



## Limited Warranty

Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC and Georgia-Pacific Gypsum II LLC (collectively, "GP") provide the following limited warranty with respect to both (a) DensElement™ Sheathing and (b) DensElement Sheathing installed with GP approved liquid flashing for the treatment of the joints, fasteners, openings, transitions and penetrations as part of the original building envelope of a commercial or residential property, all as specifically identified and described in GP's current published literature at [www.DensElement.com](http://www.DensElement.com) (collectively, the "DensElement™ Barrier System"). The limited warranty set forth herein applies to any DensElement Sheathing or, subject to the online registration requirement below, any DensElement Barrier System installed in the United States or its territories between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 (the "Effective Period"). **PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, AS THIS WARRANTY AND YOUR PURCHASE OF DENSELEMENT SHEATHING AND THE DENSELEMENT BARRIER SYSTEM IS SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BELOW.**

**LIMITED WARRANTY.** GP warrants to each Qualified Purchaser of DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System for installation as part of the original building envelope of a commercial or residential structure that:

1. Defects: the DensElement Sheathing installed or to be installed in such structure was, at the time of shipment from GP, free from manufacturing defects that make it unsuitable for its intended use (as described at [www.gpgypsum.com](http://www.gpgypsum.com)), which limited warranty shall have a duration of five (5) years from the date of purchase of the product; and
2. Exposure: the DensElement Barrier System, when properly installed in such structure, will not deteriorate or delaminate as a result of normal use conditions or as a result of exposure to normal weather conditions, or excessive humidity, for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on the date of installation of the system in such structure; and
3. Performance: any eligible DensElement Barrier System (as described below), when properly installed in such structure, will perform as a water-resistive barrier and air barrier, as respectively defined in the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), for a period of five (5) years from the date of installation of the system in such structure.

A "Qualified Purchaser" is: (i) any purchaser of DensElement Sheathing or GP approved tape or liquid flashing for any DensElement Barrier System that is installed in a structure during the Effective Period; (ii) any person who installs DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System in a structure during the Effective Period; or (iii) any person who owns a structure that includes DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System which was installed during the Effective Period.

**IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PERFORMANCE WARRANTY IN (3) ABOVE, A QUALIFIED PURCHASER MUST FIRST REGISTER THE DENSELEMENT BARRIER SYSTEM AT DENSELEMENT.COM, INCLUDING PROVIDING ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUCH REGISTRATION, AND PROVIDE GP AT LEAST TWENTY (20) DAYS AFTER SUCH REGISTRATION TO OBSERVE THE DENSELEMENT BARRIER SYSTEM BEFORE ANY CLADDING OR OTHER COVERING IS INSTALLED OVER THE SYSTEM.**

**THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS THE SOLE WARRANTY GIVEN BY GP WITH RESPECT TO DENSELEMENT SHEATHING AND THE DENSELEMENT BARRIER SYSTEM. GP DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. WHERE APPLICABLE LAW DOES NOT PERMIT THE DISCLAIMER OF ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY, THE DURATION OF SUCH IMPLIED WARRANTY SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE GREATER OF NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SALE OR THE MINIMUM LEGAL DURATION FOR SUCH IMPLIED WARRANTY UNDER APPLICABLE LAW. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.**

**Terms and Conditions Applicable to Warranties.** The foregoing warranties are conditioned on and subject to the additional terms and conditions set forth below.

1. The foregoing warranties apply only when DensElement Sheathing and the DensElement Barrier System have been subjected to normal weather and use conditions and have been accorded treatment which is considered good practice in the building industry regarding storage, handling, joint and opening treatment, and maintenance of such products. In addition to this limitation, any damage to DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System resulting in whole or in part from the following conditions is NOT GP's responsibility and is NOT covered by the foregoing warranties:
  - (a) Failure to store, handle or install DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System in accordance with GP's storage, handling and installation instructions (available at [www.gpgypsum.com](http://www.gpgypsum.com)), applicable building practices and all applicable building codes;
  - (b) Improper design or installation of any portion or component of the supportive structure, or failure or distortion of the walls, foundation or any other portion or component of the structure, including settling of the building or movement of framing members;
  - (c) Suitability or performance of any cladding, coating, finishes, coverings or materials (other than the GP approved tape or liquid flashing for the treatment of the joints, fasteners, openings, transitions and penetrations of the DensElement Barrier System) applied or attached to DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System;
  - (d) Causes other than normal weather and use conditions, such as: impact with objects; high force winds, earthquake, flood, fire or other acts of God or nature; sustained cascading or pooling of water, or immersion in water; or any other cause beyond GP's control;
  - (e) Mold, mildew, fungi, bacteria or other similar conditions;
  - (f) Failure to purchase and install DensElement Sheathing or any other components of the DensElement Barrier System within twelve (12) months from its date of manufacture;
  - (g) Use of DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System other than for its intended use as described at [www.gpgypsum.com](http://www.gpgypsum.com); or
  - (h) A third-party's actions, omissions or negligence.

DensElement Sheathing and the DensElement Barrier System have natural characteristics that are not to be considered defects or evidence of a breach of warranty.

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2. Before GP will honor any claim under this Limited Warranty, the Qualified Purchaser must give GP written notice of the claim no later than ten (10) days after discovery of any alleged problem with the product or system. Written notice shall be directed to Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC, 133 Peachtree Street N.E., 8th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, Attn: Quality Manager. All claims must be accompanied by sales receipts and other supporting documents. GP shall have an additional twenty (20) days thereafter to inspect the product and system. The Qualified Purchaser must grant reasonable access for inspection and shall not make any alteration or repair to product and system before GP inspects it. If GP's inspection confirms that the product or system does not conform with the warranty set forth herein, then GP will, at its sole option, either (i) replace the non-conforming DensElement™ Sheathing or DensElement™ Barrier System, as applicable, (ii) refund the original uninstalled purchase price for the non-conforming DensElement Sheathing or DensElement Barrier System, as applicable, or (iii) where the product or system has already been installed, reimburse the Qualified Purchaser for the reasonable cost of repair or replacement of the non-conforming DensElement Sheathing or DensElement Barrier System, as applicable, up to a maximum amount equal to two (2) times the original uninstalled purchase price of the non-conforming DensElement Sheathing or DensElement Barrier System. These remedies are GP's sole and exclusive obligation and liability for any breach of warranty relating to DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System and are also the Qualified Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedies for any such breach.
3. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL GP BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF USE OF THE PRODUCT, COST OF SUBSTITUTE PRODUCTS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF THE PURCHASE OR USE OF DENSELEMENT SHEATHING OR THE DENSELEMENT BARRIER SYSTEM. THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY APPLIES TO ANY CLAIM ASSERTED BY THE QUALIFIED PURCHASER, WHETHER ASSERTED AS BREACH OF WARRANTY, BREACH OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, PRODUCT LIABILITY, STRICT LIABILITY, OR UNDER ANY OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY. 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.
4. The foregoing warranties are non-transferable and are not for the benefit of any third parties.
5. This is the entire warranty between GP and the Qualified Purchaser with respect to DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System installed during the Effective Period and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, warranties or understandings, whether oral or written, relating to DensElement Sheathing or the DensElement Barrier System installed during the Effective Period.
6. The provisions of this Limited Warranty are severable. If any provision of the Limited Warranty is determined by an arbitrator or court to be unenforceable for any reason, then the unenforceable provision shall be struck, and the other provisions of this Limited Warranty shall remain in full force and effect.
7. This Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.
8. **ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. IT AFFECTS LEGAL RIGHTS BY REQUIRING BINDING ARBITRATION, WAIVING CLASS ACTION CLAIMS, AND WAIVING THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.**
  - (a) **Mandatory Arbitration of Claims.** EXCEPT FOR DISPUTES OF \$10,000 OR LESS, WHICH MAY BE FILED IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT OR ITS EQUIVALENT, ANY DISPUTE OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS LIMITED WARRANTY OR THE PRODUCTS COVERED BY THIS LIMITED WARRANTY (WHETHER BASED IN CONTRACT, INDEMNITY, STATUTE, REGULATION, TORT OR OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY) (A "DISPUTE") SHALL BE FINALLY RESOLVED BY ARBITRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION ("CPR") RULES FOR NON-ADMINISTERED ARBITRATION CURRENTLY IN EFFECT ("CPR RULES"). THAT MEANS A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR, NOT A JUDGE OR JURY, WILL DECIDE ANY DISPUTE.
  - (b) **Arbitration Rules.** The CPR Rules are available at [www.cpradr.org](http://www.cpradr.org). Notices to initiate arbitration should be sent to CPR in accordance with the CPR Rules with a copy addressed to: Georgia-Pacific Gypsum LLC, 133 Peachtree Street N.E., 42nd Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, Attn: Gypsum Division Counsel. Alternatively, you may request that GP initiate the arbitration of a Dispute with CPR by providing written notice of such request to GP at the address above. Any such notice shall describe the nature and basis of the Dispute and the specific relief sought. Except as otherwise noted below for Consumers, the seat of the arbitration shall be Atlanta, Georgia; provided, if the relief sought is less than \$10,000, you may elect that the arbitration be conducted in person, by phone or on written submissions. The arbitrator shall apply the law of the State of Georgia without reference to choice of law rules, which shall also govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Limited Warranty. The arbitrator shall have the authority to decide issues concerning the scope and enforceability of this arbitration provision, including the arbitrability of any Dispute, and may only award such relief as a court of competent jurisdiction could award. The arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), and judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.
  - (c) **Additional Terms for Consumers.** The following additional terms apply solely to any individual consumer who is not a builder, contractor, distributor or other person engaged in the commercial installation or resale of the covered product (a "Consumer"). The arbitration will be conducted by a sole arbitrator and will take place in the county where the Consumer resides. GP will pay all arbitration filing fees and arbitrator costs for arbitration with a Consumer, and the Consumer shall not be required to reimburse GP for such fees and costs unless the arbitrator determines that the Dispute was frivolous. The Consumer will be responsible for all additional costs that he or she incurs in the arbitration, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees (if represented by an attorney) and expert witness fees; provided, GP will pay all fees and costs that it is required by applicable law to pay, including payment of attorney's fees and costs required by applicable law. If the arbitration award for a Consumer is greater than GP's last settlement offer, GP will pay the award amount plus a reasonable attorney's fee up to the lesser of three times the award or \$7,500 (US).
  - (d) **Class Action Waiver.** ALL PARTIES TO THE ARBITRATION MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY NAMED, AND THERE WILL BE NO RIGHT OR AUTHORITY FOR ANY DISPUTES TO BE ARBITRATED ON A CLASS, REPRESENTATIVE OR CONSOLIDATED BASIS. YOU MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE ACTION AGAINST GP AS A CLASS MEMBER IF THE CLASS ACTION ASSERTS CLAIMS THAT WOULD FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS PARAGRAPH 8. If this class action waiver is found to be unenforceable by any court or arbitrator, then the entire arbitration agreement set forth in this Paragraph 8 will not apply to any Dispute between you and GP.
  - (e) **Jury Trial Waiver.** IF for any reason the arbitration agreement in this Paragraph 8 is found to be unenforceable, you and GP each expressly and knowingly WAIVE THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM.
  - (f) **Opt-Out Rights.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Limited Warranty, GP reserves the right to opt out of mandatory arbitration if named in a lawsuit by a third party that is a defendant brought by a Qualified Purchaser and to require that all related disputes governed by this Limited Warranty be resolved in such lawsuit.