Vintage Installation and Warranty Card is for all Vintage Product lines.

General Installation Instructions for all products

Ensure the site environmental conditions are suitable for installation and take record. This includes: Relative Humidity, Subfloor or Concrete Moisture Reading, condition of product to be layed, sources of water or humidity extremes. Do not continue, if any of the conditions in these directions and warranties are not met and/or according to the NWFA instructions.

Ensure all other trades are completed as they may impact the quality of the installed flooring. Wood flooring is one of the last products to be installed at a construction site. Window, door, dry walling and painting and HVAC activation (on for >7 days) must be completed and dry before installation begins. This is to avoid humidity extremes and damages that void the warranty.

Acclimatize the product according to the product directions (many Vintage products are designed to install and perform better without acclimatization). See more information below.

Ensure the subfloor is perfectly level (1/8” per 8’). Level high spots and fill low spots as required. Ensure the subfloor is firmly anchored ensuring no movement, flex or squeaking.

Ensure the subfloor is less than 12% MC and record readings, subfloor must be within 4% of the actual floor being installed.

Preparatively sweep and vacuum the area the flooring is to be installed.

Prepare installation along longest straightest wall first using long pieces for starting row and across (perpendicular to) floor joist.

Open and select products from multiple boxes to ensure an appropriate mix of lengths, wood character and color.

Inspect each piece before installation. Do not install any defective piece or piece that has a color, character or grain etc. that may not suit the look of the floor and may be displeasing to the consumer. These pieces can be cut and used for starters, installed in a less conspicuous location (e.g. Closet, under Cabinets etc.) or discarded. If you choose not to install these pieces please note they are not covered by Vintage’s warranty.

Preparation of Plywood & Concrete Subfloor

Vintage Hardwood Flooring recommends that all Vintage Hardwood Flooring be installed with a minimum of 5/8” (15.8750 mm) A.P.A. approved, C.S.P/D.F.P. stamped plywood, or 3/4” O.S.B. Underlay grade PS2-91 rated, or concrete slab. The use of particleboard as a subfloor will automatically void the warranty. Consult your Authorized Vintage Dealer for recommendations on your specific subfloor application. Any failure of Vintage Hardwood Flooring relating to improper subfloors, or subfloor preparation is not the responsibility of Vintage Hardwood Flooring, and will not be covered under warranty. Sweep and vacuum subfloor. Ensure that old carpets, oils, foreign particles, protruding nails, carpet glues, etc., are removed prior to installation. For wood subfloors, make sure they are level, clean, dry and securely fastened. Repair and/or replace any section that is rotted or damaged. Always follow local building codes.

Do not install Vintage’s Pioneered Solid hardwood flooring over concrete unless an acceptable plywood subfloor and vapor barrier is firmly anchored over sleepers and a dehumidifier is in place to continuously remove excess humidity from the room.

Tools & Accessories - For all types of Installations

- Table saw, miter saw, measuring tape, nail set, hammer, tapping block, nail gun (manual or pneumatic), square, chalk line, putty fill, broom, dustpan and Vintage Cleaning Kits. Always consult the dealer you purchased your flooring from for appropriate installation tools.
- Trowel, cleaning solvent and moisture cured glue – See Chart #5 for recommendations.

- Details on tools and accessories recommendations and building code requirements.

Tools & Accessories - Floating Floors

Vantage T & G glue, Vintage's Premium Underpad, mineral solvents (for cleaning glue), and shims.

** All flooring strips should be installed perpendicular (right angle), to the floor joist. In some applications, installing parallel to floor joist may be required for aesthetic reasons. Consult your dealer, installer, and developer for their recommendations and building code requirements.

Thoroughly sweep and vacuum the area the flooring is to be installed.

Prepare installation along longest straightest wall first using long pieces for starting row and across (perpendicular to) floor joist.

Open and select products from multiple boxes to ensure an appropriate mix of lengths, wood character and color.

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Important Notes

- For ALL INSTALLATIONS – ALWAYS WORK FROM 5-6 DIFFERENT BOXES AT ONE TIME

The installer is the final grader. Installer/homeowner will take full responsibility for all flooring that is installed, even if the primary owner of the residence is absent at the time of installation. If you are unsure of any requirements, please consult a Vintage dealer prior to installation. Although Vintage Hardwood Flooring takes every precaution to ensure that Vintage’s Hardwood Flooring is graded and shipped to industry standards, we suggest you inspect each piece of Vintage Hardwood Flooring before installation. Boards that you may not like the look of, or contain a mark that you think will affect the look of the floor should be used as cut pieces for your start/end pieces. You may also use these pieces in less conspicuous areas such as in closets or under couches and so on.

Installation - Expansion Gap allowances

- Pioneered 3/4” Leave 3/4” around entire room
- Crafted 9/16” For Nail & glue down leave 1/2” Floating leave 5/8” around entire room
- Solid Sawn 3/4” Leave 3/4” around entire room
- Northern Solid Sawn 3/4” Leave 3/4” around entire room
- U-LOC 5/8”
  - For rooms up to 26 x 52’ - Leave 1/2” (13 mm)
  - For rooms up to 33 x 66’ - Leave 5/8” (16 mm)
  - For rooms up to 39 x 79’ - Leave 3/4” (19 mm)

For floating floors a 3/4” expansion gap must be left up against all vertical obstructions.

Material Acclimatization

Pioneered

Open boxes fully (never just the ends) and allow the wood to acclimate to the ambient temperature of the room. The wood must be given 48-72 hours at approx. 23°C (73°F) and a relative humidity of 40% before installation. Special note: in some instances you may not be able to acclimate flooring.

When the relative humidity is too high or too low (above 50 % and below 40 % RH), acclimating may not be suitable. Always consult your hardwood flooring dealer or installer for their recommendations. Expansion and contraction caused by acclimating is not covered under this warranty.

Crafted, Solid Sawn, Northern Solid Sawn & U-LOC: Do not acclimate. Flooring must be installed immediately upon opening the boxes.

Hardwood flooring should be one of the last items installed when renovating your home. For new construction, the heating system must be operating for at least one week (7 days) at normal residential temperatures (approx. 70°F - 22°C) prior to installation.

Additional Allowance Recommendations

- This will cover waste, defects or personal preference of boards. It is the installer’s and owner’s responsibility that all pieces be inspected, and graded prior to installation. If any piece does not meet installer/owner’s personal standard, do no install these pieces. If you choose not to install pieces because of appearance, length of piece, or your personal visual standards, this will not be considered part of the 5% defect allowance. It is also recommended to have additional materials kept in case of future repairs.

- For rooms up to 39’ x 79’ - Leave 3/4” around entire room
- For rooms up to 26 x 52’ - Leave 1/2” (13 mm)
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Vantage T & G glue, Vintage’s Premium Underpad, mineral solvents (for cleaning glue), and shims.

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For floating floors a 3/4” expansion gap must be left up against all vertical obstructions.
Step #1 – Mark your starting line using a chalk line, draw a guide line out from the starting wall by measuring out the width of one board plus (see Chart #1). This line is where your first strip of flooring is going, and also allows for the expansion gap. It is very important for the starting line to be straight and square (see Fig. #1).

Step #2 – Install the strips
Face nail or glue using a moisture cured adhesive (best practice) on the first row of strips with the grooved side facing the wall, put the nails as close to the wall as possible. This way, the quarter round will cover the nail heads. You may have to face nail for the first few rows before there is enough room to use the nail/staple gun. It must be nailed/stapled down or glued by hand rather than with the hardwood floor nailing machine because of the vertical wall obstruction. When clearance allows, start using the hardwood floor nail/staple gun. Nails/staples should be spaced a minimum 2” - 3” (57 - 76 mm) from both ends of the boards, and for all other nails/staples, see Chart #3. Measure and cut the strip to the required length to finish the first row. The remaining section should be used to start the second row, in order to minimize cut waste. The strip selection for completing the first row must be long enough to yield a remaining section of adequate length. Leave the required expansion gap (Chart #1) between the wall and the end of each strip in each row. The subsequent rows must be installed in the same manner. Don’t be afraid to waste a few strips in order to adjust and test the nailing machine. See Hardwood Floor Nailing Tips. When you reach the last few rows, you may not be able to complete these rows with the nail/staple gun, due to vertical obstructions. Toe nail, face nail, or glue the last remaining rows.

NOTE: You may have to rip the last strips along the wall in order for them to fit properly. Don’t forget to leave the minimum space for expansion (Chart #1).

Step #3 – Finally
Install the transition pieces, baseboards and/or quarter round moldings. Following the initial installation, vacuum thoroughly and clean the floor with your Vintage Hardwood Cleaning Kit. For detailed installation guidelines for your specific installation, contact your Authorized Vintage Hardwood Flooring Dealer.

Installing over a crawl space: You may install over a crawl space providing care has been taken to cover all areas of exposed earth with a 6 mm C.G.S.B polyethylene. You must also ensure that sufficient cross ventilation exists so that no moisture will accumulate and be absorbed in the wood flooring. Follow local building codes.

Wood Displacement (Dimples on Surface)
Hardwood Flooring, dense smooth woods in particular, may show dimpling on the surface from the displacement of wood by the fastener. Vintage Flooring should not dimple providing installation is adhered to. Therefore, dimpling is not covered under Vintage’s warranty. It is the responsibility of the installer to monitor and take immediate action if dimpling occurs. (i.e. adjusting air pressure, using smaller cleats, adjust/repair nail driver pin, adjust nailer shoe angle etc).

Nailing Pattern/Schedule

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(Chart #3)

Hardwood flooring Nail Gun & Fastener Recommendations

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Recommendation based on the approved subfloors. Anything outside of this guideline, contact a Vintage dealer.

(Chart #4)

Glue Down Installation Instructions

Step #1 – Mark your starting line Vintage Flooring recommends that your Vintage Hardwood Flooring be installed parallel to the longest, straightest wall in the room. Start by measuring out from the wall 10 boards wide. Example: for 3.25” Solid Sawn flooring, 10 x 3.25” = 32.50”, plus the expansion gap of 6” which totals 39.50” from the wall. See Chart #1. Cut the first board and/or all products. Using a chalk line draw a guideline parallel to the wall based on the above measurements. This will eliminate any ripping of material at the end of the job for the last row. Using the straightest pieces of 1” x 2” if length of wood and 2” x 4” concrete nails or screws, fasten the strips to the concrete. Your first row of starter boards will butt against this, so make sure that the strips are in line with the chalk line because this will determine how straight your floor will be.

Note: You are cutting a piece that has not been set aside for cutting, make sure it is long enough to yield your next row’s starting piece. Leave the expansion gap (See Chart #1) between the wall and the end of each strip in each row. See Fig. #2.

Step #2 – Spread the adhesive
NOTE: Vintage Hardwood Flooring: only recommends installations when a moisture-cured polymer glue is used. Follow directions of glue manufacturer. Do not use latex/water based glues. Apply the recommended adhesive with a trowel according to the manufacturer’s installation instructions (found on adhesive label) for the specific adhesive that is being used.

SPECIAL NOTE: Open time and installation on adhesives vary from manufacturer to manufacturer so read instructions carefully before starting. Open time can also be affected greatly depending on the temperature and humidity. See Chart #5 for Adhesive recommendations.

Step #3 – Install the strips
You should inspect each piece of Vintage Hardwood Flooring before installation. Boards that you may not like the look of, or with a flaw that you think will affect the look of the floor, should be used as the cut pieces for your start and/or end pieces. You may also choose to put these pieces in less conspicuous areas such as closets or under couches, etc. Start your first piece with the tongue facing the area that will be completed last. Line up the tongue of the boards against the holding strip, and then press the board into the adhesive. Working from left to right, lay the next board and continue working towards the right, until you reach the wall and require a cut piece. Choose one of the pieces set aside for cutting and cut the desired length. NOTE: If you are cutting a piece that has not been set aside for cutting, make sure it is long enough to yield your next row’s starting piece. Leave the expansion gap between the wall and the end of each strip in each row. Start the second row with a strip of at least 6” (150 mm) longer or shorter than the strip used in the first row. This will eliminate unsightly step effects. The remainder of the floor should follow this rule to ensure an aesthetically clean looking floor. Minimize adhesive from getting into the tongue or groove; otherwise, the strips of the flooring may not fit tightly. If adhesive gets on the finished side of the strips, clean immediately with appropriate cleaning products - see adhesive manufacturer’s recommendations.

Flooring may require slight tapping in order to ensure a tight fit. You may use 3MX blue tape (if required), to hold pieces together until glue bond has developed. If a roller is required to obtain maximum adhesion, wrap a foam sheet around it to minimize any damage to the surface of the floor. When you get to the end of the wall, you may require a pry bar to get the pieces tight. Use shims where required until the glue has dried.

Step #4 – Installation of Accessories & Cleaning
After the floor has dried, you may install the baseboards and quarter rounds. Make sure that the nails penetrate the wall and not the floor. NOTE: Always keep left over pieces for future use. Flooring may become damaged and require replacing several pieces. It’s a good idea to have the same production dates put aside. Use a vacuum to pick up any dust and lose fibers. Using your Vintage Cleaning Kit, available at all Authorized Vintage Dealers or visit us at www.vintageflooring.com and follow instructions and clean the whole floor.

Hardwood Floor Tips
Here are a few tips to make your job easier, should you decide to use a hardwood floor nailer or staple gun.

1. Prevent any scratches and indentations on the surface of the board by keeping the nailer plate (base) clean, free from nicks and scratches at all times. Also by putting down the nailer/stapler on the plywood or on a piece of cardboard, not directly on the prefinished floor.
2. Make sure the nailer/stapler base is squared and sits well on the edge of the strip to ensure the nails/staples are secured into the nailing channel at the proper angle to prevent dimpling and damaging the edges of the strips.
3. Verify regularly the hardwood floor nailer/stapler is in working condition to prevent damages to the strips.
4. Start the second row and subsequent rows with a strip of at least 6” (150 mm) longer or shorter than the strip used in the previous row. This will eliminate unsightly step effects. The remainder of the floor should follow this rule to ensure an aesthetically pleasing floor.

*Pneumatic nailer. Air pressure should be adjusted adequately for each species of hardwood floor being installed and checked regularly always try it before using) so that the cleats are seated properly in the nailing channel to avoid dimpling. Great attention to detail during fabrication on the part of the Vintage Hardwood Flooring team ensures exceptional QUALITY in the finished product. Longevity of hardwood floors is directly related to proper installation and lifetime commitment to appropriate care and maintenance.

Moisture Cured Adhesive Recommendations

For all glue down installations of Crafted, Solid Sawn or Northern Solid Sawn Dural, AF1230 or equivalent Urethane based or polymer adhesives are acceptable. Vintage does not warranty the adhesive, check manufacturers warranty information.

Moisture Cured Adhesive Recommendations
Floating Floor Installation Instructions

Sweep and vacuum the subfloor before laying any material. Make sure that any high points in the subfloor are removed, cleaned and sanded and any low points are filled with leveling compound.

Vintage's Premium Underpad Installation

For installations of Vintage Crafted, Solid Sawn, Northern Solid Sawn or U-LOC

Step #1 - After the subfloor has been cleaned, roll out Vintage's premium acoustic underpad. Unroll the underpad with the film coated (shiny side) facing down against the subfloor. Cut the underlayment about 2" longer than the room length. Butt the edge of the first sheet, (the edge without the over-lapping film), along wall and trim to fit adjacent walls. Bring the edge of the adjoining sheet to the first sheet so that the edges of the foam meet and the overlapping film underlies the second sheet. Secure the edges of the foam together with tape strips. Repeat this procedure until the entire room is covered. Vintage recommends running 2" of underlay up the sides of the walls. This excess will be covered by the baseboards. It will prevent excess moisture from the concrete migrating to the floor.

Crafted Solid Sawn & Northern Solid Sawn Products

Step #2 - Laying the wood floor

Using the longest pieces available, lay the first row against the longest and straightest wall. Carefully apply glue into top of groove along the whole length of the piece, using Vintage's T & G glue (available at your Authorized Vintage Dealer) specially designed for Vintage’s hardwood flooring. Lay the first piece with the grooved edge against the wall. If the wall is not square, use wedges/shims between the flooring strips and the wall to achieve the desired expansion gap. Start the second row with a strip of at least 6" (150mm) longer or shorter than the strip used in the first row. This will eliminate unsightly step effects. The remainder of the floor should follow this rule to ensure an aesthetically pleasing floor. Clean any glue that gets on the finished side of the flooring before the glue dries. Flooring pieces may require slight tapping in order to ensure a tight fit. You may use 3M's blue tape, if required, to hold pieces together until glue bond has fully developed. Rip the strips for the last row to the required width, not forgetting to allow for expansion. Use a crowbar to ensure tight fitting boards, use shims to hold in place until glue has dried. Remove the shims 24 hours after installation.

U-LOC Installation

Step #2 Laying the wood flooring

Insert the tongue at the side of the board into the groove at 45 (degrees) angle. Use both hands to apply equal pressure to the board. Line up the far left side of the board to be positioned with the end of the previous board installed. Lightly press the board down to lock in place. Never force boards and apply equal pressure to the board. Line up the far left side of the board to be positioned with the end of the previous board installed. Lightly press the board down to lock in place. Never force boards and remove debris that could get in the way of the locking system. For aethetical reasons, on starting the next row, always make sure to stagger the end joints by at least 6" (15.24 cm). Try to use cut piece from the flooring strips and the wall to achieve the desired expansion gap. Start the second row with a strip of at least 6" (150mm) longer or shorter than the strip used in the first row. This will eliminate unsightly step effects. The remainder of the floor should follow this rule to ensure an aesthetically pleasing floor. Clean any glue that gets on the finished side of the flooring before the glue dries. Flooring pieces may require slight tapping in order to ensure a tight fit. You may use 3M's blue tape, if required, to hold pieces together until glue bond has fully developed. Rip the strips for the last row to the required width, not forgetting to allow for expansion. Use a crowbar to ensure tight fitting boards, use shims to hold in place until glue has dried. Remove the shims 24 hours after installation.

General Care & Maintenance for all Vintage Hardwood Floors

Vacuum and sweep your floor as often as required to eliminate dust and debris from your floor. This may have to be done on a daily basis; depending on the amount of traffic in your home. Use Vintage's Maintenance Kit as needed to remove grime.

Never clean your hardwood floor with water or use a cleaner that is mixed with water. Do not use vinegar, bleach, household cleaners or any oil based detergent on your hardwood flooring. These can also leave a greasy and/or cloudy film or damage the finish.

Keep floor mats at all entrances to keep dirt and moisture from being tracked on your floor. Place walk off mats at all exterior entrances. This will capture much of the harmful dirt before it ever reaches the hardwood floor. Shake out, wash and vacuum mats and rugs frequently.

To avoid water marks, never let spills of any type remain on the surface of the floor. Wipe up spills immediately. Rotate area rugs occasionally to minimize discoloration from sunlight.

Use adequate floor protection (felt pads) under all furniture and chair legs, in order to ease their movements and to prevent scratches and dents. Replace as required or regularly.

When moving heavy furniture or appliances, put a large heavy blanket underneath them to avoid scratches and dents.

Do not wear high heels on your hardwood floor. Spiked shoes exert approximately 1000 pounds per square inch. Old, unprotected tips will dent any hardwood floor.

Try to maintain an average humidity level of 45% in order to minimize the expansion and contraction in your floor. Use a hygrometer to help monitor humidity levels through out the home. Available on Vintage's website or dealer.

Minimize surface scratches by keeping your pets nails trimmed.

Heavy Gauge or Deep Scratch Repair:

Vacuum and clean the floor with Vintage Floor Cleaner and let the floor dry. If you have removed the finish and stain and are seeing the unfinished wood, use color matched pen & fill stick to color the unfinished wood fibers (if the floor is natural no stain is required.) Stay within the line and try not to color on the unaffected area. Vintage has color touch up kits to match all standard colors offered. Let dry.

Care and Maintenance for UV Urethane Oil finish floors

Vintage Flooring recommends the Loba care and maintenance products to be used on any Vintage UV oil finished flooring. Loba and Vintage have tested with these products on all Vintage UV Oil hardwood flooring.

Regular dirt and dust removal for residential:

Vacuum and sweep your floors as often as required to eliminate dust and debris from your floor.

Light traffic for residential use: 3-7 days. Use the Vintage Hardwood Cleaning kit that has been specially formulated to eliminate streaking and residue. Never clean your hardwood with a steam mop, wet mop or use vinegar or bleach.

Note: Before using any Oil product, prepare a sample or test area to determine compatibility, appearance and desired results.

UV Oil Maintenance care for residential:

Minor, superficial scratches as well as dull areas on the surface can be sealed and protected and in some cases can be completely removed by applying Loba Aqua Oil.

1. Vacuum and clean the floor with Vintage Hardwood Floor Cleaner and let the floor dry

2. Apply a thin film of Loba Aqua Oil with a rag or a mop on the affected area or over the entire floor. The product will dry quickly and the floor can be walked on carefully. Resume normal use after 12 hours. Loba Aqua Oil can be used as frequently as desired. The product will form a sacrificial layer which will wear off with regular use. Therefore it is recommended to reapply the product regularly, or as required. If you notice any portion of the floor that is starting to fade and is showing signs of wear, this is an indicator that you should be applying a coat of the Loba Aqua Oil.

For complete recoating of the UV Urethane please contact an authorized Loba dealer for professional care.

Contact a Vintage dealer for Commercial cleaning instructions

Vintage Hardwood Flooring
409 Evans Ave
Toronto, ON Canada M8Z 1K8
416-521-6100 or 1-877-256-0231
vintageflooring.com
General Installation Instructions for all products

- **Product Specifications**: 3/4" (19 mm) Solid
- **Grades Available**: Estate, Select-V & Heritage
- **Widths Available**: 3 1/4" (83 mm), 4 1/4" (108 mm)
- **Averages**:
  - 33" - 58" (837 - 1474 mm) depending on grade
- **Installation**: Nail - At or above ground
- **Radiant Heat**: No, can use Crafted, Solid Sawn, Northern Solid Sawn or U-LOC

- **Grades Available**: Estate, Select-V
- **Widths Available**: 3 1/2" (89 mm), 5" (127 mm)
- **Lengths**: Random lengths 14" - 72" (356 - 1829 mm), Average: 32" (813 mm)
- **Installation**: Nail, glue or float - At, above or below ground level
- **Radiant Heat**: Yes * Check species list

- **Grades Available**: Estate, Select-V, Character
- **Widths Available**: 3 1/4" (84 mm), 4 3/8" (112 mm), 5" (127 mm), 7" (180 mm), 10" (250 mm)
- **Lengths**: Random lengths 16" - 84" (406 - 2134 mm), Averages: 38" - 48" (965 - 1219 mm) depending on species and grade
- **Installation**: Nail, glue or float - At, above or below ground level
- **Radiant Heat**: Yes * Check species list

- **Product Specifications**: 9/16" (13.7 mm) Engineered
- **Grades Available**: Estate, Select-V
- **Widths Available**: 3" (76 mm), 4 1/4" (108 mm)
- **Lengths**: Random lengths 14" - 72" (356 - 1829 mm), Average: 32" (813 mm)
- **Installation**: Nail, glue or float - At, above or below ground level
- **Radiant Heat**: Yes * Check species list

- **Grades Available**: Estate, Select-V
- **Widths Available**: 7/16" (11 mm) Click
- **Lengths**: Fixed lengths 46.14" (1172 mm), 32.36" (822 mm), 28.8" (732 mm), 23.07" (586 mm), 17.32" (440 mm), 13.77" (350 mm)
- **Installation**: Float - At, above or below ground level
- **Radiant Heat**: Yes * Check species list

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Warranties

**Lifetime Structural Warranty for Residential Installations**

Vintage Hardwood Flooring has strict processing controls and every piece is put through a rigorous quality control system. Vintage warranties all the product collections to the original owner of a non-commercial floor in its original manufactured condition to be free from defects, delamination, milling defects and grading for the lifetime of the floor. This warranty excludes the standard defect allowance of 5% for widths below 4" and 8% for 4 1/4" and over. The relative humidity in the residence must be targeted at 45% and the maximum ranges in the specific product warranty never exceeded. Radiant heat warranty is limited as specified in the radiant heat section. The warranty does not cover the normal movement and reactions of wood to humidity and damages as listed in the exclusion list. To fulfill this warranty, the owner must ensure the pre-installation, installation, maintenance and care guidelines are complied with. Vintage Hardwood Flooring's liability for this warranty is limited solely to the defect amount in excess of the standards above and is for the flooring material only.

**Residential Wear Warranty**

This warranty guarantees to the original purchaser that the standard Vintage Semi-gloss and Pearl finishes will not wear through or peel for 25 years from the date of purchase. Oil and Custom gloss finishes are not covered by this warranty. The product must be in its original purchased condition. The warranty is applicable to non-structural defects only. Checks, lines or peeling that appear on the surface of knots, checks, cracks, holes, color variation and other related natural character allowed for in the grades are not covered under this warranty. The floor must be installed and maintained in accordance to Vintage's installation and maintenance guidelines. See warranty exclusions for other limitations.

**Commercial Wear Warranty**

This warranty guarantees to the original commercial purchaser that the standard Vintage Semi-gloss and Pearl finishes will not wear through or peel for 3 years from the date of purchase. Oil and Custom gloss finishes are not covered by this warranty. The product must be in its original purchased condition. The warranty is applicable to non-structural defects only. Checks, lines or peeling that appear on the surface of knots, checks, cracks, holes, color variation and other related natural character allowed for in the grades are not covered under this warranty. The floor must be installed and maintained in accordance to Vintage's installation guidelines. The floor must be regularly maintained in accordance with Vintage Hardwood Flooring's guideline to validate this Warranty. The sole remedy pursuant to this warranty shall be limited to the repair, refinishing or replacement of the floor at the discretion of Vintage Hardwood Flooring to correct the issue. Any attempt to modify, repair or replace products prior to authorization of Vintage Hardwood Flooring will void this warranty. See warranty exclusions for other limitations.

**3 Year Finish Wear through Warranty for Commercial Installations**

(Special Ordered as “Commercial Finish”)

This warranty guarantees to the original commercial purchaser that the standard Vintage Semi-gloss and Pearl finish will not wear through or peel for 3 years from the date of purchase in a commercial environment. Heavy traffic environments, including exterior main access ways are excluded. Oil and Custom gloss finishes are not covered by this warranty. The product must be in its original purchased condition. The warranty is applicable to non-structural defects only. Checks, lines or peeling that appear on the surface of knots, checks, cracks, holes, color variation and other related natural character allowed for in the grades are not covered under this warranty. The floor must be installed in accordance to Vintage’s installation guidelines. The floor must be regularly maintained in accordance with Vintage Hardwood Flooring’s guideline to validate this Warranty. The sole remedy pursuant to this warranty shall be limited to the repair, refinishing or replacement of the floor at the discretion of Vintage Hardwood Flooring to correct the issue. Any attempt to modify, repair or replace products prior to authorization of Vintage Hardwood Flooring will void this warranty. See warranty exclusions for other limitations.

**10 Year Limited Residential Wear Warranty**

(UV Urethane Oil finish) (Not an Oxidative Oil)

This warranty guarantees to the original purchaser that its UV Urethane Oil finish will not wear through the finish in normal residential use within 10 years from the purchase date. The finish of UV Oil must be carefully maintained, including regular care and maintenance that cleans and protects the floor failure to care and maintain the floor for any period, as described in the Vintage care instructions, can lead to failure of the floor and will void the warranty. Wear warranty excludes items listed under exclusions. Vintage recommends refreshing the floor as soon as worn or dulled is observed to provide a protective coat to avoid or correct minor damages. Refreshing may cause variations in the finish if any residue is missed by cleaning or due to varying amounts of refresher applied. Vintage does not warranty gloss variation or contamination resulting from the refresher application. Vintage’s thin UV Urethane Oil coat will wear through in heavy traffic areas or areas where sources of grit or damage are higher. Therefore place matchsticks or other similar objects to protect the finish. For example, entrance ways, high traffic areas, etc. In the event the floor is exposed due to damage or excessive wear, it is essential to carefully clean and refresh the area to avoid the “wash-out” and discoloration of the underlying stain. Repairs to damage and excessive traffic/wear are not covered by the warranty. Consult a professional when recoating or extensive repairs are required.

**Vintage Wear Warranties**

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Congratulations on purchasing one of the highest quality prefinished hardwood floors. Your premium Vintage Hardwood Floor will provide you with a lifetime of memorable moments. Products may be manufactured in one of Vintage’s worldwide manufacturing facilities, but are all prefinished in Canada. Contact a Vintage dealer for more information.

Warranty Program takes effect: February 2014 replacing all previous versions.
Humidity Control (Gapping, Cupping and Splits)

Relative Humidity is the ratio of the actual amount of water vapor contained in the air to a given temperature to the maximum amount of water vapor that the air at a given temperature can hold, expressed as a percent. In other words, relative humidity is the absolute humidity divided by the absolute humidity at saturation of air at the same temperature.

Wood is a hygroscopic material. Always containing water, it constantly exchanges water vapor with the air, picking it up when atmospheric relative humidity is high, and giving it off when relative humidity is low. Since wood swells as it absorbs water, and shrinks as it releases water, both its moisture content and its dimensions are controlled by the relative humidity of the surrounding air. Wood moisture content is equal to the weight of water contained in the wood divided by the oven dry weight of the wood, expressed as a percent.

Inside homes however, where the relative humidity (RH) of outdoor air drawn inside is drastically altered by heating or cooling it within a humidification or dehumidification system, seasonal swings in relative humidity in wood moisture content and dimension changes occur. Since warm air can hold more water vapor than cold air, the relative humidity of air with a certain absolute humidity can be changed by simply changing its temperature. If in winter, for example, outside air at 20°F (-7°C) and 65% RH is drawn inside and warmed to 70°F (20°C) without humidification, its relative humidity drops to about 10%. In summer, outside air at 70°F (20°C) and 60% RH that flows into a basement at 60°F (16°C) will end up at 82% RH. In order to minimize this movement, the relative humidity must be maintained according to product specifications for Pioneered solid anything higher and the flooring will start to cup, anything lower and the floor will start to gap and may check and split in winter months.

Special Note for Crafted, Solid Sawn, Northern Solid Sawn and U-LOC

Although these products are more stable, they can still react to changes in relative humidity according to the season. Minor cupping, crowing, face distortions, etc. is considered normal when near the limits of the stability warranty and is not covered under this warranty. Raising or lowering your humidity level towards the middle of the warranty range will resolve this issue.

Vintage's Crafted, Solid Sawn, Northern Solid Sawn, & U-LOC Hardwood Flooring will perform extremely well with high humidity. However, if the humidity drops below warranted levels the face lamella will start to contract. The construction of these products is such that the core material will minimize the face lamella's contraction. If the humidity drops below warranted levels the core will continue to do its job and minimize the contraction again. However, there comes a point where the face lamella is under so much stress, and the core is not allowing the face to move (minimize cupping) that the face lamella has no other choice but to relieve its pressure by stress cracking. Stress cracking is NOT covered under this warranty.

Vintage manufactures and stores solid wood flooring in a controlled environment. It is important to check and document both the ambient humidity and the moisture of the subfloors in the rooms before installation. Humidity outside the allowed range or subfloors more than 2% difference in moisture on 3 1/4” and wider floors (4% difference on 3” and narrower) will cause the floors to expand/shrink and cup. If the humidity drops below warranted levels the core will continue to do its job and minimize the contraction again. However, there comes a point where the face lamella is under so much stress, and the core is not allowing the face to move (minimize cupping) that the face lamella has no other choice but to relieve its pressure by stress cracking. Stress cracking is NOT covered under this warranty.

Installation on radiant heat system

The Radiant Heat Compliance form must be completed and signed to validate radiant heat warranty. A copy must be submitted to Vintage Flooring with the purchase order when ordering a floor. It is the responsibility of the dealer to provide this completed form when ordering material. In signing this compliance form it is agreed that the homeowner will not exceed the maximum temperature as per the above mentioned Vintage guidelines. It is also agreed that the thermal sensor strips will be installed in accordance with these guidelines. The homeowner will also keep a record of the placement of these sensor strips so that they know where the location is, and will make them available for extraction in the unlikely event of a claim.

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For more detailed information about the Radiant heat warranty, please contact a Vintage dealer.
Warranty Exclusions
The following are excluded from all Vintage warranties

Any damage or failures, but not limited, to the following are not covered by Vintage's warranty:

- The finish wear surface must be easily noticeable and cover at least 15% of the total floor area for a claim to be considered.
- Damage or structure failure relating to installation and interior conditions that do not comply with Vintage's installation requirements.
- Structural Defects natural in the wood where the finish cracks, contains voids, or color variation that appear on the surface of a knot, check, split, hole or similar naturally occurring wood character in the grade.
- Natural expansion, contraction and tensions caused by woods reaction to humidity variations.
- Wood displacement due to nailing, stapling or installation (i.e. Dimpling & Nail pops)
- Natural discoloration of the finish, aging, fading or darkening of the wood and excessive exposure to sunlight, including uneven discoloration under rugs & furniture.
- Environmental extremes of heat, dryness or humidity that exceed the product specified humidity range.
- Construction damage, in particular on textured surfaces, can contaminate the naturally occurring or intended undulations in the surfaces (i.e. Drywall dust).
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- Damage due to improper care or failure to comply with Vintage's maintenance and care instructions.
- Natural color and character marks in the wood as allowed in the grade (Samples do not show all possible character marks allowed in the entire floor).
- Gloss changes due to wear or use, including variation in replacement boards.
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- This Warranty only applies to defects in excess of the 5% on boards under 4" and 8% on boards 4 1/4" or over.
- Vintage's liability under this warranty is limited to the replacement or repair, of any portion of the floor, solely at Vintage's discretion, and only up to the total purchase price of the floor (excluding installation). Vintage will not be liable for other costs, including labor, installation, moving, or accommodation costs.
- The warranty is only to the original purchaser and cannot be transferred.
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Filing a Claim
To file a claim, contact your authorized Vintage Hardwood Flooring Dealer or Builder where you made your purchase. They will assess and complete a claim form if warranted, that will require the details of original purchase, payment confirmation, installation, environment conditions and details of the issue.

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