



Company History

ATTAR was established by Gary Martin and Don McConville in 1985 in response to winning the Company's first tender to conduct Acoustic Emission monitoring of Elevating Work Platforms (EWPs) for Sydney County Council. This led to annual business in NSW, testing all electricity providers EWPs! Since then the Company has progressed, diversified through a number of events:

Date	Event
1 July 1985	<p>ATTAR officially commenced trading.</p> <p>ATTAR also commenced selling consumables, establishing numerous agencies with overseas suppliers and began subcontracting Materials Failure Analysis work from Technisearch, for Lawyers, Insurance Companies and Loss Assessors.</p> <p>ATTAR was initially run from the Owners homes, and then from a shared office at Mountain Gate, VIC with Robyn Martin, who owned her own small secretarial business.</p>
1987 - 1989	<p>ATTAR moved to its first official business warehouse site at Unit 3, 51 Cleeland Road, South Oakleigh.</p> <p>Slip Resistance Testing became popular thanks to increasing litigation during this time, and ATTAR purchased its first Tortus Floor Friction Tester, becoming Agents for SSI, the UK based manufacturer.</p> <p>At this time, ATTAR hired its first two employees a Secretary and a Materials Engineer. Robyn Martin joined as Secretary when the first employee left ATTAR.</p> <p>ATTAR received NATA accreditation for Mechanical Testing in 1989.</p>
1990	<p>ATTAR moved across the driveway to Unit 7, 51 Cleeland Road, South Oakleigh, where construction began on the first real office space!</p> <p>It was also during this time that ATTAR made its first trip to New Zealand to conduct Acoustic Emission Testing for the Auckland Electricity Board.</p> <p>ATTAR also worked in partnership with Neil Joiner and established Australian NDT Services, in the Latrobe Valley, VIC.</p> <p>ATTAR commenced Non-Destructive Training (NDT) courses in Ultrasonics (UT), Penetrant (PT) and Magnetic Particle (MT) techniques. These courses commenced at the Dingley International and were conducted by both Neil, Gary and an additional Trainer. The courses were eventually moved to ATTARs premises in South Oakleigh shortly after this.</p>



Date	Event
Throughout the 1990's	<p>Neil Joiner took the option to 'buy out' Australian NDT Services and left EME. ATTAR's NDT Training was then managed by Gary with assistance from a contracted additional Trainer.</p> <p>ATTAR purchased its first Stanley Pendulum wet slip resistance tester. ATTAR contributed to setting Industry Standards as Gary prepared the first draft of what became the Australian Standard AS 3661-1993. Gary also travelled to Singapore to obtain ASNT Level III in UT, PT & MT to be able to deliver a level of training than was predominately available in Australia at the time.</p>
1995	<p>John Dimopoulos, Materials Engineer joined ATTAR during this year.</p>
1996	<p>ATTAR became the Magnaflux Agent for Australasia. As a result, ATTAR established an office and a distribution warehouse, DGM near Auckland Airport.</p> <p>In September, ATTARs Victorian premises moved to Unit 27, 134 Springvale Road, Springvale which was a purpose built facility.</p>
Throughout the late 1990's	<p>ATTAR experienced a number of staff movements, as employees joined the Company to assist with growth, Don McConville retired and employees who became seriously ill left after recovering to ensure continued health.</p> <p>ATTAR also became an Authorised Training Body under AS 3998 during this time.</p> <p>ATTAR engaged Ultrasound, NZ as regular contractors for AE Testing in New Zealand managed by John Carter.</p>
2000	<p>Robyn & Gary bought out Don and his wife's share in ATTAR and both then held the position of Director.</p> <p>NDT Training continued to grow during this time, as some other areas of the business went into decline such as slip resistance testing due to changes in legislation.</p> <p>In June of 2000, ATTAR sold its interest in consumables to Electromax, thus changing the focus of the business again to primarily testing and training services.</p>
2001	<p>John Dimopoulos took up an option to also purchase shares in ATTAR and currently has a 5% shareholding in the Company.</p>
2004	<p>In VIC, ATTAR constructed additional training rooms, inspection rooms and set up radiography facilities to expand the scope of training courses offered to include Radiation Safety and Radiography.</p>
2005	<p>ATTAR ran its first MFL course in Australia and expanded course delivery as far as Townsville!</p> <p>ATTAR appointed a Trainer, based in Perth WA to provide full time training services to the WA Industry. Currently this Trainer operates from home.</p> <p>ATTARs' testing and failure analysis services continue to grow and service Industry both interstate and internationally.</p>



Date	Event
2006	<p>ATTARs' Perth expansion continued and an agreement was made with RTD Steeltest to allow ATTAR to deliver course on-site at their new premises in Kwinana.</p> <p>ATTAR also relocated a Mechanical Engineer to WA to work on-site at Metlabs to service a dual client, Alcoa and to establish ATTAR in the WA Acoustic Emission testing market.</p> <p>ATTAR purchased a Ramp Slip Resistance Tester; becoming the first NATA accredited laboratory to provide wet and dry slip testing as well as oil based ramp testing!</p> <p>Additional Office & Administration support was brought in to support the continued growth of the Company and to plan for Robyn Martin's retirement in late 2006.</p> <p>ATTAR holds its first Strategic Planning Conference in April 2006.</p>
2007	<p>In February 2007 ATTAR appoints additional Directors & establishes a Board of Management consisting of Dr Gary Martin (Director), Robyn Martin (Director), Georgina Ablett (Director), Paul Grosser (Director), Ian Wills (Director) and John Dimopoulos returns to ATTAR as a Board Member! Georgina Ablett is appointed as Executive Officer at this time also.</p> <p>After 12 months investment & effort, ATTAR returns the Mechanical Engineer in WA to VIC to service the WA testing market on a 'fly-in, fly out' basis. ATTAR purchases Phased Array equipment and develops training course modules to deliver training on this new technology to market.</p> <p>In April, Training commences on an as needs basis in Asia, while other avenues continue to be explored with partner companies.</p> <p>ATTAR holds the second Strategic Planning Conference in April 2007 and leases an additional Warehouse in the Springvale Road complex from May, in order to relocate storage & some testing facilities & renovate the existing premises further to house additional staff & training rooms!</p> <p>ATTAR appoints a permanent Finance Manager in May 2007 and an additional NDT Trainer in Sept 07. Ian Wills resigns from Board of Management at the end of Dec 07 for personal reasons.</p>
2008	<p>Due to increasing demand for ATTAR services, ATTAR moves from RTD Steeltest shared facility in Kwinana, WA to own leased premises at Morley WA in Jan 2008.</p> <p>ATTAR holds the third Strategic Planning Conference in April 2008.</p> <p>International expansion continues to grow on an as needs basis and NDT Training is conducted in Indonesia and Fiji in the early months of 2008.</p> <p>ATTAR applies for the Victorian Fellowship Award to obtain a grant to improve current OHLCD technology and availability of equipment in Australia – ATTAR eagerly awaits the award decision which is still pending....</p> <p>ATTAR consolidates its resources by downsizing the Mechanical Engineering operations and focussing predominantly on the Materials Engineering, specialist testing and failure analysis side of the Consulting business.</p>



ATTAR

Advanced Technology Testing and Research

ATTAR also appoints a Sales & Marketing Manager in May 2008 and an Operations Manager, Doug Monaghan in May 2008. The Operations Manager will transition to a General Manager role and replaces the Executive Office, Georgina Ablett as she moves only to Board of Management duties pending the birth of her twins later in 2008.