

# 50-YEAR TRANSFERABLE LIMITED WARRANTY

LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFERABILITY OF THIS WARRANTY ARE SET FORTH HEREIN

## INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your recent purchase of **Cultured Stone**<sup>®</sup> manufactured stone veneer products ("Product(s)"). This express limited warranty ("Warranty") only covers Cultured Stone manufactured stone veneer products manufactured by Westlake Royal Stone LLC ("WRS").

## WHO IS COVERED & FOR HOW LONG

Subject to the following terms, WRS warrants its Products for fifty (50) years to the original purchaser (the "Purchaser") (based upon the date of retail purchase, date of substantial completion of the installation if professionally installed, or date of settlement of the purchase of a newly constructed building, whichever is applicable). This Warranty is personal to you; however, the Warranty may be transferred to any subsequent purchaser(s) of your home or building during the first fifteen (15) years after the original purchase date (as described above), but the warranty period as to such subsequent owners is limited to fifteen (15) years from the original purchase date (as described above).

## WHAT WRS WARRANTS

WRS, subject to the conditions and limitations listed herein, warrants its Products to be manufactured in compliance with the International Code Council Acceptance Criteria 51 ("ICC AC 51) for Precast Stone Veneer; however, Products that are accessories and Products that are not wall veneer shall not meet the weight, density and dimension parameters of ICC AC 51.

### WHAT IS NOT COVERED

We do not cover damage to the Product due to any cause not expressly covered herein. This Warranty does not cover any problems with non-defective material caused by conditions or handling beyond our control.

Some examples of conditions not covered by this Warranty include:

- 1. Improper application, use of accessories which do not properly receive and/or secure our Products, or installation not in strict adherence to the applicable installation instructions or installation not in accordance with local building code requirements.
- 2. Damage resulting from accident, misuse, neglect, casualty, fire, vandalism, plant growth, impact of foreign objects, salt or de-icing chemicals, excessive exposure to water due to things such as standing water, water backups, improper flashing, leaks, seepage or irrigation systems, failure of or damage to the wall substrate on which the Product was applied caused by movement, distortion, cracking, or settling of such wall or the foundation of the building, surface discoloration due to airborne stains, pollutants, algae, fungi, lichens or cyanobacteria, exposure to harmful chemicals, external heat sources (including, but not limited to, a barbecue grill, fire, or reflection from windows and doors), acts of God, or other such occurrences beyond the control of WRS;
- 3. Product or material that has been painted, varnished, sealed with non-breathable sealer, or similarly coated over the manufacturer's original finish; and
- 4. The use of sandblasting, power washing, silicone treatments, or any other form of chemical wash.

Products shall not be in breach of this Warranty if they contain or exhibit (i) minor chipping, as defined under ASTM C1364, Section 8.2; or (ii) minor cracks, as defined under ASTM C 90-05, Section 7.2.1, incidental to the usual methods or materials of manufacture or minor chipping resulting from customary methods of handling in shipment and delivery which do not affect the proper placement of the unit or significantly impair the strength or permanence of the construction.

Products are not warranted against discoloration caused by air pollution, exposure to harmful chemicals, or "normal weathering" resulting from exposure to the elements. "Normal weathering" is defined as the damaging effects of sunlight and extremes of weather and atmosphere that may cause any colored surface to oxidize, fade, or become soiled or stained over time.

WRS strives to accurately reproduce the colors of its masonry stone veneer Products in its marketing literature and sample boards. The Product colors that you see are as accurate as technology allows. WRS makes no warranty with respect to any real or perceived color differences between those depicted in its marketing literature and sample boards and those of the actual Products that will be installed on or within the home or building. WRS recommends that you look at actual Product samples before making a color selection for your home or building.

## WHAT IS YOUR REMEDY

If the Products are not in conformance with our Warranty, WRS will, in its sole discretion, either (i) repair or replace the nonconforming Products at no charge to you, or (ii) refund the price paid for the Products. Labor costs for removal or installation are not covered. Any Products repaired or replaced hereunder will continue to be covered under the terms of this Warranty for the remainder of the original warranty period.

#### SUBMITTING A WARRANTY CLAIM

To obtain performance under this Warranty, the Purchaser(s) shall notify WRS of the claim promptly following its discovery, and shall submit with such notification proof of date of purchase and/or installation, and proof of property ownership, in order to provide WRS an opportunity to investigate the claim and examine the material claimed to be defective. All notifications shall be provided to WRS at **WRS Stone Products Warranty Department**, **2256 Centennial Road**, **Toledo**, **Ohio 43617** or call **1-800-255-1727**. Shortly after we receive your communication, we will contact you regarding your claim. To fully evaluate your claim, we may ask you to provide pictures of your Products or samples for us to test. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to write us at the address above or call **1-800-255-1727**.

#### **REPLACEMENT & PRODUCT VARIATIONS**

As a result of our ongoing efforts to improve and enhance our product line, we reserve the right to discontinue or modify our Products, including their colors, without notice to the Purchaser(s) and shall not be liable to the Purchaser(s) as a result of such discontinuance or modification. We are not liable to you if you make a warranty claim in the future and any replacement Products you receive vary in color or finish because of normal weathering or changes in our product line. You should understand that if we replace any Products under this Warranty, we reserve the right to provide you with substitute Products that are comparable only in quality and price to your original Products.

#### LIMITATIONS

EXCEPT AS SET FORTH ABOVE, WRS MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WITH RESPECT TO ANY PRODUCT SOLD. ORAL STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE PRODUCT(S) COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY, OR STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN WRS'S GENERAL ADVERTISING, PAMPHLETS OR OTHER PRINTED MATERIALS DO NOT CONSTITUTE WARRANTIES, AND PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS NO RIGHT TO RELY UPON SAME. WRS, WHETHER AS A MANUFACTURER OR CARRIER, SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY COMMERCIAL LOSSES, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES, OR FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR EXPENSE ARISING UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SALE OF PRODUCT. WRS'S LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES OF ANY KIND SHALL IN NO EVENT EXCEED THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PARTICULAR ORDER, LOT OR SHIPMENT OR THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE OF THAT PORTION THEREOF WHICH IS NOT REPAIRED OR REPLACED WITH RESPECT TO WHICH A CLAIM IS ASSERTED. IN PARTICULAR, WRS SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR LOSS OF SALES, REVENUES OR PROFITS OR CLAIMS OF ANY THIRD PARTIES.

#### LEGAL RIGHTS

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation on incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. If the laws of a particular state require terms other than or in addition to those contained in this Warranty, this Warranty shall be deemed modified so as to comply with the appropriate laws of such state, but only to the extent necessary to prevent the invalidity of this Warranty or any provision of this Warranty or to prevent the imposition of any fines, penalties or any liability.





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