LOCATION
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR

OBJECTIVE
To customize unwired openings to offer maximum accessibility and reduce door damage

BENEFITS
» ADA-compliant operator opens door at the touch of a button
» Regenerative power system eliminates need for electrical power
» GreenCircle-certified to reduce energy consumption by up to 100%
» Easy to install and operate
» Ideal for retrofit applications

OVERVIEW
Arkansas State University (ASU) is a renowned public research university and the second largest university in the state. With a student body of over 14,000, the university’s facilities and maintenance teams needed a reliable, ADA-compliant method of operating main entrances, restroom doors, and other high traffic openings.

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Arkansas State University’s Disability Services are focused on creating a barrier-free environment for students and staff with disabilities. To truly enable this vision, the university needed to eliminate physical obstacles that could impede access to a higher education.

One of the primary physical challenges a student with disabilities faced were the use of entry ways or doors. Persons using wheelchairs or motorized scooters would have to push through the opening using their vehicle, increasing the potential for personal injury or inadvertently damaging the door. The university’s Facilities Management team was looking for an ADA-compliant solution that could be easily retrofitted onto existing openings in administrative, academic, and student services buildings.

“Ease of entry and exit for all was a top requirement for ASU, so we addressed this by recommending simple to operate, power-assisted door controls,” said Anthony Ditta, Ditta Door and Hardware. “Unfortunately, many of their doors have only basic functionality, meaning that the doors have no electrical power. So we needed to find a suitable solution that works with what they already had.”

“We’ve had customers work with other brands of automatic door openers in the past, but we always seem to have issues with them,” said Ditta. “The ASU maintenance staff and their locksmith seem pleased with the Norton products because they’re very convenient, especially when power is not available.”

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