

Wicanders Warranty

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We take pride in designing each of our products with the goal of providing the best flooring for your needs. In addition, we use the highest quality components and quality control techniques to ensure the reliability and long life of our products.

No installer, dealer, agent or employee has the authority to alter the terms and conditions of this Warranty.

IMPORTANT: This Wicanders Warranty is applicable only if the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions, which are part of the flooring packaging and the packaging for our auxiliary (adhesives, maintenance & cleaning) products and which in any case can be found in our website www.wicanders.com, are respected.

In case there are any questions, contact us at: quality.system.ar@amorim.com

1. QUALITY STANDARDS WARRANTY

We warrant that at time of delivery each of our flooring products meets the applicable Quality Standards, as follows:

- **Corkcomfort** Floating WRT / **Artcomfort** Floating WRT / **Corkcomfort** Floating PU Finished / **Corkcomfort** Floating WPS: **EN 12104** and **EN 14085**;
- **Corkcomfort** Glue down WRT / **Corkcomfort** Glue down PU Pre-finished / **Corkcomfort** Glue down PU Finished / **Corkcomfort** Glue down Sanded: **EN 12104**;
- **Corkcomfort** Glue down HPS / **Woodcomfort** Glue down HPS: **EN 655**;
- **Corkcomfort** Floating HPS / **Artcomfort** Floating HPS / **Woodcomfort** Floating HPS: **EN 655** and **EN 14085**;
- **Artcomfort** Floating NPC / **Artcomfort** Floating NSP: **EN 12104**, **EN 14085** and **EN 14041**;
- **Vinylcomfort** Floating 0,2mm / **Vinylcomfort** Floating 0,3mm / **Vinylcomfort** Floating 0,55mm: **ISO 10582** and **EN 14085**.
- **Vinylcomfort** Glue down 0,55mm: **EN 655** and **ISO 10582**.

2. EXTENDED WARRANTY (STRUCTURAL AND WEAR)

Whenever our products are supplied as new and through approved outlets, we warrant that within the applicable period (after invoice date) indicated in the table below: (i) our flooring products shall be free of manufacturing defects and (ii) their Surface Wear Layer will not wear. **"Will not wear" is defined as the 100% reduction of the Surface Wear Layer over an area comprising 5% of the total Surface Flooring installed.**

Structural & Surface Wear layer		Area and intensity of use according to ISO 10874					
		Home			Commercial		
Product Line	Finishing						
Corkcomfort Artcomfort	WRT	15 years	15 years	15 years	5 years	NA	NA
	PU Pre-Finished with W2000 on-site (a)	10 years	10 years	10 years	5 years	NA	NA
Sanded with W2000 on-site (b)							
Corkcomfort	PU Finished	10 years	10 years	10 years	NA	NA	NA
	WPS	10 years	10 years	10 years	NA	NA	NA
	NPC	20 years	20 years	20 years	10 years	10 years	NA
Artcomfort	NSP	15 years	15 years	15 years	NA	NA	NA
	HPS	25 years	25 years	25 years	15 years	15 years	15 years
Woodcomfort Artcomfort Corkcomfort	0,2mm	15 years	15 years	15 years	5 years	NA	NA
	0,3mm	25 years	25 years	25 years	10 years	10 years	NA
	0,55mm				15 years	15 years	15 years

(a) On-site finishing with 1-2 coats of a recommended varnish is required. For areas class 31, ISO 10874, use only W-2000 or another suitable varnish for these areas (ask your Wicanders approved dealer for a recommendation table).
 (b) On-site finishing with 3 coats of a recommended varnish is required. For areas class 31, ISO 10874, use only W-2000 or another suitable varnish for these areas (ask your Wicanders approved dealer for a recommendation table).
 NA- Not Applicable

3. EXTENDED WARRANTY COVERAGE

In the unlikely event that any of our products fail to perform according to the applicable warranty, we will, at our option, repair, refinish or replace such product with the same product or another one of equal value (at our selection), or refund the purchase price paid (if replacement or repair is not practical or cannot be made on a timely basis), as more specifically described below.

A) During the first five (5) years of this Warranty (i) the defective flooring products will be replaced, (ii) the defective products will be removed and (iii) the replacement products will be installed, **AT NO COST TO YOU** or, at our option, provide a refund.

B) After the initial five (5) years period (if applicable), we shall only provide all or part of the flooring products for replacement, according to the lifetime usage table below:

Period (years):	Warranty coverage:
0-5	100% of the Flooring Products for replacement + costs of removal and installation
6-10	100% of the Flooring Products for replacement (without costs of removal or installation)
11-20	50% of the Flooring Products for replacement (without costs of removal or installation)
21-25	25% of the Flooring Products for replacement (without costs of removal or installation)

4. EXCLUSIONS

This Warranty shall not apply in any of the following cases:

- 4.1. **Installation not made according to procedures and without using the approved auxiliary products** or improper or not recommended refurbishment (in each case as set forth in the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions).
- 4.2. **Improper subfloor patch, underlayments, or subfloors** (please consult the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions).
- 4.3. **Incorrect product choice for the flooring use or site conditions** (please consult the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions).
- 4.4. **Improper maintenance or use of unapproved auxiliary products** (please consult the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions).
- 4.5. **Products modified or repaired with products or methods of installation or repair** not specifically recommended in the Wicanders Installation and Maintenance instructions or not specifically authorized by the manufacturer.
- 4.6. **Extreme environmental conditions**, meaning exposure to extreme heat, moisture or dryness (more than 65%, less than 35% R.H).
- 4.7. **Gloss change** or loss is not considered surface wear.
- 4.8. Trivial or insubstantial visual defects, i.e., visual defects not perceptible at **1,5mt standup** or only perceptible **in counter light**, are not cover by this Warranty.
- 4.9. Office **roller chairs** must comply with **EN 12529** (Type W). Use protective office mats under the rolling chairs.
- 4.10. **Gaps on floating floors** (> 0,20mm EN 14085) existing at the time of installation.
- 4.11. **High commercial (Class 34) or industrial (Class 42) areas** (although ISO 10874 classification allows it), will not be covered by this Warranty.
- 4.12. **Wicanders product lines** not specifically mentioned in paragraph 1. of this Warranty or any flooring products sold as **"second choice"**.

4.13. **Accidents, abuse, misuse, force majeure**, damage from heavy furniture or equipment used without sufficient protection, impact damage, hydrostatic pressure, scars from sharp or pointed objects, cuts, tears, scuffs, scratches, misuse, negligence, burns (cigars, candles, etc), water, erosion, spiked heel shoes, pet claws, pebbles, sand or other abrasives.

4.14. **Detectable defects** verifiable **prior to installation**.

4.15. **Difference in shade or color**. Our flooring products are based on natural materials. We do not warrant any difference in shade or color between samples/photographs and the actual flooring, 1) from batch to batch, 2) due to exposure to sunlight, 3) resulting from replacement of a portion of your floor, 4) resulting from the different age and history of the same product reference/batch.

4.16. **Squeaking** in cork Floors. Squeaking can be caused by several reasons: Variations in relative humidity; Subfloor not perfectly levelled; Underlays or other type of "barriers" / layers below the flooring; Etc.

5. CONDITIONS

This Warranty:

- 1) **Is valid from the date of purchase (invoice date).**
- 2) **Applies only to flooring products in their original installation location.**
- 3) **Is not transferable (applicable only to the first end user/purchaser, whose name is written in the invoice)**
- 4) **Shall expire if the product or installation location is transferred or re-sold.**
- 5) **For all products, it applies only if the care and maintenance instructions are strictly followed.**
- 6) **Applies to flooring used exclusively in interior residential and commercial applications that are submitted to normal traffic, excluding wet or damp areas such as bathrooms or saunas.**

THIS IS A LIMITED WARRANTY. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, WE MAKE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. OTHER THAN AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL WE BE LIABLE TO THE END-USER/PURCHASER OF OUR PRODUCTS OR ANY OTHER THIRD PERSON FOR ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT DAMAGES (WHETHER CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST PROFITS) ARISING OUT OF ANY DEFECT IN OUR PRODUCTS.

This Limited Warranty gives you specific rights but does not affect any rights of any end user/purchaser provided by law. You may also have other rights under the law, which vary from Country to Country or State to State. Some countries do not allow the exclusion or limitation of implied warranties or of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

6. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

In the unlikely case that you detect a problem with your flooring product, please take the following steps:

6.1. Promptly upon such detection, provide your supplier with written notice of the problem, proof of the purchase date, type and grade of the defective products and amount of flooring involved. Please document your communication and keep the information on file until your problem is resolved.

6.2. If you are not satisfied with your supplier recommendation, an authorized representative must inspect and verify the defect. **We reserve the right to designate a representative to inspect the floor and remove samples for analysis.**

If such defect is verified, and confirmed by an authorized representative, we will proceed as described in point 2.

6.3. If your supplier is unable to solve the problem, contact quality.system.ar@amorim.com