Warranty Terms & Conditions for: Quick•Step® Timber



#### Lifetime Structural Warranty



Quick-Step Timber is sold with a Lifetime Structural Warranty that covers warping or twisting of any board for the life of the floor, in accordance with the conditions listed below and as a result of product manufacturing faults or defects. Warping and twisting refers to a board independently distorting when compared to adjacent boards. These terms do not refer to cupping or doming. Cupping and doming, refers to the reasonably uniform convexing or concaving shape across the width of the surface of boards installed. Cupping and doming, whilst extremely uncommon, are caused by factors relating to installation or the installation environment. As they are outside the control of the manufacturer, they are specifically excluded from this warranty.

It is also important to note that Quick-Step Timber flooring should be installed and maintained in accordance with our installation instructions (also inside each pack) and care & maintenance guidelines (also available from your retailer or online). Boards that are visibly faulty or deemed visually or structurally inappropriate prior to installation should not be installed and are therefore also not covered by this or, to the extent allowed by law, any other warranty.

#### What is not covered?

- Scratches, stains or indentations of any type are also not covered by this warranty.
- Wear or structural deformation that may be associated with improper installation or improper maintenance procedures.
- The instance of surface checking (fine surface splits), gloss variation between boards, colour variation between boards or natural features including gum veins, knots, insect trails etc. are considered a natural part of timber flooring and are therefore excluded from this warranty.
- Damage, intentional or accidental, caused by abuse, misuse, stiletto heels, dragged objects, heavy furniture, sand, stones, castor wheels, dropped items etc.
- Labour charges associated with any rectification work. In some cases, and only when a floor has been professionally installed by the retailer or place of purchase, reasonable labour costs may be considered, at the sole discretion of Premium Floors Australia or Floorscape Limited in New Zealand.
- Any costs associated with any rectification work required other than the supply of new flooring and scotia beading if necessary. Re-painting, removal of fixtures or furniture, accommodation and any other costs are specifically excluded from this warranty.

### How to make a Warranty Claim and What is Covered?

To evoke a claim under this warranty, communication with the retailer that the flooring was purchased from must be made. Proof of purchase will be required when contact with the retailer is made. The retailer will then contact Premium Floors or Floorscape to arrange an inspection of the flooring installed, shortly after which a determination will be made regarding the warranty claim. Only if the retailer is no longer trading, direct contact with Premium Floors Australia or Floorscape Limited in New Zealand should be established by the consumer.

Only an authorised representative of Premium Floors Australia or Floorscape Limited in New Zealand can authorise a warranty claim. In the event that a claim is authorised, a remedy will be issued in writing by Premium Floors or Floorscape. Remedies will be tailored to suit individual circumstances. Remedies can vary depending on the condition of the floor and warrantable area from full floor replacement to the repair of individual boards. The remedy on each claim will be at the sole discretion of Premium Floors Australia or Floorscape Limited in New Zealand. Should board replacement be necessary, new boards from the current batch will be supplied to replace or repair boards. This warranty is in addition to, and has no impact on, statutory rights of any purchaser. Claims must be lodged by contacting the retailer from where the flooring was purchased within 15 days of the problem being noticed.

### New Zealand Consumer Guarantees Act

The warranties listed in this document are in addition to any rights you have under the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993. Nothing contained in these warranties exclude, restrict, modify or affect the application of and condition, guarantee, right or remedy provided by New Zealand Consumer Laws.

### Australian Consumer Law

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

## Acceptable Quality

Quick-Step Timber flooring is fit for use in internal environments / installations and should not be used externally. Quick-Step Timber floors should be installed in a "timber flooring friendly environment" in which the area is occupied, protected from direct heat and sunlight and where heating and cooling systems are in place and used to control the internal temperatures and humidity. Quick-Step Timber flooring should not be installed in wet areas including bathrooms, toilets, areas or rooms where a floor waste (water drain) is present or required. Residential kitchens are not considered as wet areas. Obviously, Quick-Step Timber flooring should be installed in instructions (which can be found online and inside each carton) and maintained in accordance with the care & maintenance guidelines (available online or from your Quick-Step Timber retailer).

# Major Failure

As Quick-Step Timber is a natural product, small splits in the surface of the floor can occur. This is known as surface checking and should be considered normal. In addition, small surface blemishes in the coating or gaps that appear between boards as a result of seasonal or environmental changes can also be expected. The coating used to pre-finish Quick-Step Timber is not scratch or chip "proof" and reasonable care should be taken to avoid scratching and chips from occurring. In addition, some gloss variation between boards installed may occur. Note that gloss variation, surface checking, scratches, chips, gaps or small blemishes are NOT considered as major failure. They are considered part of purchasing a natural timber floor. These definitions are not intended to reduce or diminish the statutory rights of any purchaser.

As the warranties for Quick-Step Timber Flooring deal only with the manufactured goods, installation warranties should be sought from the installation company or individual completing the installation.

# Further Information

Further information on any aspect of this Warranty can be obtained from;

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