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GREENA BAMBOO

Warranty Guidelines

Residential Warranty

Greena Bamboo flooring products (hereby referred to as Greena Bamboo) are covered by a 25 year residential warranty, effective from the date of purchase.

Installation of the Greena Bamboo flooring must be installed as per the manufacturer's guidelines and inline with industry accepted professional installation procedures. Please refer to the <u>Installation</u> <u>Guidelines</u> (available on website) for further instructions.

Greena Bamboo flooring is designed for internal use only and the product will not be covered by warranty provisions for use in wet areas. In areas where incidental spills may occur, such as kitchens or dining areas, any spills should be wiped up immediately to avoid prolonged moisture ingress and possible plank deformity.

Warranty Coverage

Structural Warranty

Guarantees against structural failure of the product, whereby the product becomes unsuitable for continued use as a floor covering. This includes a guarantee against delamination, splitting and cracking of the floorboard under ordinary residential usage, for the duration of the Warranty. This also includes warping and twisting of the board not due to inappropriate environmental conditions, but although rare, does not cover cupping or doming (reasonably uniform convexing or concaving across the width of the surface of the boards). Please note excessive exposure to moisture, lack of environmental regulation, wear and tear, direct extreme sunlight, high temperatures (fireplaces) or other non-ordinary usage will affect the floor and are not covered by warranty.

Surface Wear

Under ordinary household use, the surface wear layer (lacquer) will not completely wear through for the duration of the Warranty. Precisely this means the surface of the floor will not wear away greater than 4% per year on average and the floor will generally appear aesthetically pleasing and fit for purpose. However, this does not protect against scratches, chips, indentations, gaps, and appearance changes in the wear layer due to wear and tear.

Warranty Exclusions

Damage Prior to Installation

This Warranty does not cover any damage caused during delivery, unpacking, installing or otherwise altering the flooring. This Warranty does not cover planks with visible damage or issues that have been installed, as the installer has responsibility to visually inspect every floorboard prior to laying.

This includes failure to store Greena Bamboo flooring appropriately prior to purchase, such as storing in a non-liveable area, such as in open areas without shelter from elements, including sunlight, rainfall, hail etc.

Care and Maintenance Guidelines

This warranty does not cover damage caused to the flooring due to poor adherence or usage against our <u>Maintenance Guidelines</u> (available on website). This includes lifestyle, cleaning and specific activities to be avoided that may damage the floor.

Please note that Greena Bamboo is not water-proof and bamboo flooring is a living material that expands and contracts with moisture and temperature changes. Please keep water off the floor and the moisture consistent throughout the house in-accordance with the <u>Maintenance Guidelines</u>. Excessive moisture-related damage or shrinkage caused by lack of moisture (more common during winter due to the use of heaters) are not considered a product fault.

Installation Guidelines

This Warranty does not cover inappropriate installations which do not adhere to our <u>Installation</u> <u>Guidelines</u> (available on website). Examples of potential Warranty voiding mistakes include:

- Installing in outdoor, weather or UV exposed areas.
- Installing over an uneven, unstable or unsuitable subfloor.
- Installing without accounting for sufficient expansion gaps (12 14mm) along all perimeters.
- Installing without accounting for sufficient expansion joints (12 14mm) for every 11 metres length-wise, 7 metres width-wise (refer to Installation Guidelines)
- Installing in an unseparated area exceeding 40 square metres e.g. square or rectangular area without separating with expansion joints (12 14mm).

All planks must be inspected prior to installation and any claims for defects must be made prior to installation of the plank. Planks that may demonstrate imperfections outside natural grading specifications would be deemed acceptable and suitable for installation.

Colour and Surface

Bamboo flooring are manufactured from natural bamboo, characteristics such as batch colour variation, below coating face checking, darker blemishes, high culm frequency, surface filling and indentations are normal and will not be considered a major failure. This includes slight coating variations for gloss levels and sheen viewed in an indirect light environment.

- An allowance of 10% wastage should be added to your installation requirements to cover off-cutting, plank selection & colour blending.
- The customer holds the responsibility of ensuring undesirable planks are not installed by inspecting them first. The customer may apply to switch a plank prior to installation if there are colour issues.

Seasonal Changes

Seasonal changes in temperature and moisture may result in intermittent squeaking or creaking sounds between the joints. This is due to relative atmospheric humidity changes and is common in all bamboo and timber flooring. In drier environments, slight gapping, consistently over many planks along with incidental movement of planks would be considered normal as part of the building environment.

Coverage Duration

This Warranty lasts 25 years from the original date of purchase or the lifetime of the floor, the shorter of the two options.

Who is Covered

This limited structural Warranty covers only the original purchaser of the product from an approved Everfloor retailer or partner. If the purchaser is a builder or a developer, to the owner of the residential home 12 months after purchase of the floor and is not transferable.

Making a Warranty Claim

Warranty claims are to be submitted to your retailer and/or installer. Claims must be made directly by the client or owner(s). Claims made on behalf of the owner by tenants, builders or other person/entity may not be processed.

Sufficient evidence of the transaction(s) must be provided between the relevant licensed retailer and the product owner making the Warranty claim. This can include:

- Invoice form(s).
- Evidence of payment (Receipt(s) or Remittance(s)).

Warranty Claim Process:

Pre Installation Material & Workmanship Defects:

- 1. Product or material defects must be delivered to the relevant licensed retailer for examination and approval.
- 2. The retailer or installer will submit an application to Everfloor for the Warranty.
- 3. Everfloor will inspect the product for defects and determine the ownership of fault(s) if applicable and within reason in accordance with the Subsections within this Limited Structural Warranty.

Post Installation Structural Failure:

- 1. Structural failure resulting in the product being no longer fit for purpose within the limited structural Warranty period requires one or more on-site inspection(s) by the relevant licensed retailer for examination and approval.
- 2. Upon approval, the relevant licensed retailer will submit an application to Everfloor on behalf of the claimant for the limited structural Warranty.
- 3. Everfloor will conduct one or more inspection(s) to determine the cause and hence ownership of fault within reason in accordance with the Subsections within this Limited Structural Warranty and Installation Instructions.

The duration of Warranty claim review varies significantly depending on the nature of the application and claim. The claimant must provide reasonable time for communication, approval, conduction of on-site inspections (if needed), defective product delivery, and administration where applicable.

What the Warranty Claim Provides

This limited structural Warranty provides a partial or full replacement of Greena Bamboo with flooring products of equal value or lower upon request and approval by Everfloor. There replacement will be at the following percentage value (based on a comparable quality product):

Year in which the claim is made after date of purchase	Percentage
Years 1 - 5	100%
Years 6 - 10	70%
Years 11 - 15	40%
Years 16 - 20	10%
After 20 years	5%

If the same product is no longer available, Everfloor will supply an alternative product of comparable quality. If additional materials are required, the client will be responsible to purchase the balance from the retailer.

What The Warranty Does Not Provide

This Warranty excludes components separate from the Greena Bamboo flooring itself, such as skirting boards, channels or other accessories.

This Warranty generally does not cover shipping and delivery expenses outside of the greater Sydney area and generally does not provide for labour charges with rectification. In some cases, reasonable costs or reimbursements will be considered at the discretion of Everfloor's authorised representative.

No Other Warranty Applies

This Warranty is the sole Warranty relating to Greena Bamboo. No employee, retailer, contractor, builder, agent, dealer, or other person/entity is authorised to alter this Warranty or make any other Warranty on behalf of Everfloor.

Everfloor holds the right to alter this Warranty at any time. However, we will not change the Warranty terms and conditions for existing customers which have purchased Greena Bamboo prior to the change enactment dates.

Australian Consumer Law

Our products are provided with limited performance warranties that cannot be excluded under Australian Consumer Law. Entitlements include a replacement or a refund for what is termed as a major failure and for agreed reasonably assessed associated costs. Entitlements also allow for the goods to be replaced if the product fails to meet an agreed acceptable quality and that quality does not constitute a major failure.

Commercial Warranty

Due to the broad applications when installed in commercial environments, warranties are generally guided with a 5 Year Limited Warranty. The specific warranty for commercial applications will be on a case-by-case basis.

As per general guidelines, the commercial warranty does not apply to:

- Outdoor or exposed internal areas
- Industrial areas
- Heavy commercial areas
- Gyms or areas with heavy objects or impact
- Any areas with vehicles, cars, trolleys or traffic other than foot traffic
- Any areas exposed to significant water or moisture e.g. commercial kitchens

For specific enquiries about commercial warranties, please write to contact@everfloor.com.au