

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They started out as a small machine shop in the beginning employing 4 people. Product sales for their initial year of operation totaled \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and different components. Throughout five years of operation, the company had expanded to forty workers and their yearly sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. At present, Cascade is among the leading international makers within the material handling business.

Production and design of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive quest of better business possibilities. During the last 60 years, the material handling industry has matured into a very complex field and Cascade has proudly performed a part on this improvement. Cascade presently continues to develop as the premier provider of lift truck accessories and various related items. The company feels confident in their capability to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining aggressive within the world market.

During the 1950's, Cascade began to fabricate, design, and sell its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was made in 1956, to be able to accommodate all the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's present headquarters. Following 15 years of business, total workers reached a hundred and eighty workers and sales had reached nearly \$2,300,000.

A second production plant was built in 1959 in Springfield, Ohio. The year 1960 marked Cascade's initial transfer into the global world of the material handling industry when the company recognized interest in England, Australia, and the Netherlands.

The business changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with a preliminary offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The business has expanded its production plants throughout the U.S. with places in Springfield, Ohio, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade merchandise are manufactured internationally due to numerous subsidiary operations. In 1994, a new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European command center. This plant is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and the year 1997 with the dramatic acquisition of 5 corporations, together with the global leader in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.