

# HARMONY TIMBER FLOORS Warranty Certificate

Thank you for purchasing Harmony Timber Floors; we wish you many years of true enjoyment.

# RESIDENTIAL APPLICATIONS

This guarantee only applies to the original purchaser and is not transferable. **IMPORTANT:** You must maintain your floors as per the instructions set down in the warranty conditions under **"Care & Maintenance Of Your Floors,"** cleaning agents must be approved by Harmony Timber Floors, if not, non-approved agents may cause damage and your floor may be void of its warranty, this warranty applies to Residential Use Only. This guarantee is limited to either replacing or repairing the damaged section of the floor; and the final decision rests with Harmony Timber Floors Pty Ltd.

You have made a big investment, please read the following points.

### **SURFACE FINISH: TWENTY FIVE YEAR**

Harmony Timber Floors Pty Ltd, warrant that the surface finish has been applied under strict quality control systems by the manufacture. The warranty excludes any indentations and surface damages which have been caused through lack of care, or the lack of proper maintenance, negligence, misuse, walking with stiletto heels or stones on shoes, nails, spiked shoes, water damage, other liquids or chemicals, abrasives of any kind not mentioned and insufficient pre protection. The damaged section must be visible and must cover at least 10% of the floor area. The reduction of the sheen-gloss is not considered as surface wear. Harmony warrant that the top layer will not wear through or separate from the top hardwood, for a period of twenty-five years. This is applicable to Residential properties, not Commercial.

## HARMONY: TIMBER TOP

Harmony Timber Floors Pty Ltd, warrant that the floor structure will remain free from manufacturing defects, this solid hardwood timber top will not wear through. See installation guidelines and instructions, this warranty is applicable to both commercial and domestic use.

### NORMAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

This means that both heating & ventilation systems must be constructed to maintain a relative humidity level between 40% and 60% in the air all year round. Damage, which may be caused due to high levels of moisture, poor transportation, insufficient ventilation, Installation procedures not according to the manufactures guidelines, plus extreme heat or cold conditions, will not be covered under this warranty.

### **INSTALLATION EXPANSION**

It is very important that suitable expansion joints are left at all the perimeters of the floor, timber expands and contracts as well as being hydroscopic, it also absorbs moisture from the atmosphere, adequate expansion is imperative, at least 1.5mmmm per meter is required; example if you are installing in an area where the floor is  $6m \times 8m$  then allow for  $6 \times 1.5 = 9mm$  and  $8 \times 1.5 = 12mm$ . This has to apply to each board as the boards are glued together the floor will move as one whole membrane, If there is insufficient expansion your floor will buckle, bend, or crack (craze) Follow the installation procedures, which are available online or available from Harmony.

Websites: www.harmonytimberfloors.com www.atfa.com.au

## **FACTS THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF**

Timber is a natural product, Timber will Expand and Contract as seasons change and so will your floors. In certain areas /states the weather patterns can differ greatly, one has to expect that your floor will react differently, in a more humid (hot moist) area, compared to a cooler environment, therefore the expectation of a timber floor cannot be compared to a marble or tiled floor, the composition is totally different, you will get movement in your floor, Gaps will form and Cupping & Crowning can develop, this does not mean that the floor or timber is inferior, it is merely changing with the climate. In extreme cases you may need to contact the original installer to examine the floor for professional advice, additional expansion may be required or in some cases an expansion joint may be necessary. Important: Timber is a natural product; timber continues to live even after it has been installed. each piece is different, colors and grains can vary with most species in particular Australian timbers, you can expect to have Knots, Gum Veins, Insect Holes, Surface Checking (Cracks) and other Imperfections may occur, this is a characteristic of the timber & species. You can expect a certain amount of Squeaking in a timber floor, under dry condition your floor can squeak more, never place heavy cupboards, cabinets, or kitchens on top of a floating floor, this will restrict the floor from expanding in all directions.

# **CARE & MAINTENANCE OF YOU FLOORS**

- This guide is part of the manufactures maintenance program and wear layer warranty, failure to comply fully, will result in the warranty being null & void.
- Your pre-finished floor is both durable and very easy to maintain. The key to quality maintenance and protection of your floor is to maintain the UV finish. The following floor care recommendations are necessary. For additional cleaning & maintenance visit websites under Installation Expansion ROUTINE & PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
- Dust mop or vacuum your timber floor regularly.
- Apply suitable floor mats at all entrance areas leading on to the floor; ensure that these mats are well cleaned; do not allow dirt to build up under the mat.
- Periodically clean the floor with The Specially formulated PARQUETPRO FLOOR- CLEANER, Or any Neutral PH Cleaner, this is applied by lightly mist spraying the area above the floor as you clean, use a micro fiber mop, which is best, if you need to wash your mop while cleaning, make sure it is very well wrung, never apply water directly to the floor surface, as this will damage your floor. Note: cleaner is concentrated, please read instructions.
- Do Not apply any timber polishes solvents or waxes, which have not been approved by the manufacture. Sand and dirt carried in by shoes can be abrasive to the surface, place protective mats in doorways to keep the moisture and dirt from being walked onto the floor.
- Matts are also recommended in front of sinks in the kitchen & laundry. Matts, Rugs must be protected with a slip resistant backing which is non-abrasive.
- Install floor protectors on all furniture legs; never drag furniture across the floor, Clean spills as soon as they happen, before they get sticky or dry.
- Spiked & stiletto heel shoes, especially those that have worn heels, can dent and scratch floors, often the heel can fall off, then you are left with a spike, this will damage your floors
- Maintain proper humidity levels between 40-60% throughout the year; avoid extreme humidity changes from season to season.
- Do not close up your home for extended periods without suitable ventilation, as the inside temperature will increase and will dry out your floors
- Avoid direct sunlight; protect windows with shades or window tints, if not your floors will fade and dry out.
- Trim your pet's nails.
- Never use hot water or steam mop on your floors.
- When tumble drying clothing please ensure that the house is suitably vented allowing the moisture to escape outdoors, if you tumble dry and close all external windows and doors the humidity level will increase dramatically and will affect your floor.
- Do Not use a Steam Mop!!!, in time this will destroy your floors.
- If you use heating ensure that you do not dry out your floors, you need to maintain the humidity levels.

