

THE CANTO COLLECTION

Installer And/Or Owner Responsibilities

Mercier Wood Flooring floor boards are made from natural materials that may have inherent imperfections. The industry standard is a 5% margin of error for natural and manufacturing imperfections. The following responsibilities are incumbent on the owner, even if they are absent at the time of installation.

Prior to installation, the installer and owner must ensure the installation site and subfloor comply with the conditions specified in the Mercier Installation Guides and Technical Bulletins. **The installer and the owner are responsible for inspecting the flooring prior to installation.**

The installer must select floor boards in a reasonable manner and, if necessary, discard, install in an inconspicuous location, or cut boards with irregularities, regardless of the cause. **Once a board has been installed, it is considered to have been accepted by the installer and owner, even if the latter is not present at the time of installation.**

Mercier Generations Finish Warranty

Manufacturer "Mercier Wood Flooring Inc." warrants to the original purchaser of the floor that the Mercier Generations Greenguard Gold certified finish will resist complete wear and peel for a period of:

35 years from the purchase date **for normal residential use.**

20 years from the purchase date of any floor in the PRO Collection for normal residential use.

5 years from the purchase date for **light commercial use.** Light commercial use includes all commercial surfaces **without direct outdoor access**, such as offices, conference rooms, and stores in shopping centers. Floors installed in restaurants are not covered under the 5-year warranty.

Generations Intact 2500 Finish Warranty

Manufacturer "Mercier Wood Flooring Inc." warrants to the original purchaser of the floor that the Generations Intact 2500 Greenguard Gold certified finish will resist complete wear and peel for a period of:

50 years from the purchase date for **normal residential use.**

10 years from the purchase date for light commercial use. Light commercial use includes installation in commercial buildings without direct outdoor access, such as offices, conference rooms, and stores in shopping centers. Floors installed in restaurants are not covered under the 10-year warranty.

3 years from the purchase date for commercial use when installed in commercial buildings **with direct outdoor access**, including restaurants.

Regardless of finish, wear must affect at least 10% of the total area of the installed flooring. Variations in color and gloss level are normal and are excluded from the warranty. **All commercial or light commercial projects with 2,000 or more sq. ft. of flooring must be approved by the Mercier Wood Flooring Technical Service Department prior to installation** to be eligible for the limited warranty on the finish.

Lifetime Warranty on Wood Boards

Mercier Wood Flooring grants the original purchaser a lifetime warranty on the structural integrity of the wood flooring boards. This warranty is contingent on compliance with the required environmental conditions, including maintaining a relative humidity level of 30% to 65% for Engineered flooring and 35% to 55% for Solid flooring.

Because wood boards are made entirely of natural material that reacts to its environment, variations in product dimensions, which can lead to gaps between the boards, cupping, and the development of post-installation splits and checks, are due to environmental factors. Therefore, they are not covered by this warranty.

Clause Regarding Authentic Grade Products Only

Prefinished Authentic grade Mercier flooring has specific characteristics that may be apparent at purchase or appear over time. **These characteristics are part of the product and are not covered under the warranty:**

- Thickness may vary in places
- Finish may crack or sag around character marks
- Boards may contain open knots and holes (including worm holes)
- Boards may contain splits and checks
- Character marks may become more prominent
- Open marks may sag

Mercier's Obligations

Under the terms of this warranty, manufacturer "Mercier Wood Flooring Inc." (hereinafter called Mercier) is liable for only one of the following actions, at its discretion and to the exclusion of any other compensation:

- i. Provide material to replace defective floorboards only (excluding labor, accessories, and any other related costs)
- ii. Provide compensation equivalent to the cost of refinishing the floor in the room where the finish has completely worn off[^]

Only boards with manufacturing or natural defects exceeding the 5% margin of error (industry standard), excluding cut loss, are covered under the warranty.

[^]Subject to the rate set by Mercier Wood Flooring.

Exclusions

Mercier bears no responsibility under the terms of the warranties for any of the above-mentioned finishes and will not pay any compensation for:

- i. Any damages other than those listed in the Mercier's obligations section, including but not limited to loss of use of space, moving costs, hotel costs, and loss of time or goods;
- ii. Installed flooring that does not comply with the technical specifications listed in the Mercier's Installation Guides, Technical Bulletins and Technical Spec sheets;
- iii. Product defects resulting from improper storage or transportation;
- iv. Claims made without sufficient evidence that Mercier's maintenance instructions were followed;
- v. Damage caused, in whole or in part, by misuse, abrasive substances, dropping or rubbing objects on the floor, moving furniture with or without casters, high heels, hammering, scratching, or any other use that is not considered normal;
- vi. Damage caused, in whole or in part, by factors including but not limited to fluctuations in the moisture content of the wood, extreme flooding, heat, humidity, or dryness; natural disasters, lack of heating, insect infestation, and stains or scratches caused by pets;
- vii. Repairs carried out without prior written approval from Mercier;

- viii. Replacement of boards with defects that were detectable when the flooring was installed;
- ix. Wood oxidation or discoloration;
- x. Any changes in the product other than completely worn off finish;
- xi. Shipping and handling costs;
- xii. Claims made without the original purchase invoice;
- xiii. Slight color variations between the sample and the flooring;
- xiv. Floors that have not been maintained at the required humidity level and at approximately 68°F (20°C) at all times;
- xv. Solid flooring installed in a basement;
- xvi. Solid flooring installed over a radiant heating system;
- xvii. Natural or stained Hickory flooring installed over a radiant heating system;
- xviii. Any product damage caused by improper use of the recommended tools;
- xix. Any non-measurable product deformation or the appearance of lines or lighter sections visible only from a specific angle or under a specific lightning;
- xx. Cracking noises, cupping, or telegraphy in floors that are in use;
- xxi. Claims made by anyone other than the original buyer;
- xxii. Products that have not been paid in full;
- xxiii. Boards with cracks or splits that appear after the installation;
- xxiv. For any product purchased through a website or unauthorized Mercier retailer.

Applicable Law

This warranty is governed exclusively with the laws of the province of Quebec.

Claim Process

During the warranty period, the owner must contact the retailer from whom the flooring was purchased before making any changes to the floor. The owner must send a copy of the purchase invoice to the retailer within six months after the problem has appeared.

Failing an agreement with the retailer, the owner must send a copy of the documents to the following address, within the same timeframe:

Mercier Wood Flooring Inc.

Attn: Technical Service Department
330 rue des Entrepreneurs
Montmagny, QC G5V 4T1
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Mercier Wood Flooring reserves the right to have any floor that is the subject to a claim inspected by a designated representative who is authorized to take samples for analysis purposes.

Normal Environmental Conditions

“Normal environmental conditions” means that a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system has been installed and is operating to maintain a temperature of approximately 68°F (20°C) and a relative humidity of 45%.

Site Preparation And Floor Maintenance

For a full description, please refer to the Mercier’s Installation Guides, Technical Bulletins, and Maintenance Guide.

- The subfloor must be structurally sound and solidly attached to the floor joists using flooring screws.
- The moisture content of the subfloor must never exceed 12%, and the difference in moisture content between the subfloor and the flooring must not exceed 4% the internal moisture of the floorboards, which is between 6% and 9%.
- The subfloor must be level, i.e. no more than 3/16” (5 mm) out of level over a distance of 10’ (3 m).

Failure to follow the maintenance instructions may void your warranty.

- Use a vacuum to remove day-to-day abrasive substances that could damage your floor, such as sand, glass, gravel, etc.
- Clean your floor with Mercier's cleaning products.
- Water is wood's worst enemy. Never wash your floor with large amounts of water or a steam cleaner.
- Stiletto heels are not recommended on wood floors as they can mark the surface of the floor.
- We recommend avoiding exposure to direct sunlight or bright lighting. Although Mercier products contain a non-yellowing protection, repeated exposure can alter the floor's original appearance.
- Light scratches can be repaired with the Mercier's Touch-Up Kit, available at all Mercier retailers.

For more information, please contact your Mercier retailer. They will be happy to answer your questions. You can also visit our website at www.mercierwoodflooring.com.