



## 20 - YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY FOR GERFLOR® SPM WALL PANELS

### Product Warranty Under the Following Terms and Conditions

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth below, Gerflor USA, Inc. (hereafter "GERFLOR") grants to Customer this Limited Warranty. GERFLOR warrants that the floor covering (hereafter the "Product") shall be free from manufacturing defects for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of installation, provided that the Product was installed by professional Gerflor trained installers and per our written Installation Instructions, that the Product was used under normal conditions and was cleaned and maintained per our Maintenance Instructions on a regular basis.

Gerflor must be notified of any visual defect prior to the installation. Gerflor will, after inspection, replace the any defective product at no charge. Should the defect(s) appear after the installation, Gerflor will request the visit of the premises in order to determine the damages and responsibilities of each party. This Limited Warranty is extended only to the Original Customer and only if it was installed by professional installers. Should Gerflor determines the material be defective, Gerflor will replace or repair the defective the material at his own cost, subject to the limitations of this warranty, and prorated as follow: Material and 100% Reasonable Labor cost (Year 1); Material and 50% of reasonable Labor cost (Year 2); and Material only (Years 3-4-5); and 50% Material cost (Years 6 – 20).

This Limited Warranty may by no means be applied if the subfloor's condition and the method of installation do not strictly comply with customary practices of the trade and GERFLOR's specifications for the Product's installation provided to Customer or available at [www.gerflorusa.com](http://www.gerflorusa.com).

This Limited Warranty **does not cover** damage caused, completely or in part, by acts or omissions outside of GERFLOR's control, including but not limited to damages caused by:

- Use of material in a manner for which it was not designed.
- Fire, explosion, specific weather conditions or natural catastrophes.
- Faulty installation.
- Accidents or other fortuitous events.
- Normal wear and tear.
- Errors in design or construction of the installation site.
- Faulty adhesion leading to a lack of bond between the product and the substrate, whether it be drywall or any other material, due to humidity, presence of moisture, trapped water vapor or otherwise.
- Defective wall substrates.
- Failure by the companies or individuals responsible for the installation to comply with specifications and rules of the trade.
- Defective seams and welding.
- Negligence, inadequate cleaning, or inappropriate maintenance procedures.
- Unpredictable wear and tear on certain areas.
- Deterioration of shine for whatever reason.
- Change in the product's initial appearance.
- Tinting or fading of the product due to sunlight, heat, or otherwise.
- Injury or loss of life.
- Damage due to spots, cuts, scratches, dips, grooves, scrapes, perforations, or otherwise.

The sole recourse against GERFLOR under this Limited Warranty, following installation of the Product, will be the supply by GERFLOR to Customer of a replacement product of substantially equal quality to the Product from the existing line of GERFLOR products on the claim date, **and as per the prorated warranty, installation costs, and only for the portion of Product that is defective** (following inspection and verification by GERFLOR). **Any other compensation, for damages or otherwise, of whatever nature, or under any theory, is excluded from this Limited Warranty.**

The replacement product will be supplied at no charge, and as per excluding installation costs, under the terms set forth in this Limited Warranty.



**WARRANTY AND LIABILITY LIMITS**

THE EXPRESS LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH HEREIN IS THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY. GERFLOR MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT. SOME STATES AND JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES, SO THE ABOVE DISCLAIMER MAY NOT APPLY IN SUCH STATE OR JURISDICTION.

TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, GERFLOR IS NOT AND SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, WHETHER ARISING IN CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF INCOME, LOSS OF USE, DAMAGE TO OTHER PROPERTY, THE COST OF REMOVING AND REINSTALLING GERFLOR FLOORING, ATTORNEYS' FEES, AND ANY LIABILITY YOU MAY HAVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER PERSON, EVEN IF GERFLOR HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. THE MAXIMUM LIABILITY OF GERFLOR SHALL BE THE SUPPLY OF REPLACEMENT FLOORING TO THE EXTENT SPECIFIED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY. SOME STATES AND JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW FOR THE EXCLUSIONS OR LIMITATION OF DAMAGES, SO THE ABOVE LIMITATION MAY NOT APPLY IN SUCH STATE OR JURISDICTION. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY PROVIDES SPECIFIC LEGAL RIGHTS, AND YOU MAY ALSO HAVE OTHER RIGHTS UNDER LAW, WHICH MAY VARY FROM STATE TO STATE AND JURISDICTION TO JURISDICTION.

**TIME LIMIT FOR PLACING A CLAIM**

To be admissible, all claims under this Limited Warranty must be made **by registered mail with return receipt** addressed to GERFLOR, at the address indicated at the top of this warranty, **accompanied by the purchase invoice** for the Product, within THIRTY DAYS following discovery of the claimed defect and within the aforementioned warranty time limit. If any clauses of this Warranty conflict with the law of a given jurisdiction, that clause will be considered inapplicable with the remaining text of the Warranty remaining unaffected.

This Limited Warranty shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to any choice of law principles. All disputes that may arise between Customer and GERFLOR relating in any way to this Limited Warranty, to the extent such disputes cannot be resolved by negotiation between Customer and GERFLOR, shall be decided by arbitration carried out in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act and the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. In the event of such a dispute, arbitration may be initiated by a request for arbitration by either party here to addressed to the other party and shall be completed within sixty (60) days of such request unless extended because of unavailability of an arbitrator or other events beyond the control of either party. The arbitrator shall be chosen by mutual agreement of the parties and, in the event the parties cannot so agree, either party may file a written application to have the arbitrator designated by the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration proceeding shall take place in Chicago, Illinois or such other location as the parties shall agree and shall be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration "Expedited" Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall have all powers necessary to determine the issues presented, including without limitation, but subject to the terms of this Limited Warranty, any damages. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and conclusive, both as to costs and the merits, and the parties agree that they shall be bound by the decision.

Using Gerflor Recommended Adhesives	Products	
20 Years	SPM Wall Decochoc	SPM Wall Decowood
	SPM Wall Decoclean	SPM Wall Decotrend

**NOTE:** The use of GERFLOR adhesives are essential components of the GERFLOR's product performance. GERLOR cannot guarantee the same level of performance when a different adhesive is used.