

25 Year Engineered Residential Limited Warranty

Manufacturer warrants the original purchaser of its Engineered Hardwood Flooring in North America to the following warranties:

25 YEAR FINISH and WEAR WARRANTY

Manufacturer warrants to the original purchaser that its factory applied finish will not wear through, peel off, or delaminate for a period of Twenty Five (25) years from the date of purchase under normal and ordinary residential use and with proper maintenance and floor care.

LIMITED LIFETIME STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY WARRANTY

Manufacturer warrants its products in their original manufactured condition to be free from manufacturing and workmanship defects including delamination (separation between plies), milling, and grading. (Up to 5% of industry standard).

These warranties, which begin from the date of purchase, apply only to products used in indoor dry residential applications either below grade, on grade or above grade and are valid only in North America.

These warranties apply only to the original purchaser and the original residential location where the product is installed and are transferable only one time, and only from the original purchaser to the owner or resident of the residential location when the original purchaser is an installer or other trade professional.

Any product designated as “tavern”, “economy”, “cabin grade”, “seconds”, “B grade” or “as is” is not covered by any of these warranties.

Hardwood flooring being a natural product will continue to expand and contract during seasonal and temperate changes. Product when properly installed may experience slight separation (up to 1/32”) between boards. If minor separation or seasonal cracks occur, they are not covered by this warranty.

The accepted industry standard is an allowance of up to 5% of the flooring shipped to contain milling, grading, handling, and occasional finish defects and shall not be considered a structural defect.

Finish wear through is defined as 100% finish removal over a minimum of 10% of the total installation.

Product thought to be defective by the person doing the installation should be returned to your dealer for inspection and possible replacement **PRIOR TO INSTALLATION**. Installation implies acceptance. No warranty will be offered for obvious visual defects or appearance related claims such as grade or color once the products are installed.

IF THE ENGINEERED FLOORING SHOULD FAIL TO MEET THE TERMS OF THE WARRANTY, MANUFACTURER, AT ITS OPTION, WILL EITHER:

- Supply replacement product or parts to repair, refinish, or replace the defective product at the manufacturer’s option.

- Refund up to the full purchase price of the defective products.

THIS WARRANTY IS EXCLUSIVE. It covers the repair or replacement of defective materials only and does not cover labor costs unless professionally installed by a certified flooring installer. Installation of the replacement products will be at the original purchaser’s expense. If professionally installed, the manufacturer will pay the reasonable labor costs to perform the replacement or repair during the first five (5) years from the date of the original purchase. Any and all labor costs must be pre-approved by the manufacturer. In the event that the style installed in the home is no longer available, the manufacturer will replace the affected floor with another style of equal value. Under no circumstance will the value of a warranty claim exceed the original purchase price of the product.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REMEDY IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR CLAIM UNDER THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

CONDITIONS

Manufacturer will honor claims under this warranty only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- At all times between purchase and installation the flooring must be properly stored according to installation instructions.
- Interior residential construction ONLY.
- Only approved products for use over Radiant Heat.
- The flooring must be installed below grade, on grade or above grade according to the recommended installation instructions and adhesives.
- Material and relative humidity in the area of use must be within a normal range of 35%-55%.
- Problems caused by failure of the homeowner or installer to evaluate the jobsite and jobsite conditions are not covered.
- This limited warranty applies only where the affected area of the flooring is visible and covers an area greater than 10% of the room.
- A description of the problem, photographs, and a sample that clearly shows the warranty problem must be presented to the retailer/distributor for presentation to the manufacturer.
- The covered person must provide valid proof of purchase in the form of a sales receipt or invoice showing a sale from an authorized retailer to the owner or resident of the residential location or to an installer or other trade professional. This must show the date of purchase, original purchase price, and identity of original purchaser
- Manufacturer must receive written notice within 30 days after discovery of any claimed defect or failure covered under this warranty, but within the time period applicable to the limited warranty.
- Manufacturer reserves the right to have a manufacturer’s designated representative or firm inspect and take samples of the hardwood floor for analysis.
- Manufacturer must be given 60 days following notice to inspect the product to confirm any failure.

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- Inspections of the hardwood floors must be performed in accordance with industry standards from a standing position with normal lighting and no glare.
- Written notice and all photographs, samples and other documentation should be sent to the distributor/dealer from which the flooring was originally purchased.

WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS

This limited warranty shall not apply to damage to the hardwood floor or to the finish arising from and specifically excluding any of the following:

- Natural wood characteristics such as mineral streaks, small knots, grain variations, etc., are normal and natural characteristics and shall not be construed as defects. No two pieces of wood are the same and color or other variations will occur. Manufacturer does not guarantee against natural variations, or the normal difference between color samples or photographs and colors of installed floors. New and/or replacement flooring may not match samples and/or existing flooring or warrant a color match to other wood products such as stairs, cabinets, trim, molding, etc.
- Squeaking and popping are not considered a manufacturing defects and therefore not covered by this warranty. This also includes splitting or cupping resulting from exposure to improper environmental conditions.
- Hollow spots between the flooring and the sub floor.
- Expansion and contraction of the hardwood due to seasonal changes in climate shall not be considered defects.
- Natural color changes due to full or partial exposure to sunlight and weather. Maple, Merbau, Kempas, Pine, Cherry, and Exotic species such as Brazilian Cherry may darken or yellow due to light exposure over time. This is a natural occurrence and is not covered by this warranty.
- Indentations, scratches or damage caused by negligence, water, moisture and saturation, insects, insect infestation after the product has left the factory, animals, pebbles, grit, sand or other abrasives, and high heeled or spiked shoes, or failure to use pads under rolling chairs or other furniture.
- Failure to follow the manufacturer's written installation instructions including protecting the floor from sub floor moisture, storage and handling.
- Failure to follow the manufacturer's written installation instructions on approved adhesives. Damage caused by use of water based adhesive over sheet vapor barriers or sound insulation
- Excessive or inadequate humidity in the area. Relative humidity in the area of use must be within a normal range of 35-55%.
- Stains as a result of negligence, chemical or industrial products, wax, or oil soaps for cleaning, or standing liquid for a prolonged period of time.
- This warranty does not cover removal or replacement of cabinets, appliances, furniture, or other fixtures.
- Insufficient or improper protection, care or maintenance, or failure to use Manufacturer approved installation and maintenance products
- Misuse or abuse
- Use of flooring for purposes other than for which it was designed.
- Improper alterations of original manufactured product. Alterations or repairs to the manufacturer's original product will void any and all warranties. This includes sanding, top coating, recoating or attempted re-finishing of the factory-applied finish.
- Gloss reduction is not considered surface wear through.
- Freight costs or expenses and any damage occurred during shipping.
- Failure due to structural changes in the sub floor, settling of the building or uneven sub floor that has not been adequately leveled.
- Accidents, negligence, abuse, or misuse. Warranty will be made void if man-made or natural disasters including leaking or broken plumbing, fire, flood, wind, lightening, earthquake, or standing water occur during or after installation.

WARRANTY DISCLAIMERS

THE FOREGOING IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

THE MANUFACTURER DOES NOT GRANT TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THE AUTHORITY TO CREATE FOR IT ANY OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FLOORING.

MANUFACTURER SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR LOSS OF USE OR ANY OTHER INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL CONSEQUENTIAL COSTS, EXPENSES, LOSS OF INCOME OR PROFITS, OR OTHER SIMILAR DAMAGES INCURRED BY THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER.

SOME STATES DO NOT ALLOW THE EXCLUSION OR LIMITATION OF INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION MAY NOT APPLY TO THE PURCHASER. THIS WARRANTY GIVES YOU SPECIFIC RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS, WHICH MAY VARY, FROM STATE TO STATE.

CARE GUIDE

CLEANING YOUR FLOOR

- Use a damp cloth to blot up spills and spots as soon as they happen. For tough spots such as oil, paint, markers, lipstick, ink, tar or cigarette marks, use acetone/nail polish remover then wipe with a damp cloth. Always avoid allowing liquids to stand on your floor.
- Vacuum, (using the hard floor attachment not the beater bar), dust mop or sweep the floor to minimize abrasive grit, debris, and dirt
- Occasionally wipe the floor with a damp mop or cloth
- Periodically clean the floor with a hardwood flooring cleaner, which is specially formulated for the finish. We recommend Bona Swedish Formula Hardwood Cleaner.
- **Do not** use oil based, wax, and polish, strong ammoniated or abrasive cleaners, steel wool or scouring powder to clean the floor.
- **Do not** wash or wet-mop the floor with soap, water, oil soap detergent or any other liquid cleaning material. This could

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cause swelling warping, delamination and joint-line separation, and void the warranty.

- Do not use any type of buffing machine.

PROTECTING YOUR FLOOR

- Use quality area rugs and doormats by outdoor entrance areas to prevent dirt, sand, grit and other substances such as oil, asphalt or driveway sealer from being tracked onto your floor. The rugs must be made of a breathable material to prevent moisture entrapment
- Sweep, dust, or vacuum the floor regularly to prevent accumulation of dirt or grit that can scratch or dull the floor finish.
- Use protective casters/caster cups or felt pads on the legs of furniture to prevent damage to the flooring. Use wide bearing leg bases, barrel type caster wheels, rubber rollers to minimize indentations and scratches from heavy objects. As a rule of thumb, the heavier the object, the wider the floor protector should be. Make certain to keep them clean and well maintained.
- Do not use rubber or foam backed plastic mats as they may discolor the floor. To prevent slippage use an approved vinyl rug underlayment
- Maintain a normal indoor relative humidity level between 35 and 55% and a temperature of 60°-80° F throughout the year, to minimize the natural expansion and contraction of wood.

Heating Season (Dry): humidifier is recommended to prevent excess shrinkage due to low humidity levels. Wood stove and electric heat tends to create very dry conditions.

Non-Heating Season (Wet): An air conditioner or dehumidifier or periodically turning on your heating system can maintain humidity during the summer months. Avoid excessive exposure to water during periods of inclement weather.

- Avoid gouges or cuts in your floor from sharp objects. While your floor is very wear resistant, sharp or pointed objects can nevertheless damage it.
- Don't walk on your floor with stiletto-style heels, spiked shoes, or cleats; they may cause indentations in your floor.
- Keep pet's nails trimmed to minimize finish scratches.
- Rearrange area rugs and furniture periodically so the floor ages evenly. UV sunlight will soften the tone of different species of hardwood to varying degrees.
- Protect your floor from direct sunlight. Use curtains and UV resistant film on large glass doors and windows
- Use a dolly when moving heavy furniture or appliances. But first, put down a sheet of quarter inch plywood or Masonite to protect the floor and help prevent denting. Carpet or cardboard is not adequate to prevent surface compression scratches. Never try to slide or roll heavy objects across the floor to avoid denting.

REPAIRING YOUR FLOOR

- Minor damage can be easily repaired with finishing putty available in blending colors.
- Retain several planks for future repairs.
- Major damage will require board replacement . If using the floating installation only , your floor can easily be disassembled to allow for replacement .