



## ANNOUNCEMENT January 12, 2021

### **MCK Kitchen & Bath receives CKCA's Quality Assurance Certification for their "Signature" line of cabinets**

The Canadian Kitchen Cabinet Association is proud to begin the year on a high note with the announcement that [MCK Kitchen & Bath](#) (formerly Mike's Country Kitchens) Halifax, NS has earned CKCA's highest acknowledgement for quality performance of their product line "Signature".

MCK has been in business 32 years and is proud of the creative, energetic and passionate team of individuals who work with them. Recipients of other awards and accolades over the years including an eleven-time consumer choice award winner, MCK's goal is to create the most comfortable relations, atmosphere and trust between their company and their clients, making dream kitchens a reality.

- CKCA Certification Testing Program is based on the [CKCA Construction and Materials Standards for Kitchen Cabinet and Vanities \(2009, revised 2017\)](#)
- Standard was developed 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
- Testing cabinetry is done by a third party ISO Certified facility in Mississauga called [Element](#), one of the world leaders of independent testing, inspection and certification services
- CKCA believes that Canadian built kitchen cabinets can be of the highest quality and can rival and surpass imported cabinetry
- Testing methods simulate conditions when cabinets are installed as per manufacturer's specifications as well as simulates ambient conditions and normal use, wear and maintenance of the cabinets when used in a normal application (standard is not intended to be used to measure or certify safety requirements for kitchen cabinets and vanities).
- To be eligible for certification you must be a member in good standing of the CKCA and be engaged in manufacturing factory finished cabinets in Canada
- This is a voluntary standard to uphold, currently there are 12 manufacturers across Canada with this designation
- It is the goal of the CKCA to see more manufacturers go through the certification process.

Jon Ryan, President, MCK Kitchen & Bath says:

"MCK wanted to take that trust and confidence our clients already have and amplify to the next level by having a Canadian Kitchen Cabinet Association certification to demonstrate this. It solidifies what we tell our clients already by having authentic, third party testing facilities rate and grade our product so we can confidently explain why our product is professionally certified and how that separates us from most, if not all local Kitchen manufacturers. It is important to us at MCK, to continually grow, advance and offer everything we can and more to our customers."

CKCA established in 1968, is a national trade association representing the kitchen cabinet industry in Canada. CKCA works to inspire progress and innovation in the industry, by promoting excellence, facilitating continuous improvement and working to ensure high standards for design and manufacturing are upheld.

CKCA President, Heidi Boudreault says:

“CKCA is very pleased to welcome MCK Kitchen & Bath into the group of CKCA certified members. We know Canadian kitchen cabinet manufacturers build quality. Our industry designed and third party tested quality assurance program gives manufacturers a benchmark that allows them to further validate the performance of their products to enhance credibility and demonstrate transparency with their customers. Congratulations MCK for your leadership in taking an important step forward. We wish you continued success on your journey.”

On behalf of the CKCA Board of Directors and the industry, we would like to congratulate MCK Kitchen & Bath for this achievement. By accrediting their product, MCK Kitchen & Bath can now use the CKCA Quality Assurance logo to [enhance promotions](#) of products to their clients as well.

If you have any questions about certification or wish to speak with MCK Kitchen & Bath, please contact Sandra Wood, CKCA Executive Director at 613-493-5858 or [info@ckca.ca](mailto:info@ckca.ca) for more details.

Pictured below are Jonathan Ryan (left) and Steve Ryan (right) and testing photos.



Figure 4 : Cabinet joint integrity test set-up – Sample 1



Figure 9 : Door fastening and hinge operation test set-up – Sample 3