



VINYL WARRANTY SBC - Metropolitan

CORKART Vinyl SBC floors are covered by a 20-Year Residential Wear Warranty, a 10 years Commercial Wear Warranty, and a Lifetime Structural and Joint Integrity Warranty.

1. Wear-through Warranty

This is restricted to wear on the surface of the boards. The wear must be readily visible and cover a minimum of approximately 10% of the installed floor. Gloss reduction or surface scratches are not considered surface wear.

2. Lifetime Structural Warranty

CORKART products are carefully inspected prior to packaging during the manufacturing process and are warranted to be free from manufacturing defects, with the exception of minor color deviations that technically cannot be avoided and minor defects which do not substantially reduce the useful value.

3. Lifetime Joint Integrity Warranty

The joints will remain secure and the planks will not come apart. NOTE: All CORKART floors are engineered to minimize gapping that may occur in natural floors with seasonal fluctuations. Minor gapping (up to 0.2mm or 0.01 inches), without the unlocking of the pieces, may occur and is not considered a defect.

CORKART Wear Warranty is made subject to the following conditions:

- 1) This warranty is valid from the date of purchase, applies only to the flooring products in their original installation location; it is non-transferable and applies only to the original purchaser (whose name is written in the invoice); shall expire if the product or installation location is transferred or re-sold.
- 2) This warranty applies to CORKART vinyl SBC floor products and exclusively to the use in interior applications that are subject to normal traffic.
- 3) The floor must be applied properly by a professional according to the fitting instructions.
- 4) The floor must be installed on the recommended underlay.
- 5) When installing over concrete, a calcium chloride moisture test must be performed. Readings greater than 3 lbs./1000 sq. ft./24 hours are unacceptable for installation.

- 6) Expert maintenance and cleaning according to maintenance instructions available.
- 7) The static load of the floor does not exceed 30kg/cm².
- 8) Shrinkage of the product is considered a defect only if it falls outside the standards set out in ISO 23999 and ISO 10582:2017.
- 9) This limited warranty does not apply to damage caused by incorrect handling or use of the floor, inadequate maintenance, modification, repair of the object by third parties without the prior consent of CORKART.
- 10) Proper installation - Please read laying instructions carefully from beginning to end before installing the floor and strictly follow their directions. **Improper installation will invalidate the Warranty.**
- 11) Proper Cleaning and Care - These warranties will only apply if CORKART Vinyl floors have been properly cleaned and cared for.
- 12) Proper Maintenance - The surface finish is a protective coat which covers the top layer. A timely maintenance of the surface finish guarantees the long-term durability of CORKART floors. Improper maintenance of the surface finish will invalidate this warranty.
- 13) CORKART products are carefully inspected prior to packaging during the manufacturing process. Final inspection and approval is the customer's responsibility. CORKART does not assume any responsibility over the installation costs if customer does not follow above rule.
- 14) CORKART does not warrant any difference in shade or color between samples/photographs and the actual flooring 1) from batch to batch; 2) resulting from replacement of a portion of your floor; 3) resulting from the different age and history of the same product reference/batch. Some variation in color and pattern is to be expected and is not considered defect.
- 15) CORKART is not responsible and will not accept claims for the installation of incorrect material, visually defective material or material that does not meet customer expectations in terms of shade consistency or variation. Installation of material should be deemed confirmation of pattern, color, appearance and all other visual factors including but not limited to squareness and thickness.
- 16) There is no use of castor chairs other than those with rollers at least 50mm in diameter and with a tread width of 20mm, manufactured hard seamless plastic according to DIN 68131 and/or EN 425.
- 17) The warranty shall only extend to the repair or replacement of the floor. Any further liability is excluded if the law allows it. CORKART is not liable in any way for any consequential damage, such as business interruption, removal costs, loss profit, etc.

18) Warranty coverage will be as follows:

0-2 years: 100% of the Flooring Products for replacement + costs of removal or installation

3-10 years: 100% of the Flooring Products for replacement (without costs of removal or installation)

11-20 years: 50% of the Flooring Products for replacement (without costs of removal or installation)

Exclusions:

1. Problems due to alkaline substances, hydrostatic pressure, expansion and contraction between planks/tiles.
2. Damage due to exposure to excessive heat, cold or dryness.
3. Damage due to irregularities in the sub-floor, improper sub-floor preparation or improper use of sub-floor materials.
4. Damage due to adhesives or tape, stains, scratches, gouges, scuffs, punctures, tears, cuts, indentation, burns, accidents, lack of proper furniture rests; improper storage and handling or incident such as a fire, flood (also plumbing leaks such as overflowing of sinks or similar water damage) or abuse.
5. Loss of gloss over time is consistence with normal wear and tear and is not a flaw.
6. CORKART makes no guarantee that the vinyl products will match or coordinate with customer furnishing, trim, cabinetry, railings, etc.
7. Dissatisfaction, problems or damage due to use of improper installation tools and/or materials.
8. Non-compliance with installation instructions and maintenance guidelines as recommended by CORKART. CORKART cannot assume responsibility for the suitability of flooring material and accompanying products for each individual installation, as CORKART has no control over the installer's proper application. Should an individual piece be doubtful as to appearance or dimension the installer should not use this piece.
9. Cracking, warping, soiling, improper maintenance or abuse caused by items such as roller skates, inline skates, stiletto heels, golf shoes, animal claws/nails; abrasive materials including but not limited to grave, pebbles, sand.
10. Floor covering installed in inappropriate locations is excluded from this warranty.
11. Insect infestation after shipment from factory.
12. Falling or dropped objects that can dent or fracture the flooring or finish.

13. Non-factory applied finishes (by the owner or installer) including, but not limited to, refinishing or recoating.

Floor mats:

CORKART recommends the use of a floor or entrance mat to prevent the ingress of dirt and moisture and also that you do not place floor mats loosely on the floor. This mat should not contain the softener octyl benzoate as it may cause delamination of the top layer of the floor.

Prevent discoloration:

Wood, vinyl, cork, carpets or any kind of floor covering will discolor under the influence of sunlight due to its UV rays. Effective sun shades are an important way of preventing your floor from discoloring.

How to make a claim:

If a defect is detected on a CORKART floor, notify the retailer who sold you the material within maximum 15 days, in writing. You must supply proof of purchase. Include the product name, quantity involved and installation costs (if applicable). Once the retailer verifies the claim, he will notify CORKART and if necessary, an inspection will be arranged.

If a defect is verified, CORKART will arrange for the repair or replacement of the defective floor. If the floor needs to be replaced, the replacement material will be the same design and coloration as the original. If the original flooring is no longer available, then other CORKART flooring product of equal value will be supplied.

Repair or replacement of all or any of the flooring is at CORKART discretion and all labor costs will not be covered. Any other costs associated with the installation, repair or replacement will not be covered under this warranty. Any attempt to repair, refinish or replace the defected product prior to inspection by CORKART retailer will invalidate this warranty.

CORKART will repair or replace a floor one time during life of its warranty.