

IFPL Group highlights milestones and company culture for landmark anniversary



IFPL Group is celebrating 30 years of engineering and innovation

[IFPL Group](#) is celebrating its 30th anniversary, marking three decades of engineering innovation from its head office based on the Isle of Wight.

Founded in 1996 by Geoff Underwood OBE, the company began with a clear mission: to solve real, practical challenges faced by airlines through better engineering.

Underwood told [PAX Tech in a June interview marking the milestone](#), "Every engineer, designer, production team member, administrator, salesperson and support colleague has contributed to our success. Each person has brought their own skills, ideas and dedication, helping to shape the business into what it is today. That spirit is at the heart of IFPL."

What started as a small operation working from a garage has grown into a globally recognized supplier of aircraft cabin technology, with products flying on aircraft operated worldwide. At the heart of IFPL's early success was the development of its patented Long Life Audio Jack, designed to address a persistent reliability issue in aircraft cabins.

By significantly increasing durability and reducing maintenance requirements, it set a new standard and established the company's reputation for practical, high-performance engineering.

Today, IFPL designs and manufactures a range of advanced cabin interior solutions, including the Long Life Audio Jack, Reversible USB-A, the Transform in-seat power system and Cobalt Spectrum LED mood lighting.

These technologies are used by airlines and operators worldwide to enhance passenger experience while improving efficiency, reducing weight, simplifying installation and maintenance for operators.

"From the beginning, the focus has always been on designing products that work reliably in service," said Geoff Underwood, Founder and CEO of IFPL. "If you understand the real operating environment and engineer for it properly, you can make a meaningful difference for both passengers and

operators."

This landmark anniversary has been made even more special by the recognition of Geoff Underwood's contribution to the technology industry. IFPL Group said, "[We] are thrilled to see [our] Founder and CEO awarded an OBE this year for services to the technology industry - an especially fitting honour in such a monumental year for the company."

IFPL operates from two purpose-designed facilities and employs a highly skilled team, with strong in-house capabilities spanning design, prototyping, manufacturing, and testing. The company's continued success has been recognized with five Queen's Award for Enterprise.

This milestone reflects not only the company's growth, but also its roots, with a strong emphasis on craftsmanship, engineering expertise and long-term thinking. From its earliest days, IFPL has retained a culture of precision and attention to detail, these values continue to underpin its work today.

Looking ahead, IFPL remains focused on the future of aircraft cabin technology, including intelligent power systems, connected cabins, and more sustainable, energy-efficient solutions.

IFPL is celebrating throughout the year, reflecting on the people, products, projects and moments that have shaped the journey over the last three decades through a series of posts, editorials and articles.