

# Limited Warranty Windows & Patio Doors

Please read this document carefully, as it contains important information to protect your purchase, should you encounter a manufacturing-related defect.

#### **Defined Terms**

This "Agreement" is limited to these terms and conditions which form the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Goods and the Warranty Program. Additional or different terms proposed by Customer or any attempt by Customer to vary in any degree any of the terms of this Warranty Program whether by invoice, quote, delivery tickets, payment or otherwise are hereby deemed a material alteration and notice of objection and rejection of such terms is hereby given.

"Customer" used hereinafter shall only include the initial Customer for Cascade Goods and the first consumer user of such Goods. The Warranty is not transferable beyond the first consumer user.

The term "Goods" used hereinafter shall mean and include all products, goods, materials, supplies, installation and equipment in connection therewith as identified in the Cascade Limited Warranty. The "Goods" does not include (i) work performed by Customer or third parties, or (ii) any other products, goods, materials, supplies, equipment, and all installation services not performed by Cascade.

The "Purchase Date" is from the first date of invoice by Cascade for the Goods, unless the first consumer can provide a proof of purchase date of product.

"Specialty Goods" shall mean: special applications, including laminated, obscure, and decorative glass; simulated divided lites, and blinds between glass; laminated, painted, coextrusion, and cap stock vinyl colors; specialty units, including all bay/bow windows, garden windows, hinged doors.

## Registration

We encourage you to register your Cascade product shortly after installation.

Should you need to file a warranty claim, this information will be needed to assist with a proper resolution. Please register via the website <a href="mailto:cornerstonebuildingbrands.com/register-cascade-warranty">cornerstonebuildingbrands.com/register-cascade-warranty</a> or by email to <a href="mailto:registermywarranty@cornerstone-bb.com">registermywarranty@cornerstone-bb.com</a>.

#### Coverage

To qualify for coverage under this warranty, the Goods must be installed in accordance with AAMA and local guidelines, and with Cascade installation instructions.

## **Frames and Sash**

The vinyl frame and sash are warranted to be free from blistering, peeling, flaking, and decaying, under normal environmental conditions, for the length of time the customer resides in the home in which the Goods are installed. The coverage for Specialty Goods is limited to 10 years from Purchase Date.

## **Insulating Glass Units**

The installed, sealed insulating glass unit is warranted to be free from material obstruction of vision on the internal surfaces of the insulating glass unit, for up to 10 years from Purchase Date. The coverage for Specialty Goods is limited to 10 years from Purchase Date. The insulating glass unit is also warranted to be free from stress cracks for up to one year from Purchase Date.

## Components, Hardware, and other Mechanical Parts

Components, hardware, and other mechanical parts are warranted against breaking, peeling, flaking, rusting, blistering, for a period of 5 years from Purchase Date under normal environmental conditions. Torn or loose screen mesh is not covered.

## **Commercial Applications**

If Cascade products are installed in a non-owner, multi-family occupied dwelling or one used for commercial purposes, the coverage on frame, sash and insulating glass units is 10 years from Purchase Date. The coverage for components, hardware and other mechanical parts is 5 years from Purchase Date. For commercial applications, only, as defined above, this warranty is transferable

onetime, from original developer to building owner.

## **Claim Procedure**

All warranty claims must be made within sixty (60) days of the appearance of the defect and within the applicable warranty notice period. To initiate a claim, visit prtwarrantyclaims.cornerstonebuildingbrands.com.

## Remedies

This Warranty is made as of the Purchase Date and is not a warranty of future performance. Warranty notice periods begin on the Purchase Date. If a covered defect is reported during the term of the applicable warranty notice period, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Warranty, the remedies for approved warranty claims are: repairing or replacing of defective parts (color matching not guaranteed), or, Cascade, at its sole discretion, may refund the amount paid by the original single-family homeowner for the product, excluding installation cost. Shipping and handling fees may apply. The remedies set forth in this Warranty are the sole and exclusive remedies available to Customer and sole and exclusive liability of Cascade for any claims arising out of or in connection with the Agreement, whether arising in contract, warranty, tort (including negligence), strict liability or otherwise. If Customer is located in the Service Territory <code>go.cornerstonebuildingbrands.com/cascade-service-map</code> and the repair requires Skilled Labor, then Cascade's repairs will include performing or paying the reasonable costs of such labor, subject to the following:

A Customer within the Service Territory is responsible for the cost of all non-skilled labor, and for any inspection, labor, and shipping costs for a Claim received more than 2 years after the Purchase Date. An Owner outside the Service Territory is responsible for all inspection, labor, and shipping costs.

Cascade shall NOT be responsible for the cost of labor or materials required for repairing or restoring any material or surfaces beyond the Product, for removal of millwork or trim by others, or for any labor or materials for finishing, refinishing or disposal of any such items. Cascade shall not be responsible for replacing screens or hardware. Cascade is not responsible for any labor when a complete replacement unit is provided. Customer must provide reasonable access to the interior and exterior of the Product at his/her own expense, including removal of window décor and security alarms, moving furniture, and providing any scaffolding or lift equipment necessary to reach Product not accessible with a 20' extension ladder. Where safe and practical access is not available, Cascade shall be required to provide only the Parts, and not labor. If Customer fails to appear for a scheduled appointment, Cascade may leave the Parts and/or charge a separate fee to return and complete the service.

"Skilled Labor" as used herein shall mean labor provided where the work to repair the Product requires special knowledge or skills not possessed by Customer or tools not available to Customer. Minor repairs, such as replacing a sash or lock, do not require Skilled Labor.

## **General Conditions and Exclusions**

The parties acknowledge that Cascade makes no guarantee or warranty as to the timely delivery of Goods or installation services.

If at any time, payment is not remitted to Cascade (regardless of whether Customer registered the Goods for the Warranty) when invoiced and due, Cascade may, at its sole discretion, at any time, suspend or void the Warranty, stop work, exercise any lien rights, offset any amounts owed by the Customer and enforce all other rights by contract, equity or law. Payment of the total purchase price is a condition precedent to Cascade's Warranty.

This Limited Warranty is the only warranty, written or oral, express or implied, provided by Cascade. No dealer, employee, or agent of Cascade, nor any third party, may create or assume any other liability, obligation, or responsibility on behalf of Cascade. THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY ARE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WHETHER UNDER ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW.ALL OTHER EXPRESS AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED. Any implied warranty which cannot be disclaimed under applicable law will be limited in

duration to the shortest permissible term and, in any event, will not exceed the term of the applicable express limited warranty; the requirements for presenting any claim so affected will be as provided in this Limited Warranty. Any Goods or component not specifically subject to this Limited Warranty is provided AS IS and without warranty. THIS WARRANTY IS NOT A WARRANTY OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE OR A STATEMENT OF THE USEFUL LIFE OF ANY GOODS, BUT ONLY A WARRANTY TO REPAIR, REPLACE, OR REFUND.

Cascade reserves the right to discontinue the model or models manufactured under these warranties. Any discontinued parts, components or materials may be replaced with an equivalent part at the sole discretion of Cascade. Cascade is not responsible for any color variation in the replacement part, component, or material.

Many standard Goods are labeled with the AAMA or Hurricane Impact Certifications. Certification is based on the performance of a sample(s) of the product at the time of manufacture. Many standard Goods are labeled with National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) ratings. NFRC ratings are based on a combination of computer simulations and physical testing of product samples. Certifications and ratings typically apply to single products only; however certain factory-mulled or combined product configurations may also be certified. Performance of individual Goods may vary and will change over time, depending upon the conditions of use. Certifications and NFRC ratings are not performance warranties.

Cascade will not be liable for any problem or damage relating to inappropriate or faulty building design or construction, maintenance, installation, or selection of Goods. Windows and doors are only one element of a structure; Cascade does not warrant that third-party certification of a building or project to any specific standard will be achieved through the use of any Goods.

The Goods, including all products, goods, materials, supplies, equipment, windows and screens, are not designed, tested or certified to, and will not, prevent falls.

Under no circumstances does Cascade represent or warrant that the Goods can be used for fall prevention; Cascade shall not be responsible or liable in any manner for damages or bodily injury associated with or related to the failure of the Goods to prevent falls.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY, IN NO EVENT WILL CASCADE BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING CLAIMS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, OR EXPENSES RELATED TO CUSTOMER'S INTERIOR EQUIPMENT, FURNISHING, OR PROPERTY INSIDE THE STRUCTURE, LOST PROFITS, LOSS OF INVESTMENT, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION OR OTHER SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES ARISING FROM OR IN RELATION TO THE AGREEMENT OR THE GOODS PROVIDED BY CASCADE UNDER THE AGREEMENT WHETHER IN CONTRACT, WARRANTY, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY, PRODUCTS LIABILITY, INDEMNITY, CONTRIBUTION, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE OF ACTION.

In no event shall the liability of Cascade arising in connection with any Goods or activities provided under the Agreement exceed the actual amount paid by Customer to Cascade for the Goods or activities involved with any such claim.

## Items NOT Covered by this Limited Warranty

This limited warranty is only applicable to Goods installed in the USA. This limited warranty gives the holder specific legal rights, which may vary, from state to state.

Cascade is not responsible for any costs incurred in the removal, replacement, installation, re-installation or repair of product or adjacent materials.

Damage, defects or failure of Goods resulting from causes outside of Cascade control are excluded from coverage under this Limited Warranty, including, but not limited to the following:

- Storage, handling, installation by others, modifications by others, application
  or use of the Goods not in accordance with Cascade's instructions,
  specifications or building codes.
- The occurrence of accidents, vandalism, fire, floods, acts of God including, but not limited to, earthquakes and hurricanes; exposure of the Goods to excessive heat and/or cold beyond naturally occurring conditions; and use in applications exceeding design standards.
- The failure to perform reasonable and necessary maintenance on the Goods.
- Stresses caused by building defects, settlement, or movement of the structure in which the Goods are installed.
- . The application of harmful cleaning solutions or products including, but not

limited to, brick wash, acetone, petroleum products or abrasive compounds.

- Fading and/or color variations caused by normal aging or weathering.
- The rusting or corrosion of Goods installed in proximity to coastal
  environments, unless the product is composed of appropriate stainless steel
  or other non-corrosive hardware in which case such Goods are warranted
  to be free from manufacturing defects that result in abnormal deterioration
  of the finish for a period of five (5) years. Other hardware finishes are not
  warranted in coastal environments.
- Installation of the Goods outside of the United States.
- Minor blemishes in the glass that do not significantly impair the structure or vision through the glass, including glass curvature.
- Condensation on the external surfaces of the window and/or glass.
- · Window and door screens.
- Misalignment, bow, twist and warp of grilles/muntins of 1/8" or less from appropriate position shall be excluded from the Limited Warranty.
- Damage due to the transportation or installation of the glass product or Goods at altitudes more than 5,000 feet above or below point of manufacture, unless equipped with capillary or breather tubes.
- The very gradual, natural migration of inert gas used in insulating glass units.
- Damage incurred by reflection of solar energy from the product surface.
- Misuse, abuse, alteration by others, accident or negligence.
- Goods installed in wall systems that do not allow for proper moisture management, such as exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS) or "synthetic stucco" without effective engineered drainage systems, are not covered under the Warranty.

This Warranty covers only Product confirmed to have a Nonconformity. Where field testing occurs, Cascade must receive prior notice, minimum 20 business days, have the opportunity to observe, and receive the information on the anticipated test methods. Without its prior agreement, Cascade shall not be required to respond to testing results or extrapolations to non-tested Product, nor shall it contribute to the cost of testing. Cascade is not responsible for determining the suitability of its products for surrounding building components or wall design. Cascade products are tested in accordance with procedures established by AAMA and NFRC, and Cascade only accepts field testing results from an AAMA accredited field testing laboratory. The Cascade tests measure the performance of sample products in a laboratory setting. Product components and manufacturing processes involve a range of tolerances which can cause variance among tested values, and in-field evaluation of a product can affect test results as well. For these reasons, Cascade does not warrant its test results.

Cascade does not warrant the amount or percentage of argon or other inert gas present in insulating glass at any time after manufacture. Inert gas dissipates over time and may be ineffective in products manufactured with capillary tubes. Thermal efficiencies vary with the application of the Goods. Cascade does not warrant a specific level of thermal efficiency will be maintained by inert gas, low emissivity coatings, or other product features.

Requirements Before Initiating Legal Proceeding. Customer shall have no standing to assert any legal claim against Cascade unless it first gives notice of its intent to file a legal claim, in writing, specifying in detail the basis for such claim. Such claim shall be sent to: **Legal@cornerstone-bb.com**. Customer may be required to fill out and submit claim documents as reasonably specified by Cascade. Following such submittal of a claim, Customer may not initiate any legal proceeding until 45 days after submitting such notice and must fully cooperate with Cascade during such waiting period, to reasonably assist Cascade in its efforts to investigate the facts and circumstances pertaining to such claim.

## Thank you for choosing Cascade.

After your windows are installed, be sure to register them online: cornerstonebuildingbrands.com/register-cascade-warranty.