## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They began as a small machine shop at first hiring four individuals. Product sales for their first year of operation totaled \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and various parts. Throughout five years of operation, the business had stretched to forty workers and their annual sales volume had increased to \$330,000. At present, Cascade is one of the leading international producers within the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's very first hydraulic cylinder allowed this young company to aggressively pursue better business possibilities. All through the final sixty years, the industry of material handling has grown into a very sophisticated area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its progress. Cascade currently continues to develop as the leader provider of lift truck accessories and different associated products. The company feels certain in their capability to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding buyer's requirements in the future and remaining competitive within the international market.

Throughout the 1950's, Cascade began to manufacture, design, and advertise its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was made in the year 1956, so as to accommodate all of the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's current headquarters. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total staff reached one hundred eighty staff and sales had reached almost two million three hundred thousand dollars.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio the next manufacturing plant was built. 1960 marked Cascade's initial move into the international world of the material handling industry when the business established interest in Australia, the Netherlands and England.

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing facilities within the U.S. with areas in Springfield, Ohio, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are manufactured internationally due to numerous subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European control center. This plant is designed to be the essential customer support centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and 1997 with the impressive acquisition of five firms, including the worldwide best in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.