

## case study

Project . . . **The Burger Garage**  
Location . . . **Long Island City, NY**  
Architect . . . **Cybul & Cybul Architects,**  
**Edgewater, NJ**  
Product . . . **MetalWorks™ Tin**

### the challenge:

When owners Jim and Adam Pileski purchased an old Chinese/Italian restaurant, they knew they wanted to transform it into a high-quality burgers and fries establishment. They also knew they wanted to transform the look of the space from a traditional, but very outdated, ambiance to that of a vintage garage, thereby giving the space a whole new personality while keeping in sync with its location in a semi-industrial area.

### the solution:

Working with the owners, architect John Artuso completely gutted the space and created an interior design based around a retro garage look, including the use of old service station signs, gas pumps, hanging lamps, old tires, and classic 50's seating.

As part of the new design, he also replaced the existing traditional acoustical ceiling with a MetalWorks Tin ceiling from Armstrong in a lacquered steel finish.

MetalWorks Tin ceilings are offered in eight standard decorative patterns, 24 special order patterns, and five standard finishes, including lacquered steel, bare steel, chrome (plated), copper (plated), and white.

"The introduction of the pressed tin look in the ceiling was a perfect complement to the industrial look the owners wanted," Artuso states. "Plus, the look and feel of metal was in line with everything else in the space."

The 2' x 2' Tegular ceiling panels are installed in a 15/16" grid in a coordinating color. The combination of the panel reveal edge and the grid color diminishes the overall visibility of the suspension system.

To enhance acoustics in the space, the panels are extra microperforated. The perforations are only 7mm in diameter, which makes them virtually invisible, but when backed with an acoustical fleece, the panels achieve a Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC) of 0.85, meaning they absorb 85% of the sound that strikes them.



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