



Western Australian company Barrett Communications designs and manufactures a range of high frequency and very high frequency products, featuring the latest in communication technologies. Pictured is a Barrett PRC-4090 Tactical HF software defined radio. **Photo credit:** Barrett Communications

From humble beginnings to global defence markets



Starting out as a small Western Australian company supplying antennas for high-frequency (HF) radio in aircraft, Barrett Communications now sells products featuring the latest communication technologies to more than 150 countries.

In 1976, as a small Western Australian company, they saw the growing need for HF radio in aircraft.

After initially supplying only HF antennas, it expanded to develop and manufacture its own HF radios.

Today, staff at Barrett Communications design and manufacture a range of HF and very high frequency (VHF) products, featuring the latest in communication technologies.

Barrett has been at the forefront of HF technology for more than 40 years, from the earliest introduction of digital

technology in the late 1980s, through to current models that are software-defined and interface with tablets and other digital devices via Wi-Fi.

Barrett's first sale internationally was in 1987 and today it provides tactical and defence systems to global customers throughout Africa, the Americas, Australasia, Europe and the Middle East.

In November 2019, Barrett Communications was awarded a multiyear contract to supply Canada's Department of National Defence with VHF radio communications equipment.

Barrett's commercial products are used across government, private and humanitarian sectors, with particular relevance for emergency and disaster management in remote or disaster inflicted areas.