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## WARRANTY

### Quick Step Vinyl

#### OVERVIEW

Warranty	Product info	Residential	Commercial <sup>(2)</sup>	Click system <sup>(1)</sup>
Glue down Vinyl Flex	2,5mm - CL33	25 years	10 years – on request up to 15 years	Not applicable
Vinyl Flex Click	4.5mm – CL32	20 years	0 years – on request up to 10 years	Lifetime
Vinyl Flex Click+	4.5mm – CL33	25 years	5 years – on request up to 15 years	Lifetime
Vinyl Rigid Click	5.0mm – CL32	20 years	0 years – on request up to 10 years	Lifetime
Vinyl Rigid Click+	5.0mm – CL33	25 years	5 years – on request up to 15 years	Lifetime
Alpha Vinyl	5,0mm – CL33	25 years	5 years – on request up to 15 years	Lifetime

- (1) Limited to 33 years for residential use or limited to the commercial warranty period for commercial use.
- (2) A commercial warranty for areas and applications which are not covered by the standard commercial warranty, or a specific project warranty (up to for example 5 years), can simply be requested by contacting the Technical Services department at Unilin: [technical.services@unilin.com](mailto:technical.services@unilin.com).

This warranty is valid on the Quick-Step® Vinyl references as specified above and on the corresponding Quick-Step® accessories.

#### WARRANTY PERIOD AND VALUE

The duration of this warranty is dependent on the vinyl type concerned and on the purposes it is used for, as indicated in the table above.

The term “residential applications” shall be understood as: the use of the vinyl as a floor covering in a private residence that is used for private purposes only.



The date of purchase is the invoice date.

The original purchase invoice, duly dated and carrying the distributor's or retailer's stamp, will need to be submitted. The original invoice should clearly indicate the product type and quantity.

## SCOPE

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1. Flooring panels and accessories must be checked carefully for material defects under optimal light conditions before and during installation and under the angle of light reflection. Products with visible defects must not be installed under any circumstances. Installation implies acceptance. The distributor must be informed in writing of such defects within 15 days. After this time has elapsed, no further complaints will be accepted. Under no circumstances can *Unilin BV, division Flooring*, be held responsible for any loss of time, inconvenience, expenses, costs or other consequential damages caused by or resulting directly or indirectly from a problem about which a claim was made.
2. "INSTALLATION IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE"  
No warranty will be offered for appearance claims once the product is installed.  
The nominated party "owner, installer or representative" takes ownership and has final responsibility to ensure that they have received the correct product that was selected.
3. This product warranty only applies to defects inherent to the material supplied. This is understood to mean any material or production defects, acknowledged by the manufacturer, including the delamination, reduced resistance of the wear layer and water resistance of the vinyl panels.
4. The lifetime (limited to 33 years) warranty on the click joints only applies to permanent open joints wider than 0.2mm.
5. Gloss changing is not surface wear. For these types of application, superficial surface scratches as a result of daily use have to be accepted.
6. The damage to the product must be evident, measuring, per product unit (panel, accessory, etc.) at least one cm<sup>2</sup>, and must not be the result of abusive conditions or accidents, such as, but not limited to, damage of mechanical nature such as severe impact, scratching (for example caused by dragging of furniture, too sharp pet nails etc.) or cutting. The feet of furniture must always be provided with appropriate protective material. The protective material needs to be replaced with new if needed. Chairs, settees, sofas or furniture with castors must be fitted with soft wheels and an adequate protective mat or protective castor cups must be put under this furniture to avoid residual indentation since vinyl is a softer flooring material. It is allowed to use a vacuum cleaner with soft edges and soft wheels on your vinyl floor.



## GENERAL CONDITIONS

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The statutory warranty in the country or state of purchase has unlimited application to the above mentioned products and all Quick-Step® profiles and Quick-Step® wall-bases.

Unilin BV - division Flooring warrants, from the date of purchase, that the products of the Quick-Step® brand as specified above are free from manufacturing or material defects.

Our flooring strictly meets product standards EN14041 and the product norm (EN16511 or ISO10582) and is covered by residential and commercial warranties.

The Quick-Step® warranty can only be invoked if all of the following conditions have been fulfilled. In case of doubt, contact the manufacturer or distributors or retailers.

1. The general Quick-Step® warranty applies solely for indoor and heated (> 5°C) installations.

Please see also "Commercial warranty" below.

If the application does not come under the "Commercial warranty" either, an individual written warranty must be requested from the manufacturer.

2. The Quick-Step® product must be installed following the Quick-Step® installation method using the approved Quick-Step® accessories. The customer / fitter must be able to provide proof of compliance with the manufacturer's installation and maintenance instructions. These instructions are located on the back of the cardboard packaging, or the insert label, or in each individual accessory packing AND on the website. If the instructions are not there, they should be requested from the manufacturer, distributor / retailer or they can be consulted at [www.quick-step.com](http://www.quick-step.com). The customer / fitter must be able to provide proof that only the recommended Quick-Step® accessories were used to install the vinyl floor (identifiable from the Quick-Step® label). If installation is not performed by the end user, at least one copy of these installation and maintenance instructions as well as the warranty conditions (on back of the insert label or at [www.quick-step.com](http://www.quick-step.com).) must be provided to the end-user by the installer.
3. This warranty applies only to the first owner and the first installation of the product and is not transferable. The person deemed to be the first owner is the person stated as the buyer on the purchase invoice. This warranty applies to all purchases of the aforesaid first-grade Quick-Step® brand product made after the edition date of these warranty conditions.
4. The ingress of sand and/or dust on the floor must be prevented by installing a suitable non-rubber backed mat at all entrance doors. The doormat must be maintained correctly.



5. The floor may not be installed in very humid areas or in areas where the flooring may occasionally be exposed to extremely high or low temperatures (such as but not limited to saunas, seasonal porches, non-heated rooms, pool areas and rooms with build-in drains like showers, etc.).  
Ensure that the indoor climate conditions are always kept > 5°C and preferably between 18–30°C.
6. All panels for the same commercial flooring project must be ordered at the same time. Compatibility of panels in repeated orders cannot be guaranteed.
7. Do not allow cigarettes, matches or other very hot items to contact the floor as this may cause permanent damage.
8. Moisture left on the floor, and on or around the skirting boards, wall bases or profiles, has to be removed immediately for all vinyl floor coverings, except for Alpha Vinyl.  
For Alpha Vinyl the moisture left on the floor, and on or around the skirting boards, wall bases or profiles, has to be removed within 24hrs. All expansion joint gaps must be filled with a very compressible Foamstrip (NEVRFOAMSTRIP15) and sealed with an elastic waterproof transparent Hydrokit (QSKITTRANS) and the Hydrostrip (NEHSTRIPSK or NEHSTRIPSCOT) according to the installation instruction.  
Wall bases, profiles and door trims must be sealed along the wall and along the flooring.  
  
Cleaning efforts involving too much water and making the subfloor and/or underlay wet and/or the use of inappropriate cleaning products must be avoided at all times.  
Inappropriate cleaning products can create a film on your floor that attracts dirt and/or is difficult to remove.
9. Cooking islands for kitchens and other heavy objects (like build-in cabinets, ... ) should not be fixed, screwed or placed on top the Quick-Step Vinyl click (Flex, Rigid and Alpha Click) floor covering. Never block a floating installation. The click vinyl must be able to move around the heavy and/or fixed objects to avoid open joints and separating planks. The dilatation gap size must be respected around all heavy / fixed objects.
10. This warranty does not cover:
  - Installation error  
The Quick-Step® product must be installed following the Quick-Step® installation method using the approved Quick-Step® accessories.  
Improper, non - Quick-Step® Vinyl accessories, can cause damage and are therefore not covered by the warranty.
  - Accidents, abuse or misuse, such as scratches, blows, cuts or damage caused by sand and other abrasive materials, whether caused by a contractor, a service company, or end user.  
To determine whether the wear is abnormal, relevant ambient factors, the duration and the intensity of use of the product are taken into account.  
The warranty also excludes all damages caused by natural disasters (i.e. flood), naturally occurring conditions/accidents (i.e. plumbing failures, pet urine, leaking



dishwashers, ...) or water/humidity in and between the subfloor and the floor covering.

- Damage caused by abrasive or corrosive substances like pet urine.
- The reduced resistance of the non-pressed, painted bevel.
- Exposure to extreme temperature variations.
- Water damage caused by ice machines, refrigerators, sinks, dishwashers, pipes, natural disasters, excessive moisture in concrete slabs, hydrostatic pressure, etc.
  - In case of the presence of water and/or moisture on the floor and/or around the skirting boards, this must be removed immediately, except for the water resistant Quick-Step® Alpha Vinyl.
  - The water and/or moisture on the floor and/or around the skirting boards for Quick-Step® Alpha Vinyl must be removed within 24hrs.
- Inappropriate cleaning products can damage your floor
- Steam cleaner:
  - ✓ The use of a steam cleaner is forbidden for all the vinyl floor coverings, except for Alpha Vinyl.
  - ✓ For Quick-Step® Alpha Vinyl, the use of a residential steam cleaner is allowed if there's no steam directly coming on the Alpha Vinyl. So it must always be used with an appropriate cloth on the steam opening, which guarantees also a homogeneous heat and steam distribution. It is also important to take care to hold the apparatus not too long on the same place and clean the floor in the length direction of the planks.

## COMMERCIAL WARRANTY

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The term "commercial applications" shall be understood as: the use of the floor covering in non-residential premises, including but not limited to hotels, offices and shops.

The duration of the commercial warranty is dependent on the type of floor covering concerned and on the purposes it is used for, as indicated in the table above. The click warranty is valid according to the table above but limited to the duration of the commercial warranty.

This commercial warranty

is valid for **Quick-Step** vinyl from the date of purchase by the original buyer (the original invoice serving as the sole valid proof of purchase)

for indoor and heated commercial applications inside buildings under all of the above mentioned conditions.

In addition to this the following must be considered:

- Gloss reduction is not surface wear. It may be necessary to apply a new surface coating periodically. For these types of application, superficial surface scratches as a result of daily use have to be accepted.
- An appropriate industrial dust collection and cleaning zone must be installed in areas with immediate access to the street traffic.
- In addition, metal commercial **Quick-Step** profiles must be used for commercial applications.



The above mentioned commercial warranty does not apply to:

- All food areas, such as, but not limited to, restaurants and cafeterias, pubs and dance halls.
- All institutional applications, such as, but not limited to hospitals and government buildings.
- Heavy commercial areas, such as, but not limited to airports, lobbies, schools and barber shops.
- Other areas that have heavy traffic, rolling loads and immediate access to street traffic.

For areas and applications which are not covered by the standard commercial warranty or you want a warranty of more than 0 / 5 / 10 years, a specific warranty can simply be requested by contacting Technical Services department at Unilin: [technical.services@unilin.com](mailto:technical.services@unilin.com).

We strongly recommend to contact your dealer or *Unilin BV, division Flooring* to discuss your commercial project in advance to make the right choice of the **Quick-Step** flooring and accessories.

This commercial warranty has the same general conditions, value, scope, liability and applicable law and dispute resolution as for the residential warranty.

## LIABILITY

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*Unilin BV, division Flooring*, reserves the right, and must be offered the opportunity, to inspect the complaint in situ and, where applicable, to inspect the floor in its installed condition.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state. For service under this warranty please contact your local **Quick-Step** retailer or mail a proof of purchase and description of claim to:

Unilin BV, division Flooring - Ooigemstraat 3 - B-8710 Wielsbeke-Belgium  
Tel. +32(56) 67 56 56 - [aftersales@unilin.com](mailto:aftersales@unilin.com)

## UNILIN'S UNDERTAKING

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Unilin BV, division Flooring, will repair or replace the product, at its option.

In case where a replacement of the flooring is agreed upon, only new panels of the current supply program at the time the complaint is upheld, will be supplied by the distributor's or retailer's.

There will be no other form of compensation.

Liability arising from this warranty is restricted to hidden defects.

These are defects that were not visible before or during the installation of **Quick-Step** vinyl floor.

The cost of removing and replacing the material is borne by the purchaser.

If the product was originally professionally installed by a professional installer, Unilin BV, division Flooring, will cover reasonable labor costs.

Unilin BV, division Flooring can never be held liable for any secondary damage.



#### APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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No other warranties of any kind are granted, either explicitly or implicitly, including sale ability or suitability for a specific purpose. *Unilin BV, division Flooring* is not liable for labor costs, installation costs or similar costs. Consequential damage, unusual damage and incidental damage are not covered by this warranty. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.