

Ampcontrol

Ampcontrol is one of Australia's largest privately-owned suppliers of electrical and electronic products to the power, mining and energy markets. It operates 24 sites across Australia and internationally in the UK, South Africa, New Zealand, China and Russia.

Ampcontrol was founded in 1968 by Peter Cockbain, Neville Sawyer, Keith Grant and Tony Studdert. To this day, Peter Cockbain maintains an active role within the organisation as Technical Director and co-owner of the business and was recently named as one of Australia's '100 Most Influential Engineers', by Engineers Australia.

In 2004 Ampcontrol invested nearly half a million dollars towards the establishment of a Professorial position of Power Engineering at the University, a study discipline previously unavailable to Engineering students. Power Engineering is a specialist electrical engineering discipline that covers power systems.

Ampcontrol's donation has enabled the University of Newcastle to offer students greater diversity, creating a bridge between the educational institute and Power Engineering.

By creating a strong and strategic partnership between Ampcontrol and the University, the Chair in Power Engineering has supported students by creating tangible outcomes for the industry and increasing the awareness of power engineering.

Ampcontrol's vision to 'make a powerful difference' reinforces the view that a strong learning culture can create innovative pathways and this partnership engages students, educators and the industry in future opportunities.

In further demonstration of Ampcontrol's commitment to creating a learning and development environment, the company offers a comprehensive graduate program for Electrical, Mechanical, Computer and Communication Engineering students. By participating in a series of rotations across the business, the graduates are exposed to the gamete of engineering services to be found within Ampcontrol.

Ampcontrol has experienced enormous growth over the past five years with a tripling in turnover and expansion into international markets.

Ampcontrol's growth continues to support employment within the Hunter, where almost half of Ampcontrol's workforce is located.