

PROSPECTUS



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1.1. About Us

FASTEST GROWING ELECTRICAL RETAIL FRANCHISE

ACDC Express is an electrical retail franchise, specialising in everything electrical. Established in 2007, our core focus is to provide customers with quality electrical solutions.

We offer a full turn-key solution and a unique concept store that provides customers with a convenient and versatile shopping experience, allowing customers to browse at leisure in what is effectively an electrical 'supermarket'. In addition, ACDC Express actively participates in adding value to the customers by not only meeting customer expectations through superior customer service, but continuously offering excellent after sale service.

Our independently owned stores are primarily supplied by ACDC Dynamics, which boasts a product range of over 95,000 individual items. These products are crucial in daily operations within the home, office and factory. This automatically creates a great and continuous demand for these products. The growth and success of the ACDC Express Franchise Group is attributed to 2 basic principles, which form the cornerstone of the business: Customer Relationship Management and Maximising Business Efficiency.



1.2. More About Us

VISION STATEMENT

To be the preferred electrical retailer.

MISSION STATEMENT

To be the best solutions-driven electrical retailer. Focused on customer service and convenience to ensure electrical needs are satisfied.

RESPECT

Listening to Understand Communicating with a clear intent Giving thought to decisions

INTEGRITY

Proving that our word is our bond Supporting our teams unconditionally Taking ownership of our responses Being consistent and taking action

CUSTOMER FOCUS

Inspiring loyalty
Striving for NPS10
Producing work of value

HAVING FUN IN THE PROCESS!

1.2. More About Us

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

"A sale is not something that you pursue; it is something that happens to you while you are immersed in serving your customer"

At ACDC Express we strive for service excellence. We look to ensure our services are of the highest quality and that they are always centered around our ACDC Express customers. With regular training sessions to equip our staff with superior product knowledge, unrivalled customer support and service etiquette, we seek to effectively meet the needs of our ACDC Express customers in the most convenient and supportive way possible.

At Head Office, the brand managers and training facilitators work intensely on all aspects of the brand to ensure that our sales staff are equipped with up-to-date information and an ability to provide excellent after-sales service.

To extend our accessibility, we offer direct communication lines to all our ACDC Express customers who visit one of our national stores via Facebook and our website **www.acdcexpress.com**. Our latest offerings and promotions are also included in our newsletters. It is possible to subscribe to our exclusive subscription list through registration on our website.



1.3. CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

Contractor

- Retain large and small customers.
- Promote interest and awareness within the contractor business market.

End-user

- Promote interest and awareness within the market.
- Direct end users to the store.

Retail Customers

- Retail or DIY customers buy small quantities and the product usage would be by the consumer or his/her family members or friends.
- They are generally seeking alternative energy, lower and cost- effective electric bills

Manufacturers

This category includes original equipment Manufacturers/Panel Builders.

The following are priorities for Manufacturers:

- Produce high quality products at competitive pricing.
- Strategic partnership will ensure a successful business model.
- Having an account with ACDC Express is a key part of doing business.



1.3. CUSTOMER SEGMENTS

Resellers

Buy in small, medium and large quantities and the product usage would be used by:

- Electrical Wholesaler Stores
- Stockist Stores
- Distributor Stores
- Specialist Stores
- Hardware Stores
- Retail Stores
- Cooperative Organisations

Consultants

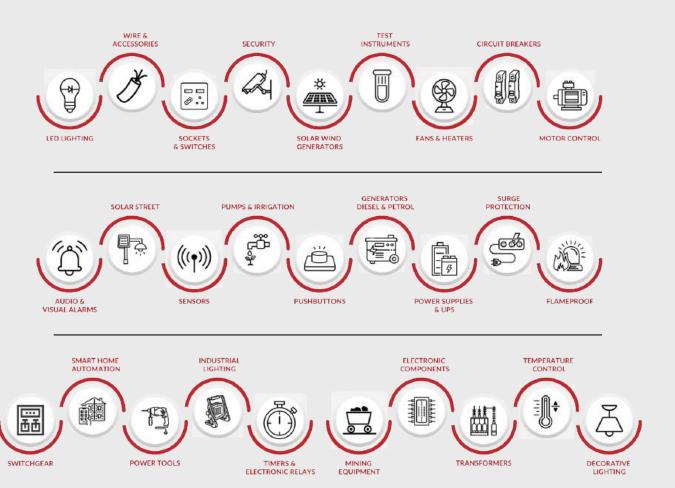
The consultants we work with include Engineers, Architects, Designers, and Interior Decorators

Their purchasing decisions are based on the following:

- Quality dictates and price is not a real issue.
- Focus on aesthetics and variety.
- "My client deserves the best."



1.4. PRODUCT RANGE





1.5. OUR BRANDS









































































1.6. EXISTING FRANCHISES

ACDC Express Alberton

ACDC Express Ballito

ACDC Express Bellville

ACDC Express Bloemfontein

ACDC Express Boksburg

ACDC Express Brits

ACDC Express Centurion

ACDC Express Eswatini

ACDC Express Fourways

ACDC Express Gezina

ACDC Express Hartbeespoort

ACDC Express Hermanus

ACDC Express Kempton Park

ACDC Express Longmeadow

ACDC Express Middelburg

ACDC Express Nelspruit

ACDC Express Newcastle

ACDC Express Paarl

ACDC Express Paarden Eiland

ACDC Express Pietermaritzburg

ACDC Express Port Elizabeth

ACDC Express Potchefstroom

ACDC Express Richards Bay

ACDC Express Richmond Park

ACDC Express Rustenburg

ACDC Express Secunda

ACDC Express Silverlakes

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ACDC Express Strijdom Park

ACDC Express Strubensvalley

ACDC Express Umhlanga

ACDC Express Vaal

ACDC Express Vredenberg

ACDC Express Waterfall

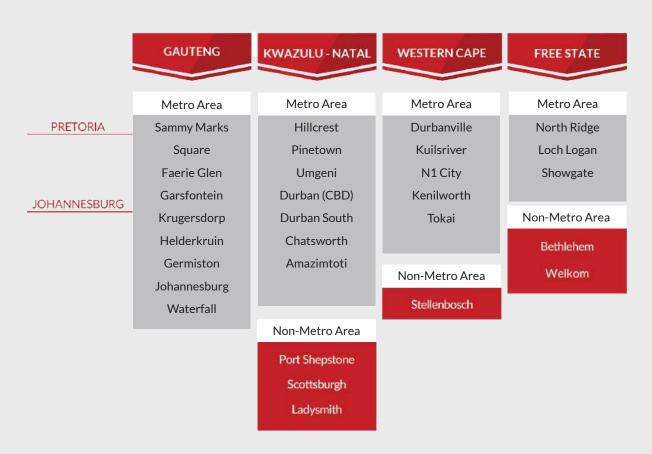
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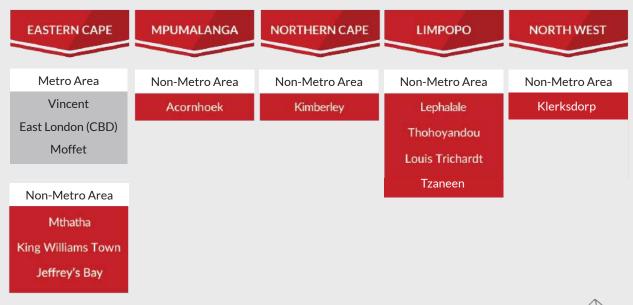
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1.7. AVAILABLE FRANCHISE LOCATIONS

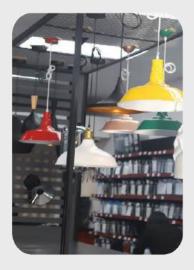




1.8. ACDC EXPRESS ENVIRONMENT





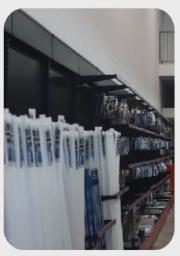














1.9. THE IDEAL FRANCHISEE

The following are descriptions and criteria to distinguish if you match the profile of the type of franchisee we are looking to grow our franchise network along with:

JOB DESCRIPTION OF A FRANCHISEE

Management of staff - including HR/IR responsibilities

Recruiting, appointing, training and motivating staff

Assist and build relationships with customers

Stock management

Logistics

Quality control

Service and maintenance of the outlet

Stock ordering and control

System controls

General business administration

Legislative compliance

Implementation of new franchise policies and procedures

Adhering to manuals, policies and procedures

Reporting and administrative requirements of the Franchisor

Business planning (forecasts, budgets and the likes of)

Financial management - cash flow & standard reporting

Sales & marketing - including local area marketing and national marketing

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Prepared to work very hard and work long hours
- Passionate, committed and dedicated
- Logical thinker
- Specific attention to detail

SKILLS

- Financially savvy
- People skills (customers and staff)
- Communication, relationship, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Systems oriented
- Organised
- Computer literate
- Multi-tasking operations and administration
- Sales abilities
- Management skills



1.9. THE IDEAL FRANCHISEE

OTHER POINTS

- Practical business experience in electronics field
- Retail experience is preferable understand stock management and customer service
- Unencumbered cash requirement
- Prepared to be an owner-operator ideally not have other employment or other business interests (at Franchisor discretion)





1.10. BENEFITS OF BEING A FRANCHISEE

WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

In terms of the franchise network and the Franchisor's ongoing commitment to its network of growing franchisees, ACDC Express Franchising will honor its obligation in the following manner:

- Recruitment and selection of franchisees.
- Approval of sites (approval of lease).
- Advisory role in terms of store set up.
- Provide project plan, site specifications and where applicable, preferred contractors.
- Training of the franchisee.
- Assistance with the initial recommended order.
- Additional responsibilities to be taken care of by the franchisor: The franchisor shall provide the franchisee with advice and consultation of the following:
 - Initial set-up requirements;
 - ii. The location of the premises;
 - iii. Internal and external signature for the premises;
 - iv. ACDC Franchise's systems;
 - v. The launch of the business whereby the cost will be incurred by the franchise;
 - vi. Advice on the management and accounting aspects of the business;
 - vii. Advice regarding the layout, fixtures and fittings of the premises selection of equipment, and computer hardware and software. The costs thereof are to be funded by the franchisee;
 - viii. ACDC Franchise undertakes to provide the franchisee and its staff with adequate training to enable the staff to meet the requirements of the agreement and manuals. Should certain parties not meet the required competency levels of ACDC Express it shall inform the franchisee accordingly
 - ix. ACDC Franchise will provide the franchise with a manual(s) specifying certain policies and procedures the franchisee is required to adhere to in the management and operation of the business.

ONGOING OBLIGATIONS OF THE FRANCHISOR TO ITS FRANCHISEES:

National Marketing Activities

Building the brand

Ongoing Training

Research and development

Sourcing new products

Approval of secondary suppliers

Supplier quality control

Benchmarking on performance

Field services systems

Examine management accounts from the franchisees on a monthly basis

Communication: initiatives as specified

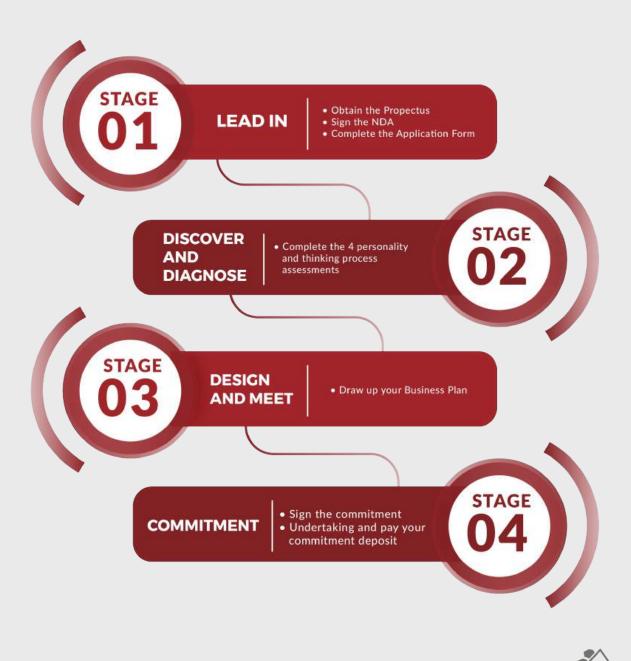
System development

Approval of local marketing initiatives



1.11. FRANCHISEE SELECTION PROCESS

The franchisee selection process is detailed and thorough, simply because we want to ensure that we have recruited the right personality to join our franchisee network and also to help us grow the ACDC Express brand successfully. Below is a step by step breakdown of the recruitment process:



1.11. FRANCHISEE SELECTION PROCESS





1.12. INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Large Store Investment Breakdown

Upfront Franchise Fee	R 200 000.00
Shop Set up	R 4 215 000.00
Peugeot Boxer*	R 599 900.00
Stock	R 3 200 000.00
Marketing	R 180 000.00
Working Capital/Overdraft	R 900 000.00

TotalCost R 9 294 900.00

- This store requires a retail location between 500m² and 700m²
- The type one store is best suited for larger
- We guarantee that another Express store store will not be opened within 7km radius
- This store has a higher staff requirement that houses all operational staff
- 75% of the store is retail

Standard Store Investment Breakdown

Upfront Franchise Fee	R 200 000.00
Shop Set up	R 3 014 000.00
Peugeot Boxer*	R 449 900.00
Stock	R 2 000 000.00
Marketing	R 180 000.00
Working Capital/Overdraft	R 650 000.00

R 6 493 900.00 TotalCost

- This store requires a retail location between 350m² and 500m²
- The standard store is the ideal size for setting up your first ACDC Express franchise
- As a secondary store, an Express mini store can be opened. This is best suited for areas such as small towns
- Priority will be given to existing Express store
- This store has a minimum staff requirement.
- 75% of the store is retail
- The standard store is the ideal size for setting up your first ACDC Express franchise

*Note: For International Franchises, all costs listed above will be subject to currency exchange rates and will carry additional legal fees

*Note: The delivery vehicle (Peugeot Boxer/Partner or equivalent) needs to be supplied by the franchisee

The total investment varies and is to be confirmed per area of application. The unencumbered cash contribution required should be a minimum of 50% of the total cost. This will be negotiated with the relevant financial institution at the applicable point in the Recruitment and Selection Program. Note: All costs shown are indicative and subject to change and are exclusive of VAT. Working capital will be required to carry the new business for at least 6 to 9 months. This will vary from franchisee to franchisee and from business to business. We also will assist you in calculating the working capital requirement for your business through the compilation of cashflow projections, and the likes of.

^{*}Note: All costs as listed above are estimates and are subject to change

1.13. CONTINUING MANAGEMENT SERVICE FEE

The following management service fees in respect of the gross monthly income of the franchisee shall apply:

Gross monthly Income (Rands ex. VAT)

RO - 1000000 R1000000-R2000000 R2000000-R4000000 R4 000 000 and above

Percentage of gross income payable

4% 3% 2% 1.8%

DISTRIBUTION REACH - TARGET MARKETS

PRIMARY

END USER



AGRICULTURAL AUTOMOTIVE CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL **ELECTRICAL ENTERTAINMENT EDUCATION** HOSPITALITY PETROCHEMICAL PUBLIC SECTOR MANUFACTURING **MEDICAL** MINING/MINERAL

PROCESSING RETAIL (DIY)

CONTRACTORS



AIR CONDITIONING/REFRIGERATION **AUTOMOTIVE** BUILDING/SHOPFITTER **ELECTRICAL GENERAL** IRRIGATION/PUMPS LIGHTING MINING/MINERAL PROCESSING PETROCHEMICAL **SECURITY SERVICE** SIGN-WRITING SOLAR

1.14. OUR MARKETING EFFORTS

The ACDC Express brand is backed by a dynamic and motivated marketing team that is committed to create awareness and excitement around each store, as well as maintain a strong brand presence within the market.

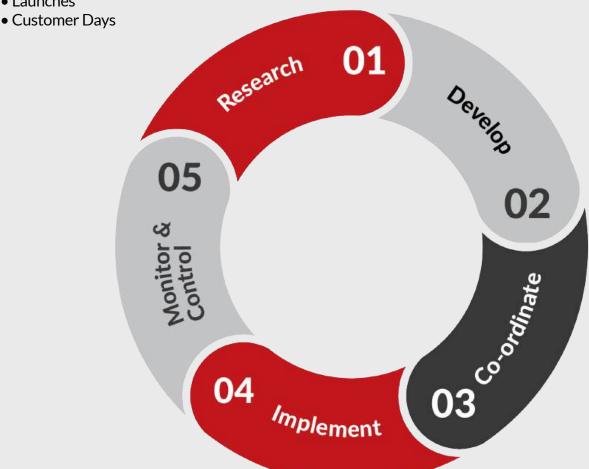
OUR MARKETING EFFORTS ARE EXECUTED ON TWO LEVELS:

National

- Print
- Radio
- Exhibitions
- Social Media
- Online Marketing
- Monthly Specials

Local

- Community publications
- Street Pole Advertisements
- Sponsorships
- Charity drives
- Corporate gifts
- Launches



1.15. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: WHAT SIZE OF THE STORE IS NEEDED?

A: This will depend on the location in question. Some regions will require a large store, while others can accommodate a smaller one. More information will be provided after registration.

Q: CAN THE FRANCHISE SELL ANY BRANDS OTHER THAN THAT OF ACDC?

A: No, ACDC Dynamics will be the primary supplier of the brands to be sold. Secondary suppliers will need to be nominated by the franchise.

O: WILL ACDC FRANCHISE FIND A LOCATION FOR ME TO LEASE?

A: No, ACDC Franchise will provide you with site selection guidelines that will assist you in finding the ideal location to open your store. It's suggested to identify at least three possible sites in case the first one does not qualify.

Q: WHAT IS ACDC FRANCHISE'S DISCOUNT STRUCTURE?

A: As the recruitment process continues, this information will be made available. It must be said that the discount structure is attractive and favourable.

Q: IF I REGISTER AS AN INTERESTED APPLICANT, AM I FINANCIALLY COMMITTED?

A: Not at all. The process of registering merely shows your interest in the possibility of becoming a future franchisee. There is no financial commitment when registering.

Q: ONCE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE BEFORE I CAN OPEN MY STORE AND BEGIN TRADING?

A: 3 months. To open and begin trading can take up to three months. This is primarily because of the branding requirements of the store, packing stock and any renovations the store may require.

Q: CAN I TAKE INITIATIVE AND MARKET MY STORE LOCALLY?

A: Yes, you are encouraged to locate and take part in possible marketing opportunities in your local area. All artwork for this will need to be designed and approved by the head office to ensure brand integrity.

Q: WHAT IF THE AREA I'M INTERESTED IN IS NOT IN THE PROSPECTUS?

A: Other areas will be taken into consideration when required. After an intensive analysis has been done, a decision will be made by the head office.



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