

# TRUSTED BECAUSE IT'S TESTED



The KCMA A161.1 Quality Certification Seal is a nationally recognized and respected symbol. Cabinets bearing this seal have been extensively tested against rigorous standards. Manufacturers whose cabinets pass these tests are licensed to use the KCMA Quality Certification Seal, which assures consistent high-quality cabinets.

ANSI/KCMA A161.1

## Our quality certification gives you the edge

In today's competitive marketplace, when a customer chooses one cabinet manufacturer over another, it's often the result of a razor-thin difference. The KCMA Quality Certification Seal can be that difference. The quality assurance and high testing standards will distinguish you from other cabinet manufacturers.

There are a number of different tests performed on the cabinets to measure structural integrity, durability, installation and longevity:

- Structural Tests
- Door Tests
- Drawer Tests
- Finish Tests

"To a prospective customer, the presence of the KCMA seal is validation of a company's commitment to manufacturing its products at the highest possible level."

– Marsh Furniture Company

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## Requirements for earning the KCMA Seal

- Only factory-assembled cabinets can be certified.
- Wall cabinets must be fully enclosed with backs, bottoms, sides, and tops, and base cabinets must have backs, bottoms and sides. Certain exceptions apply to kitchen sink fronts, sink bases, oven cabinets and refrigerator cabinets.
- All cabinets designed to rest on the floor must include a toe space at least two inches deep and three inches high.
- All utility cabinets must meet the same construction requirements as wall cabinets.
- Doors must be properly aligned, have means of closure and close without excessive binding or looseness.
- All materials must ensure rigidity in compliance with performance standards.
- Face frames, when used, must provide rigid construction.
- For frameless cabinets, the ends, tops/bottoms and back shall be of a thickness necessary to provide rigid construction.
- Corner or lineal bracing must be provided at points where necessary to ensure rigidity and proper joining of various components.
- All wood parts must be dried to a moisture content of 10 percent or less at time of fabrication.
- All exterior exposed surfaces and edges, except the edges of panels and the edges of back panels, shall be free of saw marks and other imperfections and shall be filled, sanded, edge-banded or otherwise finished to ensure compliance with the performance standards.
- All exterior exposed parts of cabinets must have nails and staples set and holes filled.
- All exposed construction joints must be fitted in a manner consistent with specifications.
- All interior exposed surfaces shall be free of saw marks and poor workmanship and shall be covered with laminate materials or have a minimum of one coat of clear or pigmented finish.
- Exposed cabinet hardware must comply with Builders Hardware Manufacturing Association finishing standards.
- All cabinets must pass the KCMA tests for quality.

For additional information about the KCMA certification program, or for a listing of KCMA-certified manufacturers, please visit [www.kcma.org](http://www.kcma.org).

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