

## Cascade Clamp

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop in the beginning employing four people. Sales for their first year of operation amounted to about 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and various components. Through 5 years of operation, the business had expanded to 40 employees and their yearly sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. Now, Cascade is one of the top worldwide makers in the material handling industry.

Production and design of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive pursuit of new business possibilities. During the last 60 years, the material handling business has developed into a very complex area and Cascade has proudly performed a part on this progress. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the leader supplier of forklift attachments and numerous associated products. The company feels confident in their skill to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding customer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive within the world market.

All through the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to fabricate, design, and promote its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was constructed in the year 1956, in order to accommodate all the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's current head office. After fifteen years of business, total staff reached 180 employees and sales had reached practically two million three hundred thousand dollars.

1959 in Springfield, Ohio the next production facility was built. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary move into the global world of the material handling industry as the business established interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

The business changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The business has expanded its production plants throughout the United States with areas in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio. Cascade products are fabricated worldwide because of a lot of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European control center. This plant is built to be the essential customer support centre.

Continuing to develop, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and the year 1997 with the impressive acquisition of five companies, together with the worldwide leader in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.