranted herein and agrees that all issues arising from or related to the exceptions set forth herein shall be determined finally and conclusively as to the Customer by the original manufacturer.

Notwithstanding anything in this limited warranty to the contrary, with respect to PRODUCT, in no event shall the warranty obligations of GULF COAST to Customer exceed the limited warranty obligations of GULF COAST's supplier of PRODUCT (SUPPLIER) extended to GULF COAST (a copy of which will be provided to Customer upon request), and, in the event SUPPLIER is not in legal existence at the time of a Customer warranty claim hereunder, or otherwise fails (for any reason) to make good on its limited warranty obligations extended to GULF COAST with respect to such warranty claim, GULF COAST shall have no warranty obligations to Customer under this limited warranty with respect to such warranty claim.

The substantive law of the State of Florida shall exclusively govern the rights and duties of the parties under this Agreement. All claims and disputes arising under or relating to this limited Warranty are to be settled by binding arbitration in Alachua County, Florida, or another location mutually agreeable to GULF COAST and CUSTOMER.