



UNITED  
FOUNDERS  
MATERIALS

LIFETIME  
LIMITED

# Vinyl & Fiber Cement Siding Warranty

# WARRANTY

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## Limited, Non-Prorated and Transferable (Prorated if Transferred)

### **What and Who is Covered:**

United Founders Material LLC ("United Founders Material") warrants to the property owner that its vinyl & fiber cement siding, soffit and accessory products ("siding products") are free from manufacturing defects in material and workmanship if installed according to our applicable specifications, subject to the terms and conditions of this Warranty. If United Founders Material determines, in its sole discretion, that its siding products have a manufacturing defect under the terms of this Warranty, United Founders Material will, at its option, either (1) pay to repair, replace, refinish, or coat any siding product it determines has a manufacturing defect, or (2) refund the amount paid by the original property owner for the siding products plus the cost of the labor of the original installation.

In no event will the value of United Founders Material obligations under this Warranty exceed the purchase price of the originally installed products that United Founders Material determines have a manufacturing defect and the cost of the labor involved in the original installation of these products. Any costs or expenses beyond this amount are the responsibility of the property owner.

In the event of repair, replacement, refinishing, or coating under the terms of this Warranty, the warranty applicable to the original siding product shall apply to the repaired, replacement, refinished, or coated siding product and will extend for the balance of the original warranty period.

The lifetime warranty period offered for United Founders Material siding products is only available to the original, individual homeowners, and only if applied to a single-family home. All other structures and property owners (e.g., corporations, governmental agencies, partnerships, trusts, homeowner associations, cooperative housing arrangements, religious organizations, schools, condominiums, townhomes, apartment buildings, duplex, house of worship, and any other type of building or premises not owned by individual homeowners), including subsequent property owners (see Transferability section, below), are limited to a prorated 30 year warranty (see How Long You are Covered section, below).

### **How Long You are Covered:**

This Warranty has a lifetime warranty so long as the original property owner is a person who lives in and owns the single-family home on which the siding products were originally installed. If the owner is a subsequent owner or a corporation, governmental agency, partnership, trust, homeowner association, cooperative housing arrangement, religious organization, or other entity not a person, or if the siding products are applied to a school, condominium, townhome, apartment building, duplex, house of worship, or any other type of building or premises not owned by an individual homeowner, warranty coverage under this Warranty is prorated starting from the original date of installation.

**The original property owner of a single-family home (as described in this section) receives 100% non-prorated coverage.**

**Subsequent owners and others (as described in this section) are covered by a 50-year prorated warranty:**

<b>Percentage of Coverage</b>	<b>Years Since Installation</b>
100%	Up to 5
90%	More than 5 and up to 7
80%	More than 7 and up to 8
70%	More than 8 and up to 9
60%	More than 9 and up to 10
50%	More than 10 and up to 11
40%	More than 11 and up to 12
30%	More than 12 and up to 13
20%	More than 13 and up to 14
10%	More than 14 and up to 30

## Transferability:

This Warranty automatically transfers to subsequent property owners. The warranty for all subsequent property owners is a prorated 30 year warranty, measured from the original date of installation (see How Long You are Covered section, above). The fade protection coverage of this Warranty is not transferable.

## Limitations:

This Warranty does not provide protection against any failure, defect or damage caused by situations and events beyond normal exposure conditions, including but not limited to:

- Misuse, abuse, neglect, improper handling, or storage;
- Improper installation or installation not in strict adherence with United Founders Material written installation instructions;
- Use of accessories which do not properly receive and/or secure United Founders Material siding;
- Failure of owner to provide normal maintenance and cleaning;
- Normal weathering, fading, chalking or oxidation;
- Discoloration or other damage caused by air pollution (including but not limited to metallic oxides or metallic particles), mold, mildew, exposure to harmful chemicals or normal weathering resulting from exposure to the elements;
- Damage resulting from accidents, fire, vandalism, wind-blown or foreign objects, earthquake, flood, lightning, hurricane, tornado or other casualty or act of God;
- Defects in, failure of or damage to the wall or material on which the siding was installed, structural defects, and/or damage caused by movement, distortion, cracking or settling of the wall, framing, or the foundation of the building;
- Siding products that have been power washed.
- Any other cause not resulting from a manufacturing defect in the products

*This Warranty does not apply to siding products which have been painted, varnished, refinished, or similarly coated over the manufacturer's original finish (unless the refinishing or coating is authorized by United Founders Material pursuant to this Warranty), or siding products which have been distorted or melted due to an external heat source (including, but not limited to a barbecue grill, fire, or reflection from windows, doors, or other objects).*

United Founders Material warrants its siding products against excess fade beyond normal weathering if reported to United Founders Material in accordance with the notice provision (see What the Property Owner Must Do section, below). Excess fade is defined by a change in color, as calculated according to ASTM D2244, greater than four (4) Hunter units. For variegated colors, excess fade is defined by a change in base color, as calculated according to ASTM D2244, greater than seven (7) Hunter units. Fade coverage is not transferable. Excessive fade limited warranty is for 10 (ten) years from the date of the original installation of the siding products.

Normal weathering is defined as exposure to sunlight and extremes of weather and atmosphere which will cause any colored surface to gradually fade, chalk, or accumulate dirt or stains. The severity of any condition depends on the geographic location of the building, the cleanliness of the air in the area, and many other influences over which United Founders Material has no control.

United Founders Material shall have sole discretion to determine whether the siding products have faded beyond normal weathering. If the siding products are determined to have excessively faded, United Founders Material will pay to repair, replace, refinish, or coat, at its option, the affected siding products. United Founders Material also reserves the right to refund the amount paid by the original owner for the siding products plus the cost of labor involved in the original installation. If the original costs cannot be documented by the property owner, United Founders Material shall have sole discretion to determine the amount of any refund.

**United Founders Material reserves the right to discontinue or modify any of its siding products, including the color, and shall not be liable as a result of such discontinuance or modification, nor shall United Founders Material be liable in the event the replacement material varies in color or gloss in comparison to the original product as a result of normal weathering. If United Founders Material replaces any material under this Warranty, it may substitute products designated by United Founders Material to be of comparable quality or price range in the event the vinyl siding product initially installed has been discontinued or modified.**

## Limited Hail Damage Warranty:

United Founders Material warrants that its siding products will resist damage caused by hail. United Founders Material obligation and warranty for hail damage is limited as follows: (1) the property owner must pursue the cost of replacement or repair of damaged siding products through homeowners' insurance or any other available or applicable insurance, and (2) if the cost of repair or replacement exceeds the property owner's insurer's payment/contribution (excluding any insurance deductible), United Founders Material will reimburse the property owner the difference between the cost of repair or replacement of the damaged siding products, and the insurer's payment/contribution (excluding any insurance deductible). In no event, however, will United Founders Material be liable for or have any warranty obligation in excess of the value of the hail damaged siding products, or be responsible for or reimburse the applicable insurance deductible, labor costs or other costs pertaining to removal or replacement of damaged siding products. United Founders Material will also have no warranty obligation or liability for any injury to persons or damage to property caused by hail damaged siding products.

## What the Property Owner Must Do:

If you believe your siding products have a manufacturing defect, hail damage, or faded beyond normal weathering, you must promptly notify United Founders Material in writing and provide proof of property ownership, the date you bought the property, and the date of your siding products purchase and installation. In order to properly evaluate and process a warranty claim, United Founders Material may require you to submit a product sample to United Founders Material for analysis and/or permit a United Founders Material representative to inspect the installed product, if required. United Founders Material will evaluate each properly reported claim under the terms of this Warranty and will notify you of any additional information or product samples it may need to process your claim.

## Warranty and Limitation of Remedies:

**THIS DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES THE EXCLUSIVE WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES PROVIDED BY UNITED FOUNDERS MATERIAL. THE WARRANTIES AND REMEDIES CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ANY AND ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS, GUARANTEES AND WARRANTIES, WHETHER WRITTEN, ORAL OR IMPLIED BY STATUTE OR AT LAW. STATE OR PROVINCIAL LAW WILL DETERMINE THE PERIOD OF TIME FOLLOWING THE SALE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY SEEK A REMEDY UNDER THE IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.**

**UNITED FOUNDERS MATERIAL OBLIGATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO REPAIRING, REFUNDING, REFINISHING, COATING, OR REPLACING THE DEFECTIVE PRODUCT AS SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY. IN NO EVENT SHALL UNITED FOUNDERS MATERIAL BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING ANY DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY, THE BUILDING OR ITS CONTENTS, OR FOR INJURY TO ANY PERSONS, THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE USE OF UNITED FOUNDERS MATERIAL PRODUCTS OR AS A RESULT OF THE BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY. IF YOUR STATE OR PROVINCE DOES NOT ALLOW EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATIONS OF SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, THE ABOVE LIMITATIONS MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU**

**IN NO EVENT SHALL UNITED FOUNDERS MATERIAL TOTAL LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE PRODUCT(S) OR THIS WARRANTY EXCEED THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCTS AND THE LABOR COSTS RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL INSTALLATION OF SUCH PRODUCTS.**

*This Warranty may not be modified, altered or expanded by anyone, including product distributors, dealers, sellers, installers and/or United Founders Material field representatives.*

*This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from State to State or Province to Province.*

*All payments made by United Founders Material pursuant to this Warranty are in U.S. dollars.*

*This Warranty applies to siding products installed on or after March 1, 2023 (The warranty in effect at the time the material is originally installed is the applicable warranty.) This Warranty replaces all prior warranties.*

Effective Date: 3/1/23

## Care and Maintenance of Vinyl Siding Products

While United Founders Material siding resists most common household stains like oil and grease, it will become dirty like any other product that is exposed to atmospheric conditions. Chalk may also accumulate on the surface. This is a normal condition for all pigmented materials which are constantly exposed to sunlight and the elements. Soil, grime and chalk can be removed with your garden hose and a bucket of soapy water. If especially stubborn stains cannot be removed with normal household detergents, request a cleaner from your contractor. Always test any cleaner on an inconspicuous area before full use. Siding products should not be cleaned with a power washer.

Mold and mildew may be a problem in some areas. They may appear as black, gray or green spots on surface dirt and are usually first detected in areas not subject to rainfall, such as under eaves and porch enclosures. Mold and mildew can be removed with the following solution:

Mix together:

1/3 cup of detergent (*Tide*, for example),  
2/3 cup of Trisodium Phosphate (*Soilax*, for example), one quart of 5% Sodium Hypochlorite (*Clorox*, for example) and three quarts of water. (Caution: Greater concentrations may cause damage to vinyl siding.)

If the above solution does not readily remove the mold or mildew, request a mold and mildew-type cleaner from your contractor.

*NOTE: The chemical agents referenced above may be hazardous to the user or to the environment. Please follow all precautions and warnings on the product label, particularly those which may be necessary to prevent personal injury. Always dispose of these chemical agents in a manner prescribed by the manufacturer. If you are unsure how to use or how to properly dispose of these chemical agents, please contact the manufacturer of these products for instructions.*

## Important: Fire Safety Information

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

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