

LP NovaCore® 20-Year Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement

The provisions and terms of this 20-Year Limited Warranty and Arbitration Agreement (the “Limited Warranty”) apply exclusively to LP NovaCore® Thermal Insulated Sheathing, and LP NovaCore® Tape (each the “Product”, or collectively the “Products”) sold by Louisiana-Pacific Corporation (“LP”) when installed in a Structure permanently located in the United States, its territories, or Canada. **Please note that, as set forth in a separate limited warranty, certain terms and exclusions apply specifically to products treated during manufacture with Zinc Borate.**

Who Is Covered: This Limited Warranty is made to the original retail purchaser of the Products, the original owner of the Structure, and the next owner of the Structure (collectively referred to as “Owner”). This Limited Warranty cannot be assigned, sold, or transferred to any other person, including any later owners of the Products or the Structure.

BY INSTALLING AND/OR RETAINING THE PRODUCT, OWNER AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS LIMITED WARRANTY WHICH REQUIRE BINDING ARBITRATION AND WAIVING CLASS ACTION CLAIMS.

1. Definitions That Apply

For purposes of this Limited Warranty, the following definitions are used:

“Structure” is defined as the building in which the Product is originally installed and where the Product is enclosed within the building envelope and not exposed to the weather.

“Project” is defined as one or more Structures built as part of a single construction project, subdivision, or development by a builder or general contractor.

“Panel” refers to the LP NovaCore® Thermal Insulated Sheathing which is comprised of an insulation layer adhered to an OSB layer.

“Seaming” refers to the LP NovaCore® Tape when used to cover the gap between Panels in accordance with the Instructions. NOTE: There are no remedies under this Limited Warranty with respect to the LP NovaCore® Tape except when used with Panels.

“System” is defined as Panels installed with the insulation layer facing away from the Structure and with Seaming.

“Flashing” refers to the LP NovaCore® Tape when used as flashing and adhered to a Panel as part of a System. NOTE: There are no remedies under this Limited Warranty with respect to the LP NovaCore® Tape except when adhered to a Panel as part of a System.

“Substrate” is defined as the OSB layer of the Panel.

“Substrate Delamination” is defined as separation between the strands of the OSB that normally are properly compressed in the pressing operation.

“Substrate Irregularity” is defined as splitting, core voids, or Substrate Delamination (i) caused by a manufacturing defect in the Substrate and (ii) resulting in a reduction of structural strength that prevents the Substrate from performing its intended function as sheathing in the Structure. Conditions such as Panels not being flat prior to installation, loose or folded surface flakes, minor edge swelling or edge checking that do not reduce the Substrate’s strength do not qualify as a Substrate Irregularity.

“Loss of R-Value” is defined as a loss of R-value in the insulation layer of the Panel such that the actual R-value, when evaluated in accordance with ASTM C578 or CAN/ULC-S701, is less than 90% of the R-value stated on the Panel.

“Barrier Issue” applies only to Products installed as a System (with the insulation layer facing away from the Structure and the gaps covered) and is defined as:

- (i) the occurrence of liquid water passing through (a) the water-resistive barrier created by the System or (b) the Flashing when used with the System, that results in a measurable and quantifiable amount of liquid water that penetrates through the System or Flashing and causes a reduction of the Substrate’s structural strength that prevents the Substrate from performing its intended function as a structural panel in the Structure; or
- (ii) the occurrence of a measurable and quantifiable amount of air passing through the System or Flashing when used with the System that causes either to not perform its intended function as an air barrier.

Note: Liquid water or air that goes around rather than through the System or any of the Products -

for example, at penetrations in the exterior wall, or where the System, any of the Products, or any other building components have not been installed properly - is not a Barrier Issue.

"Instructions" is defined as (i) LP's instructions and other recommendations applicable to each of the Products in effect on the date of installation as found at www.lpcorp.com/literature, including instructions and recommendations for transporting, storing, handling, and installation, (ii) the APA Engineered Wood Construction Guide in effect on the date of installation, and (iii) any applicable requirements of an AHJ (governmental or non-governmental authority having jurisdiction) or design professional of record for the Project or Structure.

2. Length of Coverage and What LP Will Do

Building materials like the Products must be properly handled and installed and carefully integrated with other building materials that make up the Structure, and are subjected to wear and tear over time. The way such building materials perform is dependent on various factors. It is imperative that installers follow all manufacturers' instructions, that the Products be used as intended, and that homeowners maintain the Structure and all building materials as required.

- a) Panels-Only Limited Warranty – In the event of a Substrate Irregularity, Loss of R-Value, or any failure to conform to any implied warranty not effectively disclaimed herein, where Panels are not installed as a System, for Panels installed in a wall sheathing application in a Structure, for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of installation, provided that the Panels are transported, stored, handled, and installed in strict accordance with the Instructions and the claim is not otherwise excluded, LP will provide the remedy set forth in paragraph (b) below. Note: Where Panels are not installed as a System, there is no warranty and no remedy for Panels that exhibit a Barrier Issue, or any other type of damage, including, without limitation, any type of moisture damage, except for a Substrate Irregularity or Loss of R-Value as provided herein.
- b) Panels-Only Limited Warranty Remedy – If the Products have not been installed, LP will, at its option, refund the original purchase price of the affected Products or replace the affected Products; or, if after installation, LP will pay the cost to, at its option, repair or replace the affected Panels, including the reasonable cost of labor and material, as established by independent construction cost estimator RSMeans, but with total costs to be paid by LP under this Section 2(b) not to exceed two (2) times the original purchase price of the affected Panels. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will LP be liable for any amount, damages, or claims of any kind exceeding \$500,000 per Project.**
- c) System and Flashing Limited Warranty - In the

event (i) a System exhibits a Substrate Irregularity, Barrier Issue, or Loss of R-Value, (ii) Flashing when used with a System exhibits a Barrier Issue, or (iii) there is any other failure to conform to any implied warranty not effectively disclaimed herein, for Product installed in a wall sheathing application in a Structure, for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of installation, provided that the Products are transported, stored, handled, and installed in strict accordance with the Instructions and the claim is not otherwise excluded, LP will provide the remedy set forth in paragraph (d) below. Note: There is no coverage and no remedy for Panels that exhibit a Barrier Issue or any other type of damage, including, without limitation, any type of moisture damage, where Panels are installed without Seaming, except for the Substrate Irregularity and Loss of R-Value coverage provided herein.

- d) System and Flashing Limited Warranty Remedy - If the Products have not been installed, LP will, at its option, refund the original purchase price of the affected Products or replace the affected Products; or, if after installation, LP will pay the cost to, at its option, repair or replace the affected Products, including the reasonable cost of labor and material, as established by independent construction cost estimator RSMeans, but with total costs to be paid by LP under this Section 2(d) not to exceed two (2) times the original purchase price of the affected Products. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will LP be liable for any amount, damages, or claims of any kind exceeding \$500,000 per Project.**

These are the Owner's sole and exclusive remedies for any non-conformance of or alleged defect in the Products or any damage caused by the Products. Except as expressly provided in this Limited Warranty, no other costs incurred by Owner relating to damaged Products will be reimbursed, including but not limited to costs of removal, disposal, or labor, or any other consequential damages.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Limited Warranty applies where the date of retail purchase of the Products is on or after 08/01/2025.

3. What Is Not Covered: Exclusions

This Limited Warranty does not cover or provide a remedy for:

- a) A Substrate Irregularity, Loss of R-Value, Barrier Issue, or any other damage to the Products, the System, or the Flashing caused by:
 - (i) failure to strictly follow the Instructions (as well as the SmartSide® products' Instructions, where applicable) or failure to care for or maintain the exterior cladding or building envelope to prevent water infiltration;
 - (ii) misuse or abuse;

- (iii) impact or accidental damage to the Products;
 - (iv) uniform, concentrated, or impact loads exceeding, or use of the Product not consistent with, published capacities or APA-The Engineered Wood Association's published design values for the Product's Performance Category, Span Rating, and grade;
 - (v) damage to the Products during the construction process;
 - (vi) alteration of the Products other than as allowed in the Instructions;
 - (vii) any lack of compatibility between the Products and any other product not manufactured by LP, including, without limitation, the corrosion of fasteners, hardware, or any other materials, metal or otherwise, used to fasten the Product or to fasten anything to the Product;
 - (viii) improper transport, storage, handling, or exposure of the Products, including exposure to moisture during any part of the construction process that is abnormal or in violation of the Instructions or industry standards for protecting sheathing before the Structure is dried-in, or, for the insulation layer, exposure to sunlight for more than sixty (60) days;
 - (ix) improper or inadequate design, detailing, or construction of the framing or Structure, including the cladding, windows, doors, roofing materials, openings, or other penetrations on or around which the Product is installed;
 - (x) failure of or improper installation of third-party flashings or water management details or systems;
 - (xi) the process of moving or transporting a movable Structure (e.g., modular, mobile, or tiny homes, sheds, and other utility structures) after installation of the Product, but only where damage is directly related to such moving or transport;
 - (xii) alterations to the Structure or installation of equipment after installation of the Products;
 - (xiii) animals, termites or other insects;
 - (xiv) wood fungal decay, mold, or mildew which does not interfere with the Products' abilities to perform as a structural panel or barrier, except where such qualifies as a Barrier Issue;
 - (xv) spills, harmful chemicals (including harmful cleaning compounds), salt water, fertilizer, gasoline, oil, pollution, scratching, abrading, or surfactant leaching;
 - (xvi) use or installation of the Products in an exterior application or in an interior space that creates an exterior-like environment;
 - (xvii) installation or exposure that allows for the accumulation of frost, condensation, moisture (including water vapor), standing water, repetitive wetting conditions, or submersion;
 - (xviii) inadequate ventilation or the lack of a vapor retarder under a Structure; or
 - (xix) hurricane, tornado, windstorm, lightning, fire, earthquake, flood, acts of God, or other similar causes beyond the control of LP.
- b) Products applied to structures located outside the United States, its territories, or Canada (Products sold outside these locations is "as-is", with no express or implied warranties provided by LP).
 - c) Surface or edge swelling or edge checking (minor swelling and checking occur normally in all wood and wood-based products as they expand and contract in response to changes in climatic conditions), except where a Substrate Irregularity exists.
 - d) Non-structural surface cracks or imperfections, except where a Substrate Irregularity exists.
 - e) A Barrier Issue caused by use of the Panels with any tape not manufactured by LP, or any damage caused by (i) use of the Seaming or Flashing products with sheathing or any other product not manufactured by LP, or (ii) use of Panels without Seaming.
 - f) Products not installed by a licensed contractor and/or in strict compliance with all applicable building codes and Instructions.
 - g) Costs associated with damage to the Products or caused by the Products (other than the remedies set forth in Section 2 above), including but not limited to Product removal, disposal, or replacement, or damage to any other property.
 - h) Poor workmanship, including but not limited to nailing or fastening not compliant with Instructions or poor application of the Seaming or Flashing.
 - i) Use or installation of the Products in contact with the ground or in any application which allows for the accumulation of condensation or other free water or which subjects the Products to a repetitive wetting condition at any time other than normal exposure to weather during ordinary construction periods.
 - j) Damage resulting from Owner's failure to comply with the requirements set out under Section 4 of this Limited Warranty.
 - k) Any portion of the Product exposed to the exterior, including, where applicable, Product installed as roof sheathing in an open soffit application.
 - l) Damage to any other component of the Structure, for any reason.

4. How to Make a Claim

Compliance with each of the requirements set out below in sections (a) and (b) is a condition of LP's obligations under this Limited Warranty. The failure to comply with any one or more of the items shall void any rights Owner may have against LP.

- a) Any Owner seeking remedies under this Limited Warranty must notify LP Warranty Services at 800-642-7881 within 30 days after discovering a condition upon which they intend to make a claim under this Limited Warranty, and before beginning any repair. This notice must include the production date and mill identity number noted on the Substrate and the date on which installation of the Products was completed (where applicable). It is the Owner's responsibility to establish - through invoices, receipts, contractor's billings or any other form of reliable documentation - the date of installation of the Products, ownership of the Products by the Owner, and, where necessary, the purchase price of the affected Products.
- b) LP must be given an opportunity to inspect the Products upon reasonable notice to the Owner and must be allowed to enter the property or Structure to inspect the Products, including removal of components as necessary to access the Products.

5. Other Limitations

- a) Exclusion of Other Remedies

IN NO EVENT WILL LP BE LIABLE FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, MULTIPLE, PUNITIVE, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR RESULTING DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROPERTY DAMAGE (INCLUDING DAMAGE TO OTHER BUILDING COMPONENTS), LOST PROFITS, OR LOSS OF USE.

Some states and provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

- b) Disclaimer of All Other Warranties, Express or Implied

THIS LIMITED WARRANTY IS THE ONLY WARRANTY APPLICABLE TO THE PRODUCT. LP DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ANY WARRANTIES OTHERWISE ARISING FROM THE COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE OR ADVERTISING, EXCEPT WHERE SUCH WARRANTIES ARISE UNDER APPLICABLE CONSUMER PRODUCT WARRANTY LAWS AND CANNOT BE LAWFULLY DISCLAIMED, IN WHICH EVENT SUCH WARRANTIES ARE LIMITED TO THE SHORTEST PERIOD AS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW. NO OTHER WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR OTHERWISE, HAS BEEN MADE OR

WILL BE MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF LP WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCT, INCLUDING ANY ADVERTISING WARRANTIES.

Some states and provinces do not allow such limitations of implied warranties in all circumstances, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

- c) No Waiver

LP may choose to extend benefits in certain circumstances beyond what is provided in this Limited Warranty. In that event, LP does not and has not waived its right to strictly enforce the warranty terms, including all disclaimers, limitations, and exclusions, in any and all other circumstances.

- d) Enforceability

This Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state, or province to province. The provisions of this Limited Warranty do not preclude the operation of any applicable state law or provincial statute which in certain circumstances may not allow some of the limitations and exclusions described in this Limited Warranty. If any provision of this Limited Warranty is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, it shall not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Limited Warranty.

6. Agreement to Mandatory Binding Arbitration and Class Action Waiver

- a) By (i) installing the Product, or (ii) retaining the Product for 30 days after installation, or (iii) purchasing or taking ownership of a structure in which the Product is already installed, Owner and LP agree and Owner accepts that:

EVERY CLAIM OR CONTROVERSY BETWEEN OWNER AND LP ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE PRODUCT AND/OR THIS LIMITED WARRANTY SHALL BE RESOLVED BY FINAL AND BINDING ARBITRATION.

- b) THE ARBITRATION SHALL BE INITIATED AND ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT (9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.) AND THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION (AAA) (www.adr.org), UNLESS ANOTHER ARBITRATION SERVICE IS AGREED TO IN WRITING BY BOTH PARTIES. EACH PARTY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN COSTS AND FEES INCURRED IN ARBITRATION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPERT WITNESS FEES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT LP WILL PAY ANY FEES AND COSTS THAT ARE REQUIRED BY LAW OR THE AAA, UNDER THE CONSUMER ARBITRATION RULES OR OTHERWISE. BOTH SIDES ARE ENTITLED TO REASONABLE DISCOVERY. IF ANY PARTY INTENDS TO HAVE AN EXPERT TESTIFY,

THE OTHER PARTY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO AN EXPERT REPORT AND TO TAKE THE EXPERT'S DEPOSITION DURING DISCOVERY.

THE ARBITRATOR SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RENDER THE SAME INDIVIDUALIZED RELIEF AS WOULD A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AND SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTE RELATING TO THE INTERPRETATION, APPLICABILITY, ENFORCEABILITY, OR FORMATION OF THIS AGREEMENT; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IN NO CASE SHALL THE ARBITRATOR BE AUTHORIZED TO ADJUDICATE CLASS ACTION CLAIMS AGAINST LP OR TO OTHERWISE ORDER A SIMILAR CONSOLIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS AGAINST LP.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, A CLAIM BY AN INDIVIDUAL OWNER SEEKING RELIEF OF \$10,000 OR LESS MAY BE PURSUED INDIVIDUALLY IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT SO LONG AS THE CLAIM IS MADE INDIVIDUALLY AND NOT AS PART OF A CLASS OR A CONSOLIDATED ACTION.

- c) **CLASS ACTION WAIVER:** OWNER WAIVES THE RIGHT TO BRING OR PARTICIPATE IN A CLASS, COLLECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR MASS ACTION IN ANY FORUM. ANY ARBITRATION (OR SMALL CLAIMS COURT ACTION, IF AUTHORIZED ABOVE) WILL BE ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS ONLY AND CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED. OWNER AND LP AGREE THAT: (i) ALL CLAIMS, DISPUTES, OR ACTIONS BETWEEN OWNER AND LP ARISING FROM OR RELATING TO THE PRODUCT AND/OR THIS LIMITED WARRANTY WILL BE BROUGHT AND CONDUCTED AND DETERMINED INDIVIDUALLY, NOT AS A CLASS, AND (ii) THAT NEITHER PARTY WILL SEEK TO CONSOLIDATE OR SEEK CLASS TREATMENT. IF FOR ANY REASON THE FOREGOING CLASS ACTION WAIVER IS FOUND TO BE INVALID OR UNENFORCEABLE, THIS ARBITRATION AGREEMENT SHALL BE NULL AND VOID.

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 **WARNING: Drilling, sawing, sanding or machining wood products can expose you to wood dust, a substance known to the State of California to cause cancer. Avoid inhaling wood dust or use a dust mask or other safeguards for personal protection. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov/wood.**

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