



# OWENS FLOORING

## OWENS FLOORING LLC MAINTENANCE AND WARRANTY

### Wood Floor Care and Maintenance

Your new wood floor is an important investment, and it must be properly cared for and maintained in order for you to enjoy its full life and beauty. The following care and maintenance tips should be followed in order to obtain the full benefit of your wood floor and to ensure that our warranty will continue to apply:

- Clean your wood floor with a vacuum, duster, or broom at least weekly. Don't use a vacuum that has beaters or hard attachment tips. Remember that grit will greatly increase wear and can damage your wood floor.
- Don't use a wet mop to clean your floor. Moisture from wet mopping will damage your wood floor.
- Wipe up spills immediately.
- Use an area rug in front of your sink and other appliances, and on high-traffic areas. Don't use a mat with a solid backing that will trap moisture between the mat and your floor.
- Don't wear hard-soled or high-heel shoes on your wood floor. Hard soles and pointed heels can damage the floor. For the same reason, keep your pet's nails trimmed to avoid scratch marks.
- Use curtains, blinds, or shades to protect your wood floor from direct sunlight.
- To avoid damage to your wood floor, keep the relative humidity in your home between 35% and 55% to reduce the risk of excessive expansion or contraction.
- Use pads on the ends of furniture legs to avoid denting or scratching your wood floor.
- If you have to move heavy objects, such as furniture or appliances, over your wood floor, use a hard barrier, such as a board, on the floor and move the item across the barrier instead of sliding it directly on the floor. Don't slide the barrier as you move the item. If you have furniture or appliances on casters, replace small or hard casters with casters made of wide, soft rubber.
- Never allow water or cleaners to pool or sit on top or soak into your wood floor. Moisture can damage the floor, and some cleaners are too harsh to use on the floor.
- Don't use ammonia-based cleaners, oil-based soaps, bleaches, detergents, abrasive soaps or cleaners, waxes, acidic cleaners, or acrylic products on your wood floor, and avoid using solutions that must be combined with water.
- Use only hardwood floor cleaning solutions from reputable manufacturers such as BonaKemi, Basic Coatings, Minwax, or equivalent manufacturers to clean your wood floor.



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## Warranty

### ***When This Warranty Applies***

This warranty is effective for all wood floors manufactured by Owens Flooring LLC (“Owens Flooring”) after November 1, 2017, except for products that are sold “as is”, which carry no warranty. These unwarranted products will be designated as “off-goods”. Our warranty extends only to the original purchaser of the flooring, and not to subsequent purchasers of homes or other locations where the flooring is installed. Our warranty only applies if the flooring is installed and maintained in strict compliance with the installation instructions available online at [owens-flooring.com](http://owens-flooring.com). You must undertake regular and preventative maintenance for this warranty to apply. The Installer has the final responsibility to inspect the product before installation. Owens Flooring will not be responsible for installation of defective parts or parts that, for whatever reason, do not meet the expectations of the final consumer.

### ***Manufacturing and Structural Warranty***

Owens Flooring warrants to the original purchaser against any manufacturing defects caused by improper milling, grading, or finishing defects (if the purchased product is factory finished). Owens Flooring also warrants to the original purchaser that its flooring will remain free from defects in lamination, assembly, milling, dimension and grading for as long as the original purchaser owns the floor.

### ***Delamination Warranty***

Owens Flooring warrants against delamination for humidity level between 20% and 55%.

### ***Radiant Heat installation Warranty***

For Radiant heat applications, Owens Flooring warrants to the original purchaser, the Manufacturing and Structural warranty, when the Owens Flooring Radiant Heat installation instructions are followed. Radiant heat for the purpose of this warranty is considered as Hydronic and air heated Radiant installations only and when applicable flooring products manufactured by Owens Flooring are used. This warranty does not cover Electric Radiant heat installations of any kind.

### ***Residential Finish Warranty***

For residential applications, Owens Flooring warrants to the original purchaser that when used under normal residential traffic conditions, its factory finished flooring will not wear through or separate from the wood for a period of thirty-five (35) years for smooth prefinished products or fifteen (15) years for distressed (and prefinished product other than smooth) prefinished products from the date of purchase. The finish must be worn through on more than 10% of the total floor area before Owens Flooring is obligated to take action under this warranty.

### ***Light Commercial Finish Warranty***

For light commercial applications, Owens Flooring warrants to the original purchaser that its factory finished flooring will not wear through or separate from the wood for a period of five (5) years for smooth prefinished products or three (3) years for distressed (and prefinished product other than smooth) prefinished products from the date of purchase. The finish must be worn through on more than 10% of the total floor area before Owens Flooring is obligated to take action under this warranty.



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## *Exclusions from this Warranty*

This warranty does not cover indentations, scratches, or damage to the floor caused by negligence, or damage from any of the following causes:

- water
- wet mopping
- erosion
- pebbles
- sand
- abrasives
- insects
- pets
- Spiked or high heeled shoes
- misuse
- abuse
- accidents
- natural wood discoloration or changes in color due to exposure to sunlight
- extreme environmental condition
- excessive or insufficient humidity or moisture
- extreme sunlight
- failure to follow all of manufacturer's specific written installation instructions
- poor workmanship by an installer, repairman, or other third party
- bumps and/or dimples created by nailing machines, cleats or staples
- improper maintenance
- insufficient damage prevention and/or protection in kitchen workstations and underneath furniture
- misuse
- alterations to original manufactured products
- failure to follow recommended wood floor care and maintenance guidelines as set out in this document



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## *Natural Expansion and Contraction*

Owens Flooring wood flooring products are natural products. Some minor contraction and expansion may occur. Changes in the product due to the natural properties of wood are not covered by this warranty. These occurrences and/or visual changes in the hardwood floor will frequently self-correct with seasonal climate changes and/or under normal environmental conditions. Owens Flooring will not repair or replace a floor due to natural changes caused by normal environmental conditions.

## *Your Available Remedies*

If your wood floor fails to perform under this warranty, Owens Flooring will decide what portion of the floor is defective and determine the cause of the problem. Owens Flooring will then, at its option, repair or replace the portion of the floor that it determines to be defective and covered by this warranty.

In the unlikely event that Owens Flooring is unable to repair manufacturing defects after a reasonable number of attempts, Owens Flooring will refund, if requested, the purchase price of the portion of the floor Owens Flooring determines to be defective. Owens Flooring will not refund the installation costs or any amount beyond the purchase price of the floor.

## *Warranty and Damage Limitations*

Any attempt to repair, replace, or refinish the floor prior to Owens Flooring's inspection and authorized repair actions will void this warranty. No distributor, dealer, installer, agent, sales person or Owens Flooring sales representative is authorized to change or increase the terms or coverage of this warranty program.

**THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS SET FORTH OWENS FLOORING SOLE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS WARRANTY. THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER REPRESENTATIONS, COLLATERAL AGREEMENTS, CONDITIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY CONDITION OR WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, DURABILITY, SUITABILITY, QUALITY, CONDITION, OR ANY CONDITION OR WARRANTY ARISING BY STATUTE OR OTHERWISE IN LAW OR EQUITY OR FROM A COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE FACE HEREOF.**

**IN NO EVENT SHALL OWENS FLOORING OR ITS SUPPLIERS BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, PUNITIVE, ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM USE OR LOSS OF USE OR THE PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF OWENS FLOORING OR FROM A BREACH OF THIS WARRANTY, WHETHER SUCH LIABILITY IS ASSERTED ON THE BASIS OF CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE. OWENS FLOORING'S TOTAL LIABILITY UNDER THIS WARRANTY WILL NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, EXCEED THE ACTUAL TOTAL PRICE PAID BY THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER FOR THE FLOORING.**

## *Additional Terms*

Certain conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in this warranty are not permitted or effective in some states. Some of the conditions, exclusions and limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state. This manufacturer warranty replaces any legal warranty otherwise applicable within the limits permitted by law, and Owens Flooring hereby specifically disclaims any such legal warranty to the greatest extent permitted by applicable law.