

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop at first hiring four people. Product sales for their initial year of operation totaled sixty thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel pipe fittings, valves and other parts. Within 5 years of operation, the company had expanded to 40 employees and their yearly sales volume had increased to \$330,000. Now, Cascade is amongst the leading international manufacturers in the material handling trade.

Design and production of the company's first hydraulic cylinder allowed this young company to aggressively pursue new business possibilities. All through the last sixty years, the industry of material handling has developed into a very complex field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its progress. Cascade at present continues to develop as the premier provider of forklift accessories and various related items. The business feels assured in their skill to be able to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding buyer's requirements in the future and remaining competitive within the world market.

Through the nineteen fifties, Cascade began to manufacture, design, and advertise its hydraulic accessories. A brand new facility was built in 1956, so as to accommodate all of the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which remains to be the company's current head office. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total staff reached 180 employees and sales had reached nearly 2.3 million dollars.

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

In the year 1964, the business altered its name to the Cascade Corporation. Afterward in 1965, the business went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. Since then the business has expanded its manufacturing facilities throughout the continental USA to the places Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already current plants in Springfield, Ohio and Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are made internationally thanks to many subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new plant was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This plant is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

Cascade further expanded their product base in the year 1996 and 1997 after buying 5 firms, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the worldwide leader in blades.