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AN ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL
PRACTICES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Make sure more than just the cabinets last

With the help of industry partners, the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Associations (KCMA) has created the Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) to encourage industry policies and practices that benefit the environment and the wellbeing of society. This groundbreaking program provides a tangible way for cabinet manufacturers to show their commitment to sustainability.

Since launching ESP at the 2006 International Woodworking Fair, the voluntary certification program has been enthusiastically received by cabinet manufacturers of all sizes. After meeting the certification requirements in areas such as air quality, resource management and environmental stewardship, companies are able to display the ESP seal on their products. The ESP seal is your assurance that you are doing your part to help preserve our environment.



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Make it your business to help preserve the environment

*Look for KCMA
Environmental Stewardship
Program (ESP)
certified cabinets*





How the Program Works

Any manufacturer of pre-finished, factory-engineered cabinets may participate. To demonstrate compliance with low emission and sustainability requirements, manufacturers must submit documentation such as purchase orders; testing reports; confirmation of certification; copies of written policies for pollution reduction and energy conservation; verifiable records of quantities of materials recycled; awards; press releases, and similar documentation. KCMA certification is awarded on an annual basis and based on compliance in five categories. These categories contain 18 different criteria with a total of 105 possible points. Every manufacturer may not be able to comply with every category or criteria due to factors such as size, infrastructure and location. Therefore, 80 points are required for ESP certification. The breakdown of required points by category is as follows:

CATEGORY	POINTS
Air Quality	30
Product Resource Management	30
Process Resource Management	20
Environmental Stewardship	15
Community Relations	10

What it means to be ESP certified

Here are just a few examples of the criteria for ESP Certification:

- Particleboard, plywood and MDF used in the cabinets must be certified to meet lowest formaldehyde emission standards
- Particleboard and MDF used in the cabinets is 100% recycled
- Hardwoods are certified through an independent and credible sustainable forestry program
- Manufacturer has a documented energy conservation program
- Manufacturer has a written commitment to environmental quality and a written Environmental Management System
- Manufacturer has an active recycling program for process wastes
- Manufacturer meets all federal, state and local environmental requirements and has no significant violations in the past year
- Manufacturer demonstrates community involvement and leadership through service or charitable organizations
- KCMA annually validates all requirements for certification

KCMA—has an established record in developing & maintaining consensus industry standards

In 1965, KCMA developed the consensus U.S. industry performance standard and voluntary testing program for cabinets (ANSI/KCMA A161.1) that is maintained and updated regularly consistent with ANSI requirements. Now, KCMA is building on that experience and has developed a voluntary environmental stewardship standard for cabinet manufacturers.



Request certification information today.

For additional information about the ESP Certification Program, please visit www.kcma.org