Details and Definitions of Light Commercial Limited Warranties

Warranties as defined below ensure that your light commercial use laminate flooring products will perform properly for the stated warranty period when installed in accordance with the Mohawk Group Light Commercial Installation Guide over approved substrates and underlayments and proper cleaning and maintenance techniques have been used. “Light commercial use” is defined as use in environments such as offices, boutiques, in-house businesses and those outlined in this warranty brochure and which do not experience heavy commercial traffic.

MANUFACTURING DEFECTS WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will be free of obvious visible manufacturing defects.

CONTRACT & EXPANSION RESISTANT WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will not contract or expand, excluding areas of extreme localized temperature variations.

JOINT INTEGRITY: Mohawk Group warrants that the Uniclic® system will not fail.

CURL-CRACK-RIP-TEAR-GOUGE RESISTANT WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will not curl, crack rip, tear or gouge from normal light commercial use.

MOISTURE RESISTANT WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will not permanently discolor from topical moisture.

SCUFF RESISTANT WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will not permanently scuff from shoe soles.

YELLOWING STAIN RESISTANT WARRANTY (on products with a polyurethane lacquer): Mohawk Group warrants that your floor will not permanently stain or yellow from foot traffic, including asphalt track off. *

FADE RESISTANCE: Mohawk Group warrants that your flooring will resist fading from exposure to sunlight or artificial light.

WEAR RESISTANCE WARRANTY: Mohawk Group warrants your floor will not wear through the wear layer under normal light commercial conditions and proper maintenance. †

* A floor discolored due to asphalt track off will be replaced only one time. If the replacement floor fails in the same manner, the site conditions may not be acceptable for the installation of laminate flooring.

† Wear through is defined as: Complete loss of the wear layer so that the printed pattern or design is altered. Gloss reduction is not considered wear and is not covered by this warranty. See Light Commercial Care and Maintenance Guide for further details and instructions.

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General Light Commercial Limited Warranty

Conditions and Owner Obligations

The warranties only extend to the original end user and are not transferable.

In order to maintain and protect your coverage under the terms of these warranties, it is the Owner’s obligation to adhere to the following:

1. Know which warranties apply to your particular laminate flooring.
2. Keep proof of your purchase in the form of a bill, invoice or statement from your Mohawk Group retailer/contractor that shows the date and price you paid for the laminate flooring (including labor).
3. Understand that Mohawk Group warrants first quality products—which are used only for recommended light commercial use—will perform properly for the stated warranty period when installed in accordance with the Mohawk Group Light Commercial Installation Guide over approved substrates and underlayments. The warranty period, when valid, begins on the date of the original installation.

The intended applications include: Privately owned in-house businesses, such as daycare centers, doctor dentist offices and barber/beauty shops. If there is a question as to the type of use that is considered “light commercial,” please contact your Mohawk Group representative prior to purchase and installation.

The above-mentioned warranties do not apply to the following applications:

- All food areas, such as, but not limited to, restaurants, cafeterias, bars, kitchens
- All institutional applications, such as, but not limited to, hospitals and government buildings
- Heavy commercial areas, such as, but not limited to, airports, lobbies, mall corridors, schools
- Beauty salons, barber shops, dance halls/studios, gymnasiums
- Other areas that have heavy traffic or immediate access to street traffic

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4. Ensure laminate flooring is installed in an environment that maintains a temperature range between 65° to 85° Fahrenheit (18° and 29° Celsius) 24 hours before, during and after installation.

5. We recommend using the approved SilentGuard™ underlayments as they have been specifically designed and tested for use with our patented Uniclic® locking system. The use of other underlayments might cause damage to the Mohawk floor. In such cases, the warranty provided by Mohawk will be void. Proof of compliance with the installation and maintenance instructions recommended by the manufacturer must be provided if a claim is filed. The instructions may be viewed at www.mohawkgroup.com. Metal, vinyl or other appropriate transitions must be used for commercial applications.

6. Inspect flooring material prior to installation for any imperfections or manufacturing related defects. Mohawk Group floorings receive extensive testing and visual examination in an attempt to assure your shipped floor is always first quality. It is the responsibility of the installer/end user to confirm the received material is free of any obvious visible conditions that may be detrimental to the appearance and/or performance of the product.
   - Minor color, shade and/or texture variations are normal. Any variances between actual material, product samples and/or brochures should be addressed with the manufacturer prior to installation.

7. Support furniture with wide, weight-bearing, smooth non-staining plastic floor protectors or non-staining felt pads. The protectors/pads should be at least one inch in diameter and rest flat on the floor. The heavier the item, the wider the floor protector should be. Non-staining felt pads should be inspected periodically and maintained with respect to the amount of foot traffic to remove embedded material to avoid abrasion.

8. Perform proper cleaning and maintenance regularly and as needed. See Light Commercial Care and Maintenance Guide for details.

What Is NOT Covered by This Warranty:

1. Product sold by the manufacturer as other than “first quality.”

2. Improper Installation: Material installed not in accordance with Mohawk Group Light Commercial Installation Guide, including any and all problems caused by the use of non-recommended underlayment and/or preparation of the substrate, is not warranted. Installation errors are not manufacturing-related conditions. Mohawk Group does not warrant installer workmanship.

3. Mohawk Group will not pay for labor costs to repair or replace material with visible conditions that were apparent before installation.

4. Improper maintenance that results in loss of gloss or buildup of a dulling film.

5. Damage resulting from neglect or misuse of strong detergents, chemicals or corrosives, including but not limited to stains from paints, dyes, mats, fertilizers or other similar materials.

6. Damage caused by moving appliances or heavy furniture or equipment without protecting the floor. (Always protect floor by using plywood or hardboard runways when moving heavy objects, and also when using an appliance dolly or heavy objects equipped with wheels or rollers, including two- or four-wheel carts, etc.).

7. Damage resulting from accidents, casualty events, abuse or improper usage (including pet-related damage, such as chewing, digging, clawing, etc.). Accidents, abuse and improper usage are defined as but are not limited to damage caused by: casters on furniture, rotating beater bars on vacuum cleaners, burns, cuts, impact from heavy and sharp objects, narrow or spike heels, cleats, etc., as well as damage resulting from unprotected furniture legs.

8. Damage caused by appliance or plumbing leaks.

9. The joint integrity warranty on the Uniclic® joint only applies to permanent open joints greater than 0.01 inches (0.2mm).

10. Fading, discoloration or other damage due to excessive temperatures or sunlight.
11. Problems or damage due to excessive moisture or hydrostatic pressure from the subfloor above 75% RH and pH levels outside the Mohawk Group Light Commercial Installation Guide. *

12. Discoloration caused by use of latex or rubber-backed floor mats. NOTE that some synthetic backed carpets contain latex in the manufacturing process that may discolor your laminate. Always use mats marked as “non-staining.”

13. Damage caused by remodel- or construction-related activities

14. Discoloration caused by asphalt walk off traffic on products without a polyurethane lacquer (these products will not be warranted under our Yellowing Stain Resistant Warranty). †

15. Discoloration caused by wheeled traffic. Mohawk Group does not recommend the use of casters on light commercial laminate flooring without appropriate chair pads.

16. Discoloration caused by rubber pads, rubber wheels, rubber tires, rubber rollers, automotive tires, etc.

17. Flooring installed on stairs is excluded from warranty coverage.

18. Installation of Residential products that are not approved for Light Commercial settings. Mohawk Group recommends installation of only commercially warranted products in commercial settings. If there is a question as to which products qualify as “Residential,” “Light Commercial” or “Commercial,” contact your Mohawk Group representative or call the Technical Services Department at 888-833-6954.

19. The damage to the product must be evident, measuring, per product unit (panel, accessory, etc.) at least 1.40 square centimeter or 0.5 square inch.

20. This warranty does not apply to damage from exposure to extreme heat, dryness, water saturation or stains as a result of chemical or industrial products (other than recommended cleaning products). The floor may not be installed in damp and/or humid areas, in extremely dry areas or areas where there are extremely high temperatures.

21. This warranty excludes damage caused by moisture left on the floor, overly wet cleaning and/or the use of inappropriate cleaning products. Prolonged water exposure could damage your laminate flooring.

* The installation manual is reviewed on a regular basis, and floors must be installed according to the recommendations that are current and available at the time of installation.

† Mohawk Group recommends non-asphalt sealers to help avoid walk off staining.
**Warranty Remedy**

If your Mohawk Group floor fails to perform as stated in this warranty brochure, Mohawk Group will determine whether to repair the defective area or supply new Mohawk Group material of the same color, design or grade, if available. If the same product is unavailable or discontinued, Mohawk Group reserves the right to select and supply similar Mohawk Group material. Mohawk Group reserves the right to have a Certified Inspector determine unknown causes.

1. If Mohawk Group authorizes repairs or replacement of a section as a result of a warranty claim, you will be required to clear any items placed over the affected area subsequent to the original installation. Mohawk Group will not credit or reimburse cost associated with the removal of those items.

2. Mohawk Group will reimburse reasonable labor costs (up to 100%) based on a detailed statement if professional installation was paid for when the original floor was installed for years 1 and 2. For years 3 through 5, 50% of reasonable labor costs will be reimbursed if professional installation was paid for when the original floor was installed. After 5 years, there will be no reimbursement for labor charges.

3. Labor reimbursement will not be considered for installations not adhering to the Mohawk Group Light Commercial Installation Guidelines.

4. Warranty coverage for a replacement floor will be limited to the remaining portion of the original warranty.

5. Pro Ration of Warranty Period. The 5 Year Limited Commercial warranty is pro rata over 5 years. A pro rata warranty is one that provides for a refund or credit that decreases according to a set formula as the warranty period progresses. The Mohawk original warranty value is reduced by the amount of time that you own it. When a claim is made, the value of the warranty becomes a percentage of ownership per year based upon the 5 years for the general warranty for flooring and on the integrity of the Uniclic joint. Any services provided as part of this warranty do not extend the original warranty period. If the product for which a claim is made is no longer available, the customer will be able to choose a Mohawk product of equal value from the current product range. Warranty coverage is limited to a one time floor replacement.

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**Consequential or Incidental Damages**

MOHAWK GROUP SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR AND WILL NOT PAY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR SPECIAL DAMAGES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER UNDER THIS WARRANTY. THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES BEYOND THIS EXPRESSED WARRANTY. ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, ARE EXCLUDED. Some states do not permit exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the exclusion or limitation may not apply to you. The limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. Except for these rights, the remedies provided under these warranties state the entire limit of Mohawk Group responsibilities.
Mohawk Group Light Commercial Limited Warranty Proration

The following prorated schedule applies to material value for all Mohawk Group Light Commercial Warranty Laminate Flooring.

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How to File a Claim

If you find a defect or other matter covered by any of the limited warranties described previously, promptly notify the retailer who sold you the floor covering material. The retailer will review and if necessary file a claim with Mohawk Group and help you answer any questions you may have.

After a warranty claim is properly filed, Mohawk’s service coordinator will designate a representative to evaluate the warranty claim. This warranty is conditioned upon your reasonable cooperation with Mohawk Group and its service coordinator and representative in the evaluation of your warranty claim and the implementation of any remedy.

What You’ll Need

Proof of your purchase in the form of a bill, invoice or statement from your Mohawk Group retailer that shows the date and price you paid for the laminate flooring (including labor).