

A LOT OF KITCHEN CABINETS LOOK ALIKE, HOW DO YOU PICK ONE YOU CAN TRUST?

This Old House says you shouldn't buy a cabinet without the KCMA Certified Seal.



ANSI/KCMA A161.1

DRAWER:

We load drawers at 15 pounds per square foot and operate them through 25,000 cycles, representing 20 years of regular use.



DOOR:

We load a cabinet door with 65 pounds, cycle through open and close ten times and inspect for visible signs of looseness.



Why?

To earn the KCMA Certified Seal, kitchen cabinets must be put through a series of 15 tests. During these tests cabinets are checked for structural strength and finish quality. The cabinet box as well as drawers and doors are tested throughout the process.

STRUCTURAL:

These tests verify the integrity and strength of the cabinets. We load wall-mounted cabinets to 600 pounds and look for structural failure.



FINISH:

We expose the finish to vinegar, lemon, orange and grape juices; tomato ketchup; coffee; olive oil; 100-proof alcohol; mustard; and to long periods of exposure to a detergent and water solution.



The KCMA A161.1 Quality Certification Seal makes it easy to recommend cabinets. In fact, this seal is so trusted that *This Old House* recommends only buying cabinets with the KCMA A161.1 Quality Certification Seal.

Make sure your cabinets are recommended. Get certified today!

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