## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop initially hiring four people. Sales for their first year of operation totaled sixty thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and other parts. During 5 years of operation, the business had expanded to 40 staff and their annual sales volume had risen to 330 thousand dollars. These days, Cascade is one of the top global makers in the material handling business.

Design and production 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 developed into a really advanced field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade currently continues to develop as the leader provider of lift truck accessories and various related items. The business feels confident in their ability so as to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding customer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive within the international market.

During the 1950's, Cascade began to fabricate, design, and advertise its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was constructed in the year 1956, so as to accommodate all of the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which continues to be the company's present head office. Following fifteen years of business, total employees reached 180 staff and sales had reached almost \$2,300,000.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Beaumont the next production plant was built. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary move into the global world of the material handling industry when the business established interest in England, Australia, and the Netherlands.

The business altered its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The business has expanded its manufacturing plants throughout the U.S. with areas in Portland, Oregon, Springfield, Beaumont, and Warner Robins, Georgia. Cascade merchandise are made worldwide due to many subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European control center. This facility is designed to be the ultimate customer support centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and the year 1997 with the impressive acquisition of five companies, along with the global best in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.