

# 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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