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Product	Warranty Period	
	Residential	Light Commercial
Ground Level Select	30 Years	5 Years

Warranty – Ground Level Collection

1. Residential Warranty. Kaindl provides the following residential warranty:

Kaindl Flooring GmbH (“Kaindl”) warrants to the original end consumer that, from the date of purchase through the end of the applicable limited warranty period set forth in the chart above, your Ground Level collection planks as the case may be, will be free from manufacturing defects* and, in their original manufactured condition, and under normal household conditions**, will (1) not fade due to sun or electrical light, (2) not have their laminated surface wear through***, (3) not stain, (4) resist damage from moisture due to wet mopping and every day household spills****, and (5) have their joints remain secure. This residential limited warranty is subject to the terms and conditions set forth below and, for the avoidance of doubt, does not apply if used in a commercial setting.

2. “Light” Commercial Warranty: Kaindl provides the following “light” commercial limited warranty:

Kaindl warrants to the original end consumer that, from the date of purchase through the end of the applicable limited warranty period set forth in the chart above, your Ground Level planks, as the case may be, will be free from manufacturing defects* and, in their original manufactured condition, and under light commercial use****, will not (1) fade due to sun or electrical light, (2) have their laminated surface wear through***, or (3) stain (4) resist damage from moisture due to wet mopping and every day household spills****, and (5) have their joints remain secure.

This “light” commercial limited warranty is subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

*Manufacturing defects means verified problems or defects existing prior to the first shipment of the planks resulting from the manufacture, materials or workmanship of the planks that render the planks unable to function in a manner consistent with and according to the specifications provided by and/or defined by Kaindl that are applicable to the planks.

**Normal household conditions means those daily activities commonly associated with residential use.

***Gloss reduction does not constitute “wear”.

**** Water warranty

Floor will resist damage from moisture due to wet mopping and everyday household spills. This product is

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water resistant. However, when excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold and/or mildew growth can occur (particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered and unaddressed). The moisture warranty excludes damage resulting from mold and/or mildew growth due to prolonged exposure to moisture. This warranty does not cover flooding. The test method for water resistance application is the actual version of the NALFA Laminate Surface Swell Test – Assembled Joint testing procedure.

***** "Light" commercial use means use in environments which do not have heavy commercial traffic, where the flooring is not exposed to a heavy commercial maintenance schedule and where the interior temperature and humidity can be controlled and maintained. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, light commercial use only includes use in the following commercial areas:

Apartments, Retail Store Fronts, Medical Offices, Hotels/Motels, Educational/School Facilities, Business Offices, Restaurants, Multi-Family housing, Condominiums:

In each of the aforementioned environments, the following uses are permitted:

Entryways†, Sales Floor/Showroom, Breakrooms, Office environments, Storage and dressing Rooms, Lobbies, Waiting room areas, Hallways, Nurses Stations, Guest Rooms, Conference/Meeting Rooms, Kitchenettes, Lounges, Offices, Individual Housing Units, Classrooms, Common Areas, any area not considered as high traffic/heavy commercial.

† It is required to have walk off mats at all entryways.

Use of the product:

Please evaluate the installation site prior to the installation of the planks to determine if additional steps need to be taken to address specific requirements for jurisdictional health and/or specific building codes, static resistance, COF requirements, exposure to frequent water, excessive moisture or heavy traffic, and take necessary steps to ensure a safe and secure installation.

Kaindl does not provide additional warranties other than our residential warranty and light commercial warranty. Kaindl accepts no responsibility for usage that is not in compliance with any country, state, county, city or township regulations or codes. Proper assessment of location requirements, regulations and usage, are the responsibility of the installer.

Kaindl does not warrant nor guarantee that any of the proposed uses in the aforementioned categories are compliant with local building, health and/or other municipal codes or regulations.

Except where expressly implied, the term "warranty" refers to only the residential warranty and "light" commercial warranty as outlined.

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Terms and Conditions

This limited warranty for the flooring planks is made with respect to the following terms and conditions:

3. Acceptable Installation method

It is required that all Kaindl flooring planks be installed correctly and in accordance with Kaindl's Installation Instructions and Sub-Floor Preparation Guidelines. The Installation Instructions are provided in the insert sheet of each box of material and can also be obtained from a Kaindl reseller or by visiting www.kaindl.com.

In accordance with Industry Standards:

A moisture test should be performed prior to installation. A moisture test is required not only in new buildings but also in renovation measures.

For this measurement, the so-called CM measurement ("calcium - carbide method") has proven to be the best method. Detailed information on the measurement method can be found in our information sheet No. 7 "CM measurement" available on our homepage www.kaindl.com.

The following CM measurement values must never be exceeded:

- Cement screed < 2.0 CM-%
- Anhydrite and anhydrite flowing screed < 0.3 CM-%
- Magnesia screed < 3.0 CM-%
- on heated screeds < 1.4 CM-%
- on heated screeds < 0.2 CM-%

If you are installing Kaindl laminate floors over a wood subfloor, a vapor barrier is not required. However, wood subfloors must have a moisture reading $\leq 12\%$ across the complete installation. For further information on requirements regarding vapour control layers, please refer to the information sheet "Requirements for vapour control layers", which can be downloaded from our homepage at www.kaindl.com. If underlayment is not included, install Kaindl Laminate floors over an underlayment that is approved for use with laminate floors.

- a. Any dampness from construction materials, such as moisture in the concrete slab or another sub-floor, must be completely dry prior to installation;
- b. Proper installation includes the installation of the planks area(s) where they are exposed to normal wear based on their recommended End Use Category according to ISO 10874; and
- c. If the desired installation room is an area that is susceptible to spills or liquid getting behind skirting (molding) boards, the perimeter of the room must be completely sealed. A 3/8" compressible polyethylene (PE) foam backer rod should be inserted to fill all expansion spaces.

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The backer rod should be completely covered with 100% silicone sealant around the entire perimeter of the installation. An acrylic sealant should not be used. A small silicone bead should be applied where the skirting (molding) meets the floor, creating a perimeter barrier to prevent any spills or liquids from getting underneath or behind the skirting. The same result can be achieved with waterproof skirting. Any fixed objects, door frames, etc. should be sealed in the same way using a silicone sealant.

- d. It is important that the installer completely engages the locking system on all 4 sides of each plank when installing, so as to avoid any gaps that could potentially void the warranty.

4. Proper Care & Maintenance

The Kaindl planks must be maintained in accordance with the Kaindl care and maintenance instructions (the “Care and Maintenance Instructions”). A copy of the Care and Maintenance Instructions should be provided to you at the time of purchase or should be obtained through a Kaindl reseller, or by visiting www.kaindl.com. The Care and Maintenance Instructions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The planks must be used only indoors in a dry, climate-controlled area.
- b. Floor protectors (ex: felt pads) that do not stain should be used to protect the planks.
- c. The primary cleaning method that should be used is dust mopping. Mop using only a well wrung out mop and warm water only. Use only non-abrasive soapfree cleaners made specifically for laminate floor care to clean the planks. (NEVER USE: Detergents, soaps, “mop-and-shine” products, waxes, polishes, abrasive pads or cleaners, including nylon scouring pads, steel wool, Comet™, Soft Scrub™, etc. that may damage the finish.)
- d. It is not necessary to use a wet mop that will puddle or leave moisture standing on the planks. Any approved cleaning solution used should not be poured directly onto the planks, but instead should be applied to the mop or cloth used for cleaning.
- e. For the best cleaning results, use 1 cup of vinegar per gallon of warm water.
- f. Any spills should be wiped up immediately. In any event, liquid should not be left on the planks longer than is reasonable.
- g. If your home is susceptible to ongoing or frequent intrusion of dirt or sand, it is recommended that you mop, dust mop or vacuum, more frequently.
- h. Scratches typically occur when large heavy objects are moved across the floor. Exercise caution when moving large objects or appliances like stoves, refrigerators, furniture or other heavy objects. It is recommended that you use devices or material suitable for sliding heavy objects, never slide heavy objects across the floor without protection for the floor.
- i. As stated above in section 2, the use of protective walk-off mats in entryways and in heavier traffic areas is required.
- j. If left unkept, your pets nails could cause harm to your floor. It is recommended that you maintain your pet’s nails by regularly trimming in order to prevent them from scratching the planks.
- k. When cleaning or vacuuming, only use vacuums and tools designed for hard surfaces. It is

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prohibited to use any type of polishing or buffing machine to clean the floor. It is important to keep your floors clean, we recommend frequent dusting, vacuuming or sweeping to avoid the accumulation of any particles that could dull or scratch the surface finish. It is prohibited to use devices such as floor scrubbers, steam mops, floor buffers, wet jet mops (like “Swiffer”), or any other similar device or product that could damage the surface of the planks.

5. Warranty Exclusions

This limited warranty does not cover:

- a. Conditions or defects caused by installing the floor not in accordance with the Instruction Guide or the installation instructions set forth in this limited warranty, or improper use, care or maintenance, including the failure to follow the Care and Maintenance Instructions.
- b. Damage resulting from excessively wet maintenance or from using detergents, abrasive cleaners, soaps, waxes or polishes.
- c. Accidents, misuse, or abuse (pet damage is abuse).
- d. Any planks that are installed which contain a visible manufacturing defect.
- e. Abnormal wear such as damage from spiked heel shoes, lack of protection from furniture or hard casters, or surface dulling from sand, gravel, abrasive cleaners, or adhesive residue.
- f. Any damage caused by moisture that occur from events outside of every day household spills, this includes but is not limited to standing water or urine, flooding due to mechanical failure or appliance leaking, broken pipes.
- g. Damage caused due to use of the planks in any way other than the intended use.
- h. Any gaps in the joints that are due to improper installation, improper use, inadequate care or maintenance.
- i. Any damage caused due to the planks being exposed to excessive or extreme temperatures.
- j. Any damage caused by moisture in the subfloor or coming from underneath the floor. This includes, but is not limited to, damage from hydrostatic pressure underneath the floor or any other condition that results in any kind of moisture coming from underneath the floor.
- k. Any accidents, improper maintenance or damage caused by scratching, heavy impact or the cutting of the planks. Any damage resulting from the use of floor scrubbers, steam or wet jet mops, vacuums with beater bars, or any similar device is not covered under this warranty.
- l. The wearing of the planks under normal use
- m. The skirting or moldings.
- n. Any damage that is due to the shipment, transportation or moving of the product.
- o. Any modifications or the altering of the planks from their original manufactured condition.
- p. Any change in the gloss level or sheen variations from later product additions or repairs.
- q. Appropriate commercial settings (the areas defined under ****) include professional offices and other businesses that require daily wet mopping and/or cleaning with harsh chemicals as well as businesses that do not require machinery or other heavy objects to be placed or moved across the laminate floor. Examples of commercial settings that may be suitable for laminate flooring include legal offices, jewelry stores, art galleries, counseling offices, and gift stores/boutiques.

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Medical examination rooms, public restrooms and bars/pubs would not be suitable locations for laminate flooring and would be excluded from this warranty.

6. Procedure for filing a Claim

- a. Other than a claim for a manufacturing defect, any claim under this limited warranty must be made by delivering a notice of claim (the “Notice of Claim”) within 30 days of the appearance of the defect to the original reseller (with a copy to Kaindl) where the flooring was purchased. The claim should list the detailed reason for the claim, product specifications, model number and must be delivered to the original reseller (with a copy to Kaindl) along with the original purchase and installation documentation. All claims under this warranty must be made prior to the expiration of the warranty period.
- b. Kaindl expressly reserves the right to inspect any alleged defect or have it inspected by its authorized agents, and the right to request photographs, planks for testing, and/or an independent inspection by a certified licensed independent inspector prior to approving any claim.

7. Kaindl’s Responsibility under this warranty:

- a. If a claim under this warranty is determined justified, Kaindl will repair or replace, at its sole discretion, only the affected flooring planks. Any replacement planks will be provided by the reseller where the original defective planks were purchased.
- b. If, in its sole discretion, Kaindl determines that the repair or replacement of the flooring planks is not reasonably achievable, Kaindl, at its sole discretion, may choose to refund the pro-rated (based on square footage) original purchase price of the affected planks, subject to the following applicable adjustments:
 - i. In the case of a claim regarding the “Ground Level” quality planks, the pro-rated (based on square footage) original purchase price shall be reduced by 1/6 of its original value for each period of (5) five years or portion thereof that passes from the original date of purchase; or
 - ii. In the “light” commercial sector, the time value of both the “Select” panels and the “Ground Level” panels is reduced by 1/5 of the new value excluding VAT each year.
- c. If a claim is made and the exact product is no longer available, Kaindl will replace, at its sole discretion and in accordance to subsection 7(b) above, the affected planks with another Kaindl design of equal value.
- d. Kaindl is not responsible for any labor, materials or other costs associated with the replacement of the affected planks or the installation of repaired or replaced planks; with the exception of the optional refund (if any), provided that, if the affected planks were professionally installed, Kaindl, at its sole discretion, will cover reasonable replacement labor costs for the replacement of Kaindl manufactured planks.
- e. Once a claim is approved, Kaindl will instruct the manner in which to proceed in order to have the affected planks repaired or replaced, the instructions must be completed within ninety (90) days after the claim is approved or all rights are waived under this limited warranty.

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8. Disclaimers

- a. This limited warranty is not transferable and applies only to the original end consumer for so long as he or she owns the planks and the original installation site. This limited warranty applies only where the affected area is readily visible and covers an area greater than one square inch.
- b. Information concerning the planks contained in Kaindl catalogs, samples, descriptions, advertisements, or other marketing or promotional material or statements made by sales representatives, distributors or retailers are for general informational purposes only and are not binding upon Kaindl and you should not rely on any such information concerning the planks. Sales representatives, distributors or retailers have no authority whatsoever to modify this limited warranty.
- c. Any incidental or consequential damages are hereby disclaimed by Kaindl. This limited warranty gives you specific legal rights, you may have other rights that vary from state to state.
- d. If any part of this warranty is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. This limited warranty constitutes the entire agreement of the parties, and no waiver or amendment shall be valid unless it is in written form and signed by an authorized representative of Kaindl.

Austrian law applies. As far as legally permissible, the place of jurisdiction is: A-5020 Salzburg. KAINDL FLOORING GmbH / Kaindlstraße 2/5071 Wals/ Salzburg/Austria

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