

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Clamps - Founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943, the Cascade Manufacturing Company started as a small machine shop hiring only four individuals. Overall sales for that particular year amounted to about sixty thousand dollars. The very first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel pipe fittings, valves and different components. Within five years of operation, the company had stretched to forty workers and their annual sales volume had risen to \$330,000. Now, Cascade is amongst the leading global manufacturers within the material handling trade.

Design and production of the company's original hydraulic cylinder allowed this young company to aggressively pursue new business possibilities. Throughout the final 60 years, the industry of material handling has developed into a really complex field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade currently continues to develop as the premier supplier of forklift accessories and numerous associated items. The company feels assured in their skill to be able to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding customer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive within the global market.

Through the nineteen fifties, Cascade began to fabricate, design, and sell its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was made in the year 1956, so as to accommodate all plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which remains to be the company's current center of operations. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total employees reached one hundred eighty workers and sales had reached practically \$2,300,000.

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

In 1964, the business changed its name to the Cascade Corporation. Then in 1965, the business went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. Ever since then the company has expanded its manufacturing services within the continental USA to the areas Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already current plants in Springfield, Ohio and Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are made internationally because of many subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This facility is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

Cascade further expanded their product base in 1996 and 1997 subsequent to acquiring 5 companies, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the international leader in blades.