

## Cascade Clamp

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They started out as a small machine shop in the beginning employing 4 individuals. Product sales for their first year of operation amounted to about \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and various parts. Throughout five years of operation, the company had expanded to forty employees and their yearly sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is amongst the top global producers in the material handling business.

Manufacture and design of the company's first hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive pursuit of new business possibilities. Over the past 60 years, the material handling trade has grown into a very advanced field and Cascade has proudly performed a part in this growth. Cascade currently continues to develop as the premier provider of forklift attachments and various related items. The business feels certain in their ability to be able to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding buyer's requirements in the future and remaining competitive in the world market.

In the nineteen fifties, Cascade started designing, fabricating and promoting hydraulic attachments. Manufacturing was finished in 1956 on a new office in order to accommodate all of the plant and office operations in Portland, Oregon at the company's current headquarters. After 15 years of business, total staff reached 180 workers and sales had reached practically 2.3 million dollars.

A second manufacturing plant was built in the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary move into the global world of the material handling industry as the business recognized interest in Australia, the Netherlands and England.

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing facilities within the United States with locations in Portland, Oregon, Springfield, Ohio, and Warner Robins, Georgia. Cascade products are fabricated globally due to lots of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This facility is designed to be the essential customer service centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and 1997 with the remarkable acquisition of five corporations, including the worldwide leader in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.