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Aleco's ImpacDor® Provides Restaurant Supply With Attractive Energy-efficient Solution

When Dave Hummel, owner of Saratoga Restaurant Supply in Gansevoort, New York, needed to replace the door between his retail showroom and warehouse he wanted something that he thought would be relatively easy to find. But the task proved to be more difficult than he anticipated. "A door in that location would be seen by any customer in my showroom," says Hummel. "We needed something that was functional but looked good as well." He looked at several types of doors but couldn't find anything with the combination of features he needed. "There weren't many alternatives," he added.

Saratoga Restaurant Supply is not your average retail supplier. One of the largest food service equipment dealers in the Northeast, Saratoga's 21,000 square foot facility includes a 2,000 square foot fully functional state-of-the-art demo kitchen along with consulting and design services. When Dave Hummel found Aleco, a manufacturer that specializes in several types of commercial doors for the food service industry, he finally found something that matched the features he was looking for. Aleco's ImpacDor model RD-175 bi-parting door seemed to fit the bill. He could even get it in red, a color that would coordinate nicely with his showroom décor.

The RD-175 ImpacDor had several features that impressed Hummel, like the molded polyethylene loop bumpers and the stainless steel offset hinges with stainless steel jamb guards at the bottom. But it was another feature that really got his attention. "With our air conditioned showroom there can be a significant temperature difference between it and the stockroom," Hummel continued. "What really sold me was the self-sealing feature of the door making it very cost effective." The 1 ¾" thickness of the RD-175 with an insulating foam core adds to the full perimeter draft seals to increase energy efficiency.