

## LAMINATE WARRANTY GUIDE

Beaulieu Canada<sup>®</sup> recommends that its laminate flooring products be professionally installed. If not, no labor costs would be included should there be a valid claim.

**WARNING:** The owner is responsible for final inspection of the product before installation. If the owner hires a third party to install the product, the owner is responsible for that party's judgment. Prior to installation, please ensure that the product received is the correct style and color as well as to the customer's satisfaction. If there are any doubts, do not install the flooring and contact the retailer. Beaulieu Canada will not be held responsible for any costs relating to the installation of unsatisfactory or incorrect product. Products already installed will be deemed acceptable by the owner or installer and will not be considered for warranty. This warranty is subject to exclusions and limitations.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HYDRAPLANKS PRODUCTS (WATER RESISTANT LAMINATE)**

Some of our laminate products are specifically designed to be water resistant. However, while water resistant, they are not waterproof and although it is now possible to install them in bathrooms, at no time should standing water be left on the floor, and water spills should be cleaned immediately. Concrete subfloors must also meet humidity requirements as outlined in the "Concrete Substrates" paragraph.

### **GENERAL**

This general warranty or parts thereof are subject to exclusions and limitations.

This warranty applies only to the original purchaser, to product in its original installation, is prorated and is not transferable. The original purchaser must keep the original receipt as proof of purchase. If a problem appears which is covered by this warranty, the original purchaser must contact the retailer within thirty (30) days of detecting the issue to describe the problem.

Beaulieu Canada reserves the right at any time to modify or discontinue any of its products and will not be liable as a result of any such change. If the original product is no longer available, Beaulieu Canada may substitute with a reasonably comparable product.

Before installing, the product should be laid out, blending the planks from several boxes to determine optimum appearance. Beaulieu Canada is not responsible for labor costs to replace visibly defective product after installation.

No person other than a Beaulieu Canada claims department representative is authorized to accept or refuse a warranty claim. No person is authorized to waive or modify the terms of this warranty. Beaulieu Canada reserves the right to designate a representative to inspect the flooring and remove samples for analysis prior to accepting or refusing any claim. No repairs, except for urgent ones, may be made until after such inspection or until Beaulieu Canada indicates that such inspection is not required.

**INSTALLATION**

This limited warranty covers products and reasonable labor costs (as determined by Beaulieu Canada, at its sole discretion) provided a professional installer was used and paid when the product was originally installed, and provided further that such product was installed in accordance with Beaulieu Canada's installation instructions. These instructions are located inside each box. They can also be obtained by contacting the retailer or by visiting Beaulieu Canada's website at [www.beaulieucanada.com](http://www.beaulieucanada.com).

**REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS**

Beaulieu Canada reserves the right to repair any product or use its own installer to replace it. If Beaulieu Canada repairs or replaces a product as a result of a warranty claim, the consumer is required to remove, store and replace all fixtures, furnishings and any items placed over the affected areas subsequent to the original installation. These costs are the consumer's responsibility. Beaulieu Canada recommends that appropriate replacement stock of the product be kept if needed for future repair or replacement.

If a defect covered by this warranty appears during the warranty period, Beaulieu Canada will, at its sole discretion, repair or replace the defective product according to the proration chart found in this document. The replacement product is warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period.

**WARRANTY COVERAGE**

Residential warranties only apply to products intended for installation in non-commercial, owner-occupied, residential premises (single-family homes, condominiums, townhouses, etc.). Residential rental units fall under the commercial warranty only.

Commercial warranties apply to areas that are considered as having light and moderate traffic including private offices, boutiques, bistros, hotel guest rooms, meeting rooms, multi-housing common areas and hallways.

**1. MANUFACTURING DEFECTS**

Beaulieu Canada warrants to the original purchaser that, if properly installed, the product will remain free of manufacturing defects for the indicated period of time specified on the authorized retailer's sample, starting from the date of the original purchase. The product is manufactured according to the floor covering industry's standards and tolerances in quality variation. Beaulieu Canada will replace or repair defective product including reasonable labor costs during the first five (5) years from the date of the original purchase. This warranty is subject to exclusions and limitations.

**2. WEAR, STAIN AND FADE**

Beaulieu Canada warrants to the original purchaser that, if properly installed and maintained, the product will not wear, stain or fade from normal use for the indicated period of time specified on the authorized retailer's sample, starting from the date of the original purchase. This warranty is subject to exclusions and limitations.

**Definitions:**

"Wear" must be through the wear layer to the degree that the printed pattern is altered.

"Fade" must be to the degree that the flooring is permanently discolored.

"Stain" is defined as a permanent change in color of the surface of the product caused by food, beverages, and recommended cleaners as indicated in Beaulieu Canada's care and maintenance guide.

### **3. 30 DAYS NO QUESTIONS ASKED REPLACEMENT**

If you are not satisfied with your choice of your floor covering for reasons outside of performance as covered by your warranty, your Beaulieu Canada retailer will replace it with another Beaulieu Canada floor covering of a different style or color of equal or lesser value at no extra cost. Should you wish to replace your floor covering with a higher-priced product within our selection, you may do so by paying the difference. Any increase in cost due to industry price increases will be the consumer's responsibility. No monetary compensation will be paid if a floor covering of lower price is selected. As specified by the product's warranty, the request for a replacement must be made within the designated period of time. This is a replacement warranty and does not apply to matters covered by other warranties. Any replacement product cannot be the same style and color as the one originally purchased. Replacement quantity must be the same as the one on the original purchase and the replacement request must be processed with a new order. Proof of installation is required. This warranty is valid only for original owner-occupied residential installations. This warranty applies only to the original purchaser of the floor covering that has been professionally installed by a Beaulieu Canada retailer. This is a one-time only replacement and is limited to material only. The replacement warranty is applicable on selected products only. Please refer to your product sample in-store. Some exclusions apply.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

- Cost of floor covering removal, installation (initial or new), freight of returned goods, delivery, undercushion or underlay, accessories (moldings, baseboards) and any other reinstallation charges of all materials, including, but not limited to, floor covering, walls, plumbing and countertops.
- Goods sold as second quality, irregular or used.
- Installation issues.
- Stocked inventory or product purchased with a discount are not accepted as replacement.
- Floor covering that has been glued down, subjected to abuse or vandalism, altered or damaged by smoke, fire, flood, wind, lightning, or any disaster.

#### **LIMITATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

For any questions regarding the warranty information, the consumer may contact the retailer. The following limitations, terms and conditions apply to this warranty:

1. **Installation.** Failure to follow the provided installation instructions may void the warranty. Damage resulting from improper storage, handling or installation is not covered by this warranty as well as damage resulting from poor or defective workmanship. The products must never be installed outdoors. Cabinets or kitchen islands must not be installed on floating floors.
2. **Visible defects.** Before and during installation, the product must be inspected under sufficient lighting to detect any visible defects. Under no circumstance should defective products be installed. Beaulieu Canada will not be held liable for labor costs related to the removal of these defective products. Any defective product must be put aside and the retailer must be informed in writing within thirty (30) days, after which no further claim will be accepted. Beaulieu Canada reserves the right to refuse a claim if the percentage of the defective product is less than 5% of total install. Color and gloss variations resulting from adding products to an existing installation are not covered by this warranty.

3. **Abnormal use.** This warranty does not cover products that have been put through abnormal use or conditions or abused in any way. This includes, but is not limited to, damage caused by standing liquid or water leaks, damage from falling objects, damage caused by dragging objects or furniture, neglect, high heel shoes, pebbles or abrasive materials, and improper maintenance. To prevent such damage, any spill should be wiped up immediately, pet's nails should be kept trimmed, floor protectors should be installed under the legs of the furniture, and suitable mats should be used at all entryways.
4. **Accidents and natural disasters.** This warranty does not cover any accidental damage to the product or any natural disasters that may damage the flooring. This includes, but is not limited to, damage from fire and smoke, floods, earthquakes, storms, broken pipes or any other plumbing related failures.
5. **Climate.** This warranty does not cover damage to the product resulting from exposure to extreme heat or cold nor from extremely humid or dry conditions. Exposure to such conditions will void this warranty. Temperature levels must be maintained between 65°F and 85°F (18.3°C and 29.4°F) and humidity levels must be maintained between 35% and 65% at all times.
6. **Subfloor and underlayment.** Problems resulting from improper subfloors or underlayment may void this warranty. Damages or noise (squeaking) resulting from excessive subfloor deflection, improper joist assembly, irregular subfloor or subfloors with voids are not covered by this warranty. This warranty does not cover damage from water or moisture trapped underneath the floor. Humidity tests on wooden and concrete subfloors must be undertaken before installing the product. The maximum allowable humidity level for a wooden subfloor is 14% using a proper moisture meter. Concrete subfloors shall have a minimum compressive strength of 3500 psi. Moisture vapor emission rate should not exceed 5 lb/1000 sq. ft. (2.27 kg/92.9 sq. m)/24 hours per ASTM F1869. When using the ASTM F2170 test method, the internal relative humidity should not exceed 80%, and the pH level should be between 7 and 9. Any floating installation over concrete must include an underlayment that contains a vapor barrier with a minimum of 6 - 8 mils (0.15 - 0.20 mm) thick polyethylene film.
7. **Care and maintenance.** Failure to properly maintain and care for the product may result in voiding this warranty. Prolonged exposure to liquids may damage the product; therefore, spilled liquids must be wiped up immediately. Cleaning with excess water or inappropriate cleaners will void the warranty. The product must never be waxed, polished nor steam cleaned. Surface scratches are not covered by this warranty.
8. **Second quality and clear-outs.** Only first quality goods are covered by this warranty. Product sold as second quality or as part of a promotion is considered sold "AS IS" and is not covered by this warranty.

Please refer to Beaulieu Canada's website at [www.beaulieucanada.com](http://www.beaulieucanada.com) for warranty duration in regards to your specific product.

## PERCENTAGE OF COST REIMBURSEMENT

Unless otherwise noted, all warranties are prorated.

RESIDENTIAL 25 YEARS		RESIDENTIAL 20 YEARS		RESIDENTIAL 10 YEARS	
CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE	CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE	CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE
1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> years	100%	1 <sup>st</sup> year	100%	1 <sup>st</sup> year	100%
7 <sup>th</sup> year	95%	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	95%	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	90%
8 <sup>th</sup> year	90%	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	90%	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	80%
9 <sup>th</sup> year	85%	4 <sup>th</sup> year	85%	4 <sup>th</sup> year	70%
10 <sup>th</sup> year	80%	5 <sup>th</sup> year	80%	5 <sup>th</sup> year	60%
11 <sup>th</sup> year	75%	6 <sup>th</sup> year	75%	6 <sup>th</sup> year	50%
12 <sup>th</sup> year	70%	7 <sup>th</sup> year	70%	7 <sup>th</sup> year	40%
13 <sup>th</sup> year	65%	8 <sup>th</sup> year	65%	8 <sup>th</sup> year	30%
14 <sup>th</sup> year	60%	9 <sup>th</sup> year	60%	9 <sup>th</sup> year	20%
15 <sup>th</sup> year	55%	10 <sup>th</sup> year	55%	10 <sup>th</sup> year	10%
16 <sup>th</sup> year	50%	11 <sup>th</sup> year	50%		
17 <sup>th</sup> year	45%	12 <sup>th</sup> year	45%		
18 <sup>th</sup> year	40%	13 <sup>th</sup> year	40%		
19 <sup>th</sup> year	35%	14 <sup>th</sup> year	35%		
20 <sup>th</sup> year	30%	15 <sup>th</sup> year	30%		
21 <sup>st</sup> year	25%	16 <sup>th</sup> year	25%		
22 <sup>nd</sup> year	20%	17 <sup>th</sup> year	20%		
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	15%	18 <sup>th</sup> year	15%		
24 <sup>th</sup> year	10%	19 <sup>th</sup> year	10%		
25 <sup>th</sup> year	5%	20 <sup>th</sup> year	5%		

COMMERCIAL 7 YEARS		COMMERCIAL 5 YEARS		COMMERCIAL 3 YEARS	
CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE	CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE	CLAIM REPORTED	COVERAGE
1 <sup>st</sup> year	100%	1 <sup>st</sup> year	100%	1 <sup>st</sup> year	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	80%	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	75%	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	50%
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	60%	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	50%	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	25%
4 <sup>th</sup> year	40%	4 <sup>th</sup> year	25%		
5 <sup>th</sup> year	20%	5 <sup>th</sup> year	10%		
6 <sup>th</sup> year	10%				
7 <sup>th</sup> year	5%				

**LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**

The duration of any implied warranty including, without limitation, implied warranties or merchantability or implied warranties of fitness are expressly limited to the duration of the applicable warranty period. Some provinces do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply.

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**Homeowner Obligations**

To maintain warranty coverage and ensure fast and easy warranty service, the homeowner is responsible for the following:

- Keep five (5) planks of the product after installation for testing purposes.
- Keep and be able to provide the original sales receipt or documentation illustrating proof of purchase and installation date of the product.
- Make sure the flooring is installed according to Beaulieu Canada Installation Instructions.
- Keep a list of cleaners used to maintain the flooring.

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Care and Maintenance as well as Installation Instructions can also be found on our website at [beaulieucanada.com](http://beaulieucanada.com), or you may contact your retailer.

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