

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They started out as a small machine shop initially hiring 4 people. Sales for their first year of operation amounted to about sixty thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel pipe fittings, valves and other parts. Through five years of operation, the business had expanded to forty employees and their annual sales volume had increased to 330 thousand dollars. Nowadays, Cascade is among the leading international producers within the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder allowed this new company to aggressively pursue new business opportunities. All through the final sixty years, the trade of material handling has grown into a very sophisticated area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the leader provider of forklift attachments and various associated items. The company feels assured in their capability to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining aggressive in the world market.

In the nineteen fifties, Cascade started designing, manufacturing and advertising hydraulic attachments. Manufacturing was completed in the year 1956 on a new facility to be able to house all the plant and office operations in Portland, Oregon at the company's present headquarters. Subsequent to 15 years of business, total employees reached a hundred and eighty staff and sales had reached practically \$2,300,000.

1959 in Springfield, Ohio the next production plant was built. 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.

In the year 1964, the company altered its name to the Cascade Corporation. Afterward in the year 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 facilities within the continental US to the places Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already existing plants in Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio. Cascade products are manufactured globally thanks to many subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This facility is designed to be the essential customer service centre.

Cascade further expanded their product base in the year 1996 and the year 1997 subsequent to buying five companies, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the global best in forks.