

Why Standards Matter...

The Woodwork Institute of California's *Manual of Millwork* and compliance programs play an important role in helping to maintain the quality of your projects. When WIC standards aren't followed, the results can be costly, unsightly, and even hazardous. These kinds of problems can be avoided by implementing WIC standards within your design and project specifications and enforcing those specifications with our Certified or Monitored Compliance Programs.



Problem: Sagging school library shelf

Cause: Inadequate materials



Problem: Mismatched cabinet doors

Cause: Incompatible color and grain



Problem: Tilted drawer

Cause: Improper hardware or installation



Problem & Cause: Lack of scribing



Problem: Mismatched edge
Cause: Improper color or grain match and poor workmanship



Problem: Misaligned hinges
Cause: Improper alignment and poor workmanship



Problem & Cause: Inadequate joinery fasteners and spacing



Problem: Bottom of cabinets not flush
Cause: Improper alignment

The WIC's *Manual of Millwork*, originally published in 1953, sets the industry standards for materials, construction and fabrication techniques, installation, and finishing of architectural millwork. Throughout the years, the WIC has periodically refined and upgraded the *Manual of Millwork*, leading to the current 2001 Edition. Today, the publication is used as a quality assurance tool by more than 7,000 architects, specifiers, and design professionals throughout the western U.S. The *Manual of Millwork* is also used in conjunction with the WIC's Certified and Monitored Compliance Programs.