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ABODE<sup>™</sup>  
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**CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE**  
PRODUCT WARRANTY



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## CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### For all Couture, Kentwood and Abode collection polyurethane finished floors.

For information on Natural Oil or UV-Cured Oil finished floors, please visit [kentwoodfloors.com](http://kentwoodfloors.com) or consult your Kentwood dealer.

KENTWOOD™ floors are factory-finished with a durable finish designed to provide years of protection and easy care. Some simple care and maintenance procedures will help to keep your KENTWOOD floor looking its best and help to protect it from unnecessary wear and damage.

- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to keep it clean and free of dust, sand and other abrasive materials.
- Place area rugs or doormats at entryways to help prevent sand, grit, oils, dirt and other abrasive or staining materials from being tracked onto the floor surface from outdoors. (Avoid rubber-backed or similarly dense matting materials that may trap moisture between the mat and the floor; choose mats that enable airflow instead.)
- Place protective mats at high-use work areas such as sinks, ranges, service counters and workstations.
- Protect the floor from any exposure to liquids, water and other forms of moisture. Blot up any spilled food, drink or other liquid immediately. Under no circumstances allow liquid to remain on the surface of these floors. Never wet mop the floor when cleaning. Avoid walking on the floor with wet feet or footwear. Damage caused by flooding, broken pipes, wet mopping or any other exposure to liquid or moisture is not covered by the product warranty.
- Ensure that environmental conditions are maintained with a temperature of 60-80°F (15-26°C) and humidity at 30-50% RH at all times. Hardwood flooring reacts to changes in the environment. Excessive heat or dryness can result in gapping or dry cupping; excessive humidity can result in buckling, splitting or other problems resulting from exposure to improper environmental conditions are not covered by the product warranty.
- If the floor is installed over a radiant heating system, never allow the surface temperature of the floor to exceed 82°F (28°C). Avoid dramatic temperature changes; always adjust the system gradually in 2°F (5°C) increments per day, to avoid shocking the floor. Where possible, we recommend the use of a data logger to monitor and record temperature and humidity conditions; this provides a record of the environmental conditions and may also help take preventive measures where conditions are outside of recommended levels.
- Put felt protector pads on the feet of all furniture, display stands, file cabinets and other accessories that will be placed directly onto the floor surface. Inspect regularly for wear and replace as necessary.
- Avoid letting sharp or pointed objects come into contact with the floor surface. Do not walk on the floor with high heeled shoes, sports cleats, or other types of footwear which may damage the finish or cause indentations to the surface.
- Pets' nails will scratch and mark the floor surface. Keep pets' nails trimmed to minimize damage to the surface.

- Do not drag, push or roll appliances, furniture or any heavy object across the floor. Use heavy-duty moving mats, dollies, or other moving aids to protect the floor surface.
- Hardwood flooring will naturally undergo a change in color as it adjusts to the ambient light conditions of the installation environment. The degree of color change varies by species. To ensure a uniform change, it is recommended that you do not place area rugs on the new floor for sixty days after installation. Thereafter, periodic re-arrangement of furniture and area rugs will help ensure that your flooring colors evenly.

## CLEANING

- Sweep or vacuum the floor regularly to keep it free of dust, grit and other abrasive materials.
- Blot up any food, drink or liquid spills immediately.
- For more thorough cleaning, use the Metropolitan Systems Complete™ Easy Clean Powder (available at your dealer). Follow the product instructions.
- Do not use a vacuum beater brush.
- Do not use any household cleaners, oils, soaps, waxes or any abrasive materials or scouring agents on the floor.
- Avoid the use of steam-cleaners as this practice will void the warranty.

**Failure to follow these floor care instructions may void this warranty.**

## IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING OPEN GRAIN CONTAMINATION

Excerpt taken from the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) Technical publication No. C200

**Definition:** An accumulation of contaminants in open voids or characters, such as in textured wood, the soft grain/springwood, open knots, splits/checks, etc., on the surface of the installed floor.

**Causes:** Any time drywall work has been scheduled post wood floor installation, the wood floor is susceptible to becoming exposed to drywall dust. Subsequent wetting/damp mopping of the surface will turn the drywall dust into a paste, which can be extremely difficult to remove from the exposed voids or characteristics of the flooring. Silt, salt residue, or other fine dust particles becoming embedded in the exposed voids or characteristics of the unprotected flooring. Paint, flooring adhesive, or other contaminants that have been spilled and subsequently cleaned from the surface, but remains in the exposed voids or characteristics of the flooring.

Open grain contamination is not covered under warranty. However, if it has occurred, please contact the Kentwood Technical Services Team at [techserv@metrofloors.com](mailto:techserv@metrofloors.com) and we will endeavor to help find a solution in correcting the problem.

## PRODUCT WARRANTY

This warranty applies to the original purchaser and the original site of installation only. The conditions and terms of this warranty are as stated herein and may not be altered by any dealer, installer, agent or distributor of KENTWOOD flooring.

## MANUFACTURING WARRANTY

KENTWOOD warrants that KENTWOOD flooring shall not contain manufacturing defects in excess of industry standards (5% of total flooring quantity). If manufacturing defects are present in excess of industry standards, the defective pieces should be returned to the original place of purchase PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. If KENTWOOD deems the flooring to be defective, KENTWOOD will replace it with an equivalent quantity of the same or similar product at no charge to the customer. If KENTWOOD is unable to furnish an equivalent replacement product, KENTWOOD may, at its sole discretion, elect to refund to the customer a portion of the original purchase price equivalent to the value of the defective portion of the floor. Under no circumstances will the value of a warranty claim exceed the original purchase price of the product. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CUSTOMER TO INSPECT ALL PIECES OF FLOORING FOR DEFECTS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. FLOORING THAT HAS BEEN INSTALLED WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CUSTOMER AND WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT. KENTWOOD accepts no responsibility for labor costs incurred to remove or install products.

Wood are natural products with naturally-occurring imperfections and variations in color, grain and appearance. Actual flooring products may differ in color, grain and appearance from illustrations and samples, and variations in color, grain and appearance will exist in any quantity of the flooring itself. These are not considered defects.

## FINISH WARRANTY

When installed in a residential application, KENTWOOD warrants that the polyurethane factory finish on KENTWOOD floors will not wear through under normal residential traffic conditions and use for a period of:

- 25 years from the date of purchase for products in the ABODE BY KENTWOOD COLLECTION
- 30 years from the date of purchase for products in the KENTWOOD COLLECTION
- 50 years from the date of purchase for products in the COUTURE COLLECTION BY KENTWOOD™

When installed in a light or moderate commercial application, KENTWOOD warrants that the polyurethane factory finish on KENTWOOD floors will not wear through for a period of 5 years for the KENTWOOD COLLECTION and the COUTURE COLLECTION, and 3 years for ABODE from the date of purchase under **LIGHT OR MODERATE** commercial conditions and use. Light or moderate commercial applications include professional business offices and reception areas, light retail or specialty stores and boutiques. KENTWOOD floors are not recommended for heavy traffic applications (including but not limited to: groceries, drug and hardware stores, airports); use in such applications will not be covered by this warranty. Restaurants/ food service applications and other locations not mentioned here can only be warranted on a job by job basis with advance approval from our tech services team in writing. Please reach out to [techserv@metrofloors.com](mailto:techserv@metrofloors.com) or your local sales representative.

**Note: These finish warranties do not apply to KENTWOOD products with a Natural Oil or UV-Cured Oil finish.**

If wear-through does occur within the warranty period, KENTWOOD will, at its sole discretion, either repair the affected portion of the floor or replace it with an equivalent quantity of the same or similar product at no charge to the customer. If KENTWOOD is unable to repair the product or is unable to furnish an equivalent replacement product, KENTWOOD may, at its sole discretion, elect to refund to the customer a portion of the original purchase price equivalent to the value of the affected portion of the floor. This is the sole remedy provided by this warranty. Any other incidental or consequential damages or costs incurred by the customer as a result of the imperfect piece of flooring, including any labor costs incurred to remove and re-install affected portions of flooring, will not be covered by this warranty.

To be eligible for a warranty claim, the wear-through must be evident and visible in more than 10% of the total floor surface. Isolated areas of surface wear in high traffic areas (doorways, hallways, service counters, workstations, etc) are not considered normal wear-through and are not covered by this warranty.

Gloss reduction is not considered surface wear.

Scratches, indentations, marks, stains or other damage caused by negligence or accidental exposure to pebbles, grit, sand or other abrasives, pets, insects, high heeled or cleated shoes, fire, product spills, excessive moisture, heat or dryness are not considered normal wear and are not covered by this warranty.

**There are no other express or limited warranties except as set forth above.**

## **WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS**

Naturally-occurring imperfections and variations in color, grain and appearance are inherent to the nature of the product and are not considered defects.

The color of wood is affected by natural light, and many styles of KENTWOOD floors will change color after installation. Color change is not considered a defect.

New or replacement hardwood flooring may not match display samples, existing flooring, or other products and furnishings in your home.

Installation must be performed in accordance with the installation instructions included with the product and in accordance with local building codes. KENTWOOD floors are for indoor residential use only.

Environmental conditions must be maintained as specified, with a temperature of 60-80°F (15-26°C) and humidity at 30-50% RH at all times. Exposure to higher or lower levels of heat and/ or humidity may result in expansion and/or contraction of the floor boards resulting in separation between joints, cupping or splitting of boards, or other problems. Problems resulting from exposure to levels of heat and/or humidity other than those specified herein are not covered by this warranty.

Care and maintenance must be carried out in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. These warranties are not transferable. No installer, retailer, distributor or agent of KENTWOOD flooring has the authority to alter the terms or conditions of these warranties.

These warranties provide no express or implied coverage against:

- Scratches, indentations, marks, stains or other damage caused by negligent or accidental exposure to pebbles, grit, sand or other abrasives, pets, insects, high heeled or cleated shoes, fire, product spills, excessive moisture, heat or dryness.
- Changes in color due to exposure to light; variations in color, tone, grain patterns and other naturally occurring characteristics of wood.
- Problems arising from failure to follow manufacturer's written installation, care and maintenance instructions.
- Expansion and contraction between boards or any other problems arising from exposure to improper heat and humidity levels.
- Damage due to exposure to excessive moisture from any cause or source, including but not limited to flooding, spills, excessive mopping or any standing liquid left on the floor surface.

Kentwood engineered hardwood floors are suitable for installation over compatible in-floor radiant heat systems, with the exception of Acacia and Hickory products. Installation of Acacia and Hickory products over radiant heat will void your product warranty.

The foregoing is the complete and exclusive statement of the express warranties provided here in and is in lieu of all the other express and / or statutory warranties by the manufacturer, to the extent provided by law. KENTWOOD assumes no liability for incidental or consequential damages arising from the use or non-use of the product. However, some states and provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights that vary from state to state or province to province. The sole remedy provided by this warranty is the repair of imperfect products or replacement of imperfect products with an equivalent quantity of the same or similar product. If KENTWOOD is unable to repair the product or is unable to furnish an equivalent replacement product, KENTWOOD may, at its sole discretion, elect to refund to the customer a portion of the original purchase price equivalent to the value of the affected portion of the floor. This warranty does not cover any labor costs incurred to remove or re-install products. Under no circumstances will the value of a warranty claim exceed the original purchase price of the product.

## **CLAIM PROCEDURE**

Claims must be submitted in writing to the KENTWOOD dealer where the product was purchased. Please include a copy of the original sales receipt and a photograph showing the cause of claim.

