



TESTING & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The CKCA Certification Testing Program is based on the CKCA Construction and Material Testing Standards for Kitchen Cabinets and Vanities. The standard was developed in 2009 by a technical committee composed of various stakeholders within the Canadian Kitchen Cabinet Industry including manufacturers, suppliers, housing authorities, environmental agencies, consultants and other industry experts. The standard will be reviewed every five years, and if necessary updated to ensure market trends are considered, and the standard complies with up to date manufacturing techniques. The ongoing testing of cabinets ensures the continued integrity of the program. All testing is performed by an independent third party testing agency.





BENEFITS OF CERTIFICATION

WHY YOUR CABINETS SHOULD BE CERTIFIED

Today's consumers are looking for an assurance of quality, durability and performance in the products that they purchase. The certification program offered by the Canadian Kitchen Cabinet Association provides consumers with that assurance, and demonstrates your commitment to quality in the manufacturing process at the highest possible level by your company.

The CKCA Construction and Material Testing Standard is the only established standard for Kitchen Manufacturers in Canada. When a customer chooses one cabinet manufacturer over another in today's competitive marketplace, it's often the result of a only a slight difference. Earning the CKCA "Quality Assured" seal of compliance can be that difference; distinguishing you from other manufacturers and lesser quality imports. You'll also be associated with a credible program at the same time.

Your Cabinets Should Be Certified.

Use of the CKCA Certification Seal provides reliability in the marketplace!

How do you benefit from the CKCA Testing and Certification program?

- You benefit from the status and prestige of affiliation with a nationally recognized program that sets the standard for kitchen cabinets and vanities;
- Once certified, you can use the CKCA seal on your cabinets and in your showroom;
- The CKCA website will feature CKCA Certified companies prominently and will feature a consumer section dedicated to improving consumer awareness around this program;
- All certified manufacturers will have a featured listing on the CKCA website and in the CKCA directory of certified manufacturers. The directory will be distributed to home builder associations, consumer organizations, design associations and government agencies;
- Availability of marketing collateral to assist your business to sell your certified products;
- Technical advice and support from the CKCA to assist you with compliance, or in the case of failure return your cabinet to compliance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any active manufacturing member of the CKCA who manufacturers prefinished, factory engineered cabinets can send their materials to be tested. For membership information please visit www.ckca.ca/membership Once membership is established (membership must be renewed annually to maintain certification), you can apply to enroll in the certification program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1 WHO DOES THE TESTING?

All testing is performed by Exova www.exova.com, an independent third party testing agency. Our materials testing capabilities include materials selection, materials performance and failures analysis; using both destructive and non-destructive testing. Covering metals, composites, polymers and construction materials, Exova gives you the answers you need on properties, performance, strength and durability corrosion.

2 WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T PASS THE TESTS?

The goal of the certification process is to aid you in reaching compliance. If the initial tests or a part thereof fail; we will work with you to reach compliance by offering advice and support to ensure you have the information necessary to perform any corrective action required. The final decision with respect to a pass or fail rating is at the discretion of the CKCA.

3 WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

The costs for testing are determined by the testing agency, and the total fees include the administration costs, and certification seals. An annual renewal fee is required to maintain certification. Membership in CKCA must be maintained in order to continue to display the CKCA Quality Assured logo. All fees for the program are enclosed with the submission instructions.

4 HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

From the start of the application process to the submission of samples the entire process should take 3-4 weeks assuming that there are no issues with samples, or compliance.

5 WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE PRODUCT LINE?

If you have more than one product line you must send in additional sets of samples for testing. You must submit a set of samples and complete the required registration forms for each product line being tested. If the construction methods are the exact same for more than one product line additional cabinets may be sent for testing at the same time – however depending on the number of samples sent for testing additional fees will be applied.

6 CAN MY CABINETS PASS THE TESTS?

In order to obtain CKCA Certification your cabinets must pass successfully all of the testing requirements that simulate years of normal household use. All tests are described in the CKCA Construction and Material Testing Standard for Kitchen Cabinets and Vanities. Tests measure such things as workmanship, durability, chemical resistance, door strength and other important features.

A STANDARD MADE IN CANADA

Stay ahead of the competition, and gain trust with your customers by displaying the CKCA "Quality Assured" seal of approval.



Construction & Material Testing Standard
for Kitchen Cabinets & Vanities

GETTING STARTED IN THE PROGRAM

STEP 1

Please fill out the application form included with this brochure and note the product line(s) to be tested. Send to CKCA with the appropriate fees.

Mailing Address:

CKCA Certification
Testing Program

CANADIAN KITCHEN
CABINET ASSOCIATION

3781 Strandherd Drive,
P.O. Box 34018, Nepean,
Ontario K2J 5B1

Phone: 613.493.5858

Email: info@ckca.ca

STEP 2

Upon receipt of the application form, program fees and verification of membership you will be enrolled in the program and provided with complete instructions for submitting your cabinets for testing. You will also be provided with a copy of the construction and material standard document.

STEP 3

If your cabinets pass the testing and are in compliance with the standard, CKCA will offer you a certificate of compliance, the CKCA Certification Seal (logo) for application to your website and marketing materials, and you will receive your CKCA Certified stickers to add to your product as well as additional support material.

STEP 4

Your Company will be added to our website under the certified companies section, and added to the directory of CKCA Certified Manufacturers.

CKCA.CA 

