

**INTERPRETATIVE BULLETIN C-3-76**  
**COMBUSTIBLE KITCHEN CABINET PROTECTION - 3280.204**

The exposed bottom, end panel, and sides of overhead combustible kitchen cabinets within a space of 6 horizontal inches from the side of the cooking range may, in lieu of 1/4" thick asbestos millboard covered with 26 gage sheet metal, be protected with an exposed interior finish material having a flame spread rating not to exceed 50 and fire protective properties equivalent to 5/16" gypsum board.

The following are considered to be equivalent protection for combustible kitchen cabinets over the cooking range or over and extending beyond the cooking range area:

- (1) 1/4" minimum thick asbestos millboard covered with a 26 gage sheet metal hood; or
- (2) A 26 gage sheet metal range hood which provides at least a 3/8 inch enclosed air space between the bottom surface of the cabinet and a material having a flame spread rating which does not exceed 50 and fire protective properties equivalent to 5/16" gypsum board. The material shall be adequately supported by the top of the range hood.

Vertical dimensional clearance between the cook top surface and the bottom of the combustible cabinet does not constitute equivalent protection for the cabinet.