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GENERAL TERMS:

This warranty document covers High Performance Core (HPC) products by Cobalt Surfaces. This document provided coverage when HPC products are applied in a residential or accepted commercial setting.

Acceptable Commercial installations are specified elsewhere in this document. Cobalt Surfaces reserves the right to classify each installation regarding use according to this published bulletin.

Cobalt branded Commercial products when installed in an accepted commercial area, regardless of commercial use designation, must be professionally installed by a certified flooring contractor to validate this warranty. No exclusions or exceptions will be made to this clause.

Cobalt reserves the right to inspect any floor that is deemed by the client to be defective. Removal of the flooring prior to this inspection voids this product warranty in its entirety. Cobalt Surfaces at its discretion will send a company representative and/or a third-party, independent inspector to the installation site to conduct the inspection. If it is deemed necessary, a destructive inspection will be conducted to properly facilitate a full investigation.

Cobalt warranties cover the cost of material for the period of the warranty and reasonable labor costs only when and if a professional flooring installer was paid to install the original material. Labor will be paid as outlined below. D.I.Y products, cash and carry sales, closeouts and internet sales are not covered under this warranty.

PRODUCT DEFECT AND COMPOSITION WARRANTY:

Cobalt Surfaces warrants that the HPC products will be free from manufacturing defects for a period to match the corresponding Wear Warranty Term, from the date of purchase. If such defect occurs and is verified by Cobalt, Cobalt will authorize repair or replacement of the affected area of installed flooring. Limitations apply as stated below.

Cobalt High Performance Core (HPC) flooring products are waterproof and will not be damaged or structurally compromised by normal exposure to surface spills and tracked water/moisture for the life of the product. Excessive subfloor moisture is an ideal breeding ground for mold, mildew and fungus which will not harm the HPC product but will contribute to an unhealthy indoor living environment if left unattended. Limitations apply as stated below.

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WEAR WARRANTY:

Cobalt Surfaces warrants that the installed product will not wear through to the printed film layer under normal use as follows:

Residential Wear: 12 mil and 20 mil wear layer products are covered for the lifetime of the original purchaser of the flooring from the date of purchase

Commercial Wear: 12 mil and 20 mil wear layer products are covered for a period of 10 years from the date of purchase; designated areas of use as described elsewhere in this document.

Wear through is defined herein that the wear layer is sufficiently depleted or compromised so that the printed film layer is damaged, altered or affected from normal use. Stains, fading, scratches, scuffs and loss of gloss are considered normal use and are not covered under this warranty.

Cobalt Guard is an enhanced polyurethane protective coating that provides resistance against stains from domestic household pets such as cats and dogs. This applies to feces, urine or vomit introduced to the surface of the flooring by the pet only, human stains are not covered. Scratching and gouging by pets in a deliberate manner are not covered.

WEAR WARRANTY PROVISIONS:

- Cobalt will supply new material of the same color, design, and grade, if available; if unavailable or discontinued, Cobalt reserves the right to select and supply similar Cobalt materials. After corrective action is taken on an existing defect, you will continue to receive warranty coverage for the remaining period of your original warranty.
- Alternatively, a refund of up to 100% of the original cost of the material. The percentage of the original cost refundable depends on the amount of time elapsed since the date of purchase:
 - o Within 1-2 years - 100% of labor for reinstall / repair
 - o Within 3-5 years - 70% of labor for reinstall / repair

LABOR COVERAGE TERMS:

The costs of professional labor will be reimbursed within the approved labor charges put forth by Cobalt Surfaces, provided that the installation has been performed according to Cobalt Surfaces Installation guidelines, standard industry practices, and use of approved installation materials including but not limited to proper subfloor materials, Cobalt recommended adhesive(s), Cobalt recommended underlayment(s) and accessories. Labor must also be provided by a certified professional flooring installer, and will be paid according to the following schedule:

- o Within the first 2 years – 100% of labor for reinstall
- o Within years 3-5 – 70% of labor for reinstall

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WARRANTY LIMITATIONS:

- This warranty is not transferable and only applies to the original purchaser.
- Manufacturing defect must be reported within 30 days of first notice of defect in installed area.
- This warranty covers only properly installed and maintained floors, according to Cobalt installation guidelines, recommended products, and accepted industry practices.
- Cobalt will not pay for the loss of time, inconvenience or other consequential or incidental damages or expenses incurred during the initial installation and the subsequent removal and/or reinstallation of affected material, including clearing any items placed over the finished flooring and affected area subsequent to the original installation.
- This warranty does not cover the exclusions indicated on the package.
- Cobalt reserves the right of final judgment and may refuse claims in certain instances and reserves the right to modify or withdraw this warranty at any time.
- Cobalt reserves the right to repair any floor, provide replacement materials directly to the consumer or installer, obtain the services of a professional of our choice, and / or to conduct repairs or replace flooring in a manner suitable to our interests if Cobalt and the purchaser cannot reach agreement on the cost or manner of the repair or replacement.
- Materials installed with obvious manufacturing defects are not covered. Visual defects greater than 1cm are considered identifiable. Labor costs will not be covered when materials with visual defects greater than or equal to 1 cm are installed; replacement material only will be provided.
- Damage to the locking mechanism caused by excessive deflection in the substrate, improper underlayments installed underneath the flooring, from improper rolling loads and direct contact from castor wheels, dynamic pressures and loads from electric wheel chairs is not covered.
- Products that have not been properly acclimated according to the Cobalt Installation Guidelines.
- Use of adhesives for installing any HPC product.
- Flooring installed in areas not intended for solid vinyl plank or tile.
- Lack of maintenance or improper maintenance; dulled by soaps, vinegar solutions, detergents, harsh chemicals, dressings, one-step cleaners or wax.
- Indentations or damage by narrow tipped heels, vacuum cleaner beater bars, heavy rolling loads, caster wheels, furniture and chairs without proper floor protectors and furniture rests, dropping of metal or heavy objects. Furniture, appliances and movable fixtures should have a plastic or nylon protector at least 2" in diameter; chair casters / wheels should be a minimum of 2" in diameter and not be metal-type or narrower than 1" in width. Chair mats and protectors shall be used under office chairs including use in residential settings.

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- Cuts, scratches, gouges and indentations, punctures caused by sharp objects, narrow wheels, metal furniture glides, etc. Non-rubber walk-off mats are to be used at all egress points and shall be of sufficient depth and width to capture grit, dirt and abrasive debris.
- Cracking, warping, delamination, curling or other phenomena caused by excessive heat applied to the flooring.
- Damage caused by burns, cigarette/cigar burns, intentional abuse, flooding, fires and other disasters.
- Staining or changes in color caused by dyes tracked from carpet, fertilizers, coal, tar, driveway sealers, oil drippings or other similar materials; faded or discolored by sunlight or heat generation; fading or staining caused by use of rubber mats.
- Flooring issues, conditions, damage or defects caused by improper installation techniques, floors not installed per Cobalt Installation Guidelines, use of improper adhesives or incorrect application of adhesives, improper underlayments, inadequate subfloors or subfloor preparation, flooring installed against standard accepted industry practices.
- Performance of Cobalt products over foam-type, rubber, cork, or other compressible type underlayments, including integrity of the Hushcore locking mechanisms. Guarantees of performance should be provided by the manufacturer who states their product is suitable for use with Luxury Vinyl Flooring. **NOTE: HPC products with attached cork backing shall not be installed over an additional acoustical, foam-type, cork or other compressible type underlayment.**
- Problems or damage due to excessive moisture and/or alkalinity in sub floor including discoloration or bond release of the structure of the flooring. Product structural damage from excessive exposure to water caused by flooding, plumbing and appliance leaks, water leakage from doors, windows or roof leaks. Standing water on flooring should be mopped or wet-vacuumed up immediately upon notice of the spill.
- Damage from or growth of mold and mildew caused by excessive moisture in the environment or substrate that has been trapped under the flooring; including flooring installed outdoors or subjected to prolonged water exposure.
- Installed over unstable, unsuitable, or improperly prepared sub floors, wet/cold floor and/or radiant-heated floor in excess of 85°F; 80°F for Hushcore™ products.
- Different from samples or printed material in shade, color or embossing.

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DESIGNATED COMMERCIAL AREAS OF ACCEPTABLE USE:

SPECIALTY RETAIL	Art galleries, jewelry stores, boutiques / clothing stores, gift shops
MEDICAL	Doctor offices & waiting rooms, exam rooms, reception areas (areas where Hill-Rom type beds excluded)
MULTI-USE	Living spaces/apartments/hotel rooms, laundry rooms, storage areas, conference rooms, light-use exercise rooms (no free weights or aerobics, must use heavy vinyl mats under equipment)
SCHOOL / INSTITUTION	Meeting & training rooms, offices, common areas, lobbies, storage areas, reception areas
OFFICE / INDUSTRIAL	Offices, reception areas, storage rooms, conference & training rooms

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To file a claim contact your retailer or for other information you may contact Cobalt Surfaces at cobaltsurfaces.com. Claim documentation must be filled out in its entirety in order to be assigned a claim number and reviewed for validity.