



# Continuous WRB/AB System Limited Warranty

GP Gypsum LLC ("GP") provides the following limited warranty with respect to the use of both DensElement® Sheathing and DensDefy™ Liquid Barrier, installed with approved DensDefy® Accessories for the treatment of joints, fasteners, openings, transitions and penetrations, as the weather resistive barrier and air barrier for the original building envelope of a commercial or residential property, all as specifically identified and described in GP's current published literature at [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com) (collectively, the "Barrier System"). The limited warranty set forth herein applies to any Barrier System installed in the United States or its territories on or after July 1, 2021.

**PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY, AS THIS WARRANTY AND YOUR PURCHASE OF THE BARRIER SYSTEM IS SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BELOW.**

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

- (1) **Defects:** the Barrier System was, at the time of shipment from the manufacturer, free from manufacturing defects that make it unsuitable for use as a water-resistive and air-barrier (WRB-AB) (as described at [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com)), which limited warranty shall have a duration of fifteen (15) years from the date of installation of the Barrier System;
- (2) **Drainage Plane:** the Barrier System, when properly installed in the structure and when cladding systems are properly designed and installed to promote drainage, is suitable for use as a drainage plane, which limited warranty shall have a duration of fifteen (15) years from the date of installation of the Barrier System; and
- (3) **Exposure:** the 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 Barrier System.

A "Qualified Purchaser" is: (i) any purchaser of the Barrier System; (ii) any person who installs the Barrier System in a structure; or (iii) any person who owns a structure that includes the Barrier System.

**EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY AGREED OR PUBLISHED BY GP IN WRITING, THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS THE SOLE WARRANTY GIVEN BY GP WITH RESPECT TO THE BARRIER SYSTEM OR ITS COMPONENTS. 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 the Barrier System and its components 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, installation, and maintenance. In addition to this limitation, any damage to the Barrier System or its components 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 the Barrier System or its components in accordance with GP's storage, handling and installation instructions (available at [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com)), applicable building practices and all applicable building codes;
  - (b) Improper design or installation of the system, assembly or any portion or component of the 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, or failure to establish adequate drainage;
  - (c) Suitability or performance of any cladding, coating, finishes, coverings or materials (other than components of the Barrier System, including DensDefy accessories for the treatment of any joints, fasteners, openings, transitions and penetrations) applied or attached to the 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) Application of the DensDefy™ Liquid Barrier in temperatures less than 25°F (-4°C), to frost-covered or contaminated surfaces or to insulated concrete forms;
  - (f) Exposure without cladding or other adequate covering for more than twelve (12) months from the date of installation;
  - (g) Mold, mildew, fungi, bacteria or other similar conditions;
  - (h) Failure to install within twelve (12) months from the date of manufacture;
  - (i) Use of the Barrier System or its components other than for its intended use as described at [www.buildgp.com](http://www.buildgp.com); or
  - (j) A third-party's actions, omissions or negligence.

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The Barrier System and its components have natural characteristics that are not to be considered defects or evidence of a breach of warranty.

2. Before GP will honor any claim under this Limited Warranty, a Qualified Purchaser must give GP written notice of the claim no later than ten (10) days after discovery of any alleged problem. Written notice shall be directed to GP 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 twenty (20) days thereafter to inspect the Barrier System. The Qualified Purchaser must grant reasonable access for inspection and shall not make any alteration or repair to the Barrier System or components before GP's inspection. If GP's inspection confirms that the Barrier System or its components do not conform with this Limited Warranty, then GP will, at its sole option, either (i) replace the non-conforming Barrier System or components, (ii) refund the original uninstalled purchase price for the non-conforming Barrier System or components, or (ii) where the Barrier System has already been installed, reimburse the Qualified Purchaser for the reasonable cost of repair or replacement of the non-conforming Barrier System or components, up to a maximum amount equal to two (2) times the original uninstalled purchase price of the non-conforming Barrier System or components. These remedies are GP's sole and exclusive obligation and liability for any breach of warranty relating to the Barrier System or its components 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 ANY PRODUCT OR SYSTEM, COST OF SUBSTITUTE PRODUCTS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF THE PURCHASE OR USE OF THE BARRIER SYSTEM OR ITS COMPONENTS. THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY APPLIES TO ANY CLAIM, 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 the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, warranties or understandings, whether oral or written, relating thereto. GP reserves the right to discontinue and/or modify this Limited Warranty at any time without notice; provided, any discontinuation or modification shall not apply to any Barrier System installed prior to such time.

6. The provisions of this Limited Warranty are severable. If any provision of the Limited Warranty is determined 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: GP Gypsum LLC, 133 Peachtree Street N.E., 24th 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 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.

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- (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 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.**

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