LIMITED WARRANTY

National Gypsum Company (“NGC”) warrants to the Purchaser of its PermaBase Cement Boards which are manufactured and intended for use in a residential dwelling (the “Product”), and to the owner of any such residential dwelling at the time the Product is first installed therein (the “Owner”) that, subject to the conditions and limitations set forth below:

1. PermaBase Cement Boards will be free from defects in material and workmanship at the time shipped by NGC.

2. PermaBase Cement Boards will not deteriorate, delaminate or cause damage to the structure, framing, or systems of the residential dwelling, including but not limited to:
   - Mold, mildew, algae, fungus, bacteria, or other conditions involving organic growth; 
   - Damage due to improper or negligent installation or the nature of the design of the residential dwelling or the structure in which it is located; 
   - Handling or storage not in accordance with standard building or good industrial practice; 
   - Damage or injury to persons caused by a person, object or any other force; 
   - The performance of other materials applied or attached to, or installed over, PermaBase Cement Boards, except when such removal or repair is required as a direct result of a failure of PermaBase Cement Boards to comply with this warranty; 
   - The performance of other materials applied or attached to, or installed over, with or adjacent to PermaBase Cement Boards; or
   - Impact or pressure damage caused by a person, object or any other force.

PermaBase Cement Boards has natural surface and other characteristics that result normally from its manufacture and are typical for a product intended as a substrate, which will not be considered defects or evidence of a breach of this warranty.

This warranty applies only if the following conditions are met:

- The Product is installed in a residential dwelling and is used only as a substrate for tile;
- The Product is installed in a residential dwelling and is free from defects in material and workmanship at the time shipped by NGC;
- The term “Owner” means the natural person(s) who is the first owner of and who resides in the residential dwelling after the Product is installed by the Purchaser;
- The warranty will remain in effect for a period of time equal to the life of the Owner to whom this Limited Warranty is made and as long as such Owner owns and resides in such residential dwelling;
- This warranty may not be transferred or assigned to any other person or entity, including but not limited to any subsequent purchaser of the Product or subsequent owner or inhabitant of the residential dwelling;
- The term “residential dwelling” means (i) a single-family dwelling or (ii) a single family residential dwelling that is within a larger structure containing more than one separate dwelling unit, and in which each such unit is used or occupied, or intended to be used or occupied, as the permanent home or residence of 1 or more persons, but shall not include any part of any structure that contains five or more separate dwelling units.

WARRANTY

This warranty applies only if the following conditions are met:

- The Product is installed in a residential dwelling and is used only as a substrate for tile;
- Design and installation methods for the Product and the tile for which it serves as a substrate are in accordance with applicable building codes and applicable written recommendations and specifications published by NGC;
- The Product has been properly handled and stored at all times according to standard construction and building material handling practices, and has not been abused or used for an improper application;
- The problem with the Product is not due to the failure or movement of any structural or framing members in the residential dwelling, including but not limited to twisting, bowing or other distortion of such members; other structural movement or settling of any portion of the building; movement in, failure of or defects in materials to which the Product is attached or which are attached to it;
- The terms “Exposure Warranty” and “Defects Warranty” are defined as follows:
  - The Exposure Warranty is the warranty that NGC will service PermaBase Cement Boards. This warranty is subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein;
  - The Defects Warranty is the warranty that NGC will repair, replace, or refund the cost of the Product to the extent that NGC determines that the Product is defective. This warranty is subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

This warranty does not cover damage or claims to the extent arising from or relating to:

- Other manufacturers’ products used with PermaBase Cement Boards, including but not limited to tile, grout, coatings, cladding, coverings, adhering materials, finishes, or any other items or materials which are applied to, attached to or installed with or adjacent to PermaBase Cement Boards;
- Mold, mildew, algae, fungus, bacteria or other conditions involving organic growth;
- Damage due to improper or negligent installation or the nature of the design of the residential dwelling or the structure in which it is located;
- Handling of storage not in accordance with standard building or good industrial practice;
- Any PermaBase Cement Boards which has not been installed in a residential dwelling within 12 months from its date of manufacture;
- Use of PermaBase Cement Boards other than for its intended use;
- A third-party’s actions, omissions or negligence;
- Installations in residential dwellings that have not been maintained with reasonable care;
- Installation, repair or removal of products attached or applied to PermaBase Cement Boards, except when such removal or repair is required as a direct result of a failure of PermaBase Cement Boards to comply with this warranty;
- The performance of other materials applied or attached to, or installed over, with or adjacent to PermaBase Cement Boards; or
- Impact or pressure damage caused by a person, object or any other force.

It is the owner’s responsibility to maintain the Product, except for tile installations in residential dwellings that have not been maintained with reasonable care. Any such installations must be properly documented by the claimant. These remedies shall be the exclusive remedies for any claim relating to PermaBase Cement Boards and represent the total liability of NGC for any claim of problems or defects with PermaBase Cement Boards, whether based on this Limited Warranty or any other legal theory, including but not limited to breach of contract, negligence, or strict liability. No legal action or proceeding complaining of goods sold by National Gypsum Company or any of its subsidiaries shall be brought more than one year after the date the defect or problem in question is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered.

NGC shall be provided access to the residential dwelling in which the Product is installed, for purposes of conducting an inspection. If NGC determines that the Product in question does not conform to this Limited Warranty, and if the claim was received by NGC within five (5) years after the Product’s manufacturing date, NGC will provide reimbursement for the reasonable costs of repair and replacement of the affected Product. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary depending upon the state.

CLAIMS

All claims under this warranty must be submitted in writing to NGC from the Purchaser or the Owner to whom this warranty is made within thirty (30) days from the time you discover a problem with PermaBase Cement Boards. NGC will not be responsible for any negligent or intentional acts of NGC, its employees, agents or anyone acting in NGC’s behalf. NGC will not be responsible for any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, regardless of the nature or theory of the claim, or for loss of income or profits, damage to any structure, contents or other property, or loss of use. Claims must be properly documented by the claimant. These remedies shall be the exclusive remedies for any claim relating to PermaBase Cement Boards and represent the total liability of NGC for any claim of problems or defects with PermaBase Cement Boards, whether based on this Limited Warranty or any other legal theory, including but not limited to breach of contract, negligence, or strict liability. No legal action or proceeding complaining of goods sold by National Gypsum Company or any of its subsidiaries shall be brought more than one year after the date the defect or problem in question is discovered or reasonably should have been discovered.

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