

# LIMITED WARRANTY

Effective: August 31, 2016



## Products & Coverage

Metroflor® warrants that its Artistek® floors will be free from manufacturing defects and, under normal use and maintenance, will not wear, fade or stain resulting in loss of original pattern and color, for a specified length of time from the date of purchase as set forth in the 'Warranty Coverage/Periods' Chart on the right. This Limited Warranty only applies provided the flooring covered by this warranty is installed and maintained according to the Artistek® by Metroflor® Installation & Maintenance Manual.

## Pre-Installation

Metroflor® warrants that its flooring is free of visual defects. You and/or your installer should carefully inspect each piece before installation. Any pieces that appear to have defects should not be installed. Metroflor® will not be responsible for any claim for flooring installed with visual defects.

## Installation

This Limited Warranty covers materials and fair market-value labor if professional installation was paid for when the flooring was originally installed, and only if the flooring was installed using Prevail® Adhesive. The use of any other adhesive during installation will void the warranty if problems/issues arise as a result of the use of an adhesive other than Prevail® Adhesive. Please refer to the current Artistek® by Metroflor® Installation & Maintenance Manual for the type(s) of Prevail® Adhesive(s) that should be used during installation. All other instructions contained in the current Installation Manual must be followed when installing Artistek® floors, or this warranty will be voided. Please check metroflorusa.com for the current Manual.

## Replacement/Repairs

Metroflor® reserves the right to repair any flooring and/or to use its own source to obtain an installer for replacement flooring. If Metroflor® repairs or replaces any flooring as a result of a warranty claim, you will be required to clear, at your own expense, any items placed over the affected areas subsequent to the original installation. In the event that Metroflor® repairs or replaces any flooring covered under this Limited Warranty, this Limited Warranty shall remain in effect with respect to such flooring for a period limited to the remaining eligible duration of the original Limited Warranty.

## Terms for Warranty

If a defect covered by this Limited Warranty is found within the warranty period and reported in writing to the merchant from which the flooring was purchased, Metroflor® will supply new flooring material of similar color, pattern and quality to replace the defective area. Metroflor® will also pay fair market-value labor if professional installation was paid for when the flooring was originally installed. Labor costs will not be covered if professional installation was **not** paid for when the flooring was originally installed.

In case of questions regarding the terms of this Limited Warranty, contact Metroflor® Customer Service at (888) 235-6672. Metroflor® reserves the right to inspect any flooring, request samples, secure photographs or any other information as may be required to ascertain the nature of any claim under this Limited Warranty.

## Exclusions

The following are not covered by this Limited Warranty:

- Dissatisfaction or damage due to improper installation or maintenance
- Damage caused by fire or burns, intentional abuse, flooding, construction or installation
- Damage caused by vacuum cleaner beater bar, indentations or damage caused by improper rolling loads, caster wheels, chairs or other furniture without proper floor protectors and cuts from sharp objects
- Surface scratches or scuffing

Warranted Products	Warranty Coverage / Periods	
	Manufacturing Defect or Wear, Fade or Stain*	
	Residential	Commercial
Group A	Lifetime*	15 Years
Group B	25 Years	8 Years
Group C	15 Years	6 Years
Group D	10 Years	5 Years Light**
Group E	7 Years	Residential Only***

### \*DEFINITIONS / To Be Covered:

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

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

"Stain" must be from normal household cleaning agents, chemicals or routine care & maintenance.

### DEFINITIONS / Groups:

"Group A" (Lifetime Residential\* / 15-Years Commercial)

1. Forestwood & Forestwood II
2. Grand Stripwood & Grand Stripwood II
3. Natural Textures & Natural Textures II
4. Regency Plank and Tile

\*With respect to "Group A" products, the terms of this Limited Warranty will apply for the lifetime of the flooring products, subject to normal residential use.

"Group B" (25-Years Residential / 8-Years Commercial)

1. Barnwood (12 mil wearlayer)
2. Centennial Plank and Tile Plus
3. Centennial Plus
4. Rustico
5. English Slate **with Ceramic Bead Finish**
6. English Stone **with Ceramic Bead Finish**

"Group C" (15-Years Residential / 6-Years Commercial)

1. Centennial Plank and Tile
2. English Slate **without Ceramic Bead Finish**
3. English Stone **without Ceramic Bead Finish**

"Group D" (10-Years Residential / 5-Years Light Commercial\*\*)

American Plank & Tile Plus

\*\*For light commercial environments such as private offices, common areas in multiunit dwellings, reception areas and public buildings or businesses which are not subject to frequent and harsh traffic.

"Group E" (7-Years Residential; NO Commercial Warranty\*\*\*)

American Plank and Tile

\*\*\*With respect to American Plank and Tile products, this warranty applies only to a resident homeowner of a single-family home.

**All Products Sold via the Internet Come with a 1-Year Warranty against Manufacturing Defect & "Wear, Fade or Stain" as defined above.**

- Changes in color or sheen from exposure to sunlight or due to use of rubber-backed mats
- Exterior applications
- Loss of gloss
- Minor shading, color or texture differences between samples or printed color photographs or illustrations and delivered product

## LIMITED WARRANTY (Continued)

- Flooring sold as irregulars or trial grade materials or “as is”
- This Limited Warranty is void if, prior to installation, this flooring is not acclimated to room temperature (between 65°F and 85°F) at job site between 24 and 48 hours and, if post-installation, such flooring is not continuously maintained at such temperature
- Flooring sold via the internet after the 1-year warranty period as set forth in the chart within this Limited Warranty
- Loss due to loss of time, inconvenience, incidental expenses (such as telephone calls, labor and/or materials) incurred in the removal or reinstallation of the affected material, and any other incidental or consequential damages

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so that the above limitations and exclusions may not apply. Your Limited Warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other legal rights, which vary from state to state.

This Limited Warranty is in lieu of any other warranties, expressed or implied. Please keep your receipt or obtain it from the original purchaser. Metroflor® requires the receipt in order to verify date of purchase to help resolve any problems.

### Warranty Owner

This Limited Warranty applies only to the original purchaser and the original installation site and is not transferable and, with respect to the residential warranty, applies only to a resident homeowner.

## GENERAL CARE & MAINTENANCE

Although Artistek® floors are durable, all floor coverings require some care to look their best and many problems can be prevented before they occur. The type and frequency of traffic on your floor will determine the frequency of maintenance needed. The type of floor and even the color will also have some bearing on how much care may be necessary. For example, solid color floors will visually show scuffs, scratches, dirt and general wear to a greater degree than multi-colors of chips or patterns. Of course, white or light colors will visually show staining to a greater degree than darker colors. For this reason, solid color and white floors should receive special attention in regard to preventative maintenance and the amount of care provided. Good judgment when choosing the type and style of floor will help prevent maintenance problems before the floor is even installed!

### Here are the proper steps for protecting and maintaining your Artistek® floors:

In order to prevent indentations and scratches, provide glass, plastic or other non-staining cups with flat under surfaces not less than 2" in width for the legs of heavy furniture or appliances. Equip swiveled-type office chairs and other rolling furniture with broad surface non-staining casters at least 2" in diameter. Remove small diameter buttons from the legs of straight chairs and replace with metal glides that have bearing surfaces no less than 1" in diameter.

Protect your floor against burns. Burns from the glowing end of a cigarette, matches, or other extremely hot items can damage Artistek® floors.

Do not flood floor or subject to frequent standing water. Problems associated with excessive moisture can affect the job site and should be addressed. Artistek® by Metroflor® plank and tile should not be used as a Moisture Reduction System.

Protect your floor from tracked-in-dirt and grit particles by using walk-off mats at all outside entrances. Take time to remove any imbedded grit particles from shoe soles before entering the room. Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain vinyl. Avoid tracking in tar or asphalt from driveways, as this can also discolor vinyl. Do not use vinegar, one-step cleaner/polishes or oil soaps on Artistek® by Metroflor® products.

All Artistek® floors have a good resistance to stains. They are not affected by most common household spills, however, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled materials are left on the floor, the greater the risk of permanently staining the floor. For information regarding the proper method or solution to use on a specific stain, contact Metroflor® Customer Service at (888) 235-6672.

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight for prolonged periods. During peak sunlight hours, the use of drapes or blinds is recommended. Prolonged direct sunlight can result in discoloration, and excessive temperatures might cause tile / plank expansion or delamination.

Do not use vinegar as a cleaning agent on Artistek® by Metroflor® vinyl products.

The volume of traffic on Artistek® floors will determine the frequency of maintenance needed.

The type of floor, and even the color, will have some bearing on how much care may be necessary.

### Regular adherence to an effective maintenance program should include:

Thorough dirt and grit regulation, prompt removal of spills and stains and taking measures as noted above for heavy furniture or casters to protect the floor's surface.

The most effective part of any floor maintenance program is the simplest: sweep, dust mop or vacuum Artistek® floors DAILY, or more frequently if needed.

### Initial Maintenance Upon Completion of the Installation:

Sweep or vacuum without using the “beater bar” to thoroughly remove dust and debris.

Lightly damp mop with Prevail® Neutral Cleaner following instructions on the bottle. Remove any scuffs and excessive soil by careful scrubbing.

Certain types of rubber heel marks may be removed by rubbing with a cloth dampened with mineral spirits.

### Stain Removal:

To remove stubborn spots or stains from Artistek® floors, always begin with mild cleaners such as Prevail® Neutral Cleaner. If this fails to remove stain, use mineral spirits. Do not use harsh solvents such as lacquer thinner or straight acetone, as these can permanently soften and damage the vinyl surface.

For extreme staining (paints, permanent markers, dyes) try applying fingernail polish remover containing acetone (not straight acetone) applied to a soft cloth and rubbing. Subsequent to this cleaning procedure for stubborn spots, please clean the affected area with clear water to remove any residue. Any damage resulting from use of pure solvents IS NOT covered by this warranty. Always test stronger cleaning agents on sample pieces or in unnoticeable areas first.

## MAINTENANCE FOR ARTISTEK® COMMERCIAL FLOORS

### Routine Commercial Maintenance:

Artistek® floors have excellent durability and a history of performing well in commercial installations as long as a sound maintenance program is followed. Light daily sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming without the "beater bar" will prevent dirt and grit particles from being ground into the surface of the plank or tile. Non-rubber, walk-off mats should be used to control the amount of dirt and grit reaching the floor. The mats should be as wide as the doorway and thick enough to trap dirt. Frequent light mopping will prevent the floor from becoming heavily soiled and will remove most spills and stains. The amount and type of traffic will dictate the frequency of washing. Wash the floor by damp mopping with Prevail® Neutral Cleaner diluted with warm water following instructions on the bottle.

If the floor receives hard use and becomes extremely dirty, as in heavy-traffic commercial installations, an occasional scrubbing may be necessary. This can be accomplished by using a low speed buffer with a red scrubbing-polyester or nylon pad. Spray the floor with diluted Prevail® Neutral Cleaner and work the solution over the floor using the buffer and the scrubbing pad. Once this is accomplished, remove the dirty residue by damp mopping with clear water or with a wet-vacuum.

Thank you for purchasing Artistek® by Metroflor®. If you have further questions, please call us at (888) 235-6672.



For further information, please call Metroflor® Customer Service at (888) 235-6672, or visit our website at [metroflorusa.com](http://metroflorusa.com).