## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop in the beginning hiring 4 people. Product sales for their initial year of operation amounted to about 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and other parts. During five years of operation, the business had expanded to forty staff and their yearly sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is among the top international makers in the material handling industry.

Manufacture and design of the company's first hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive quest of better business opportunities. During the last 60 years, the material handling industry has grown into a very sophisticated field and Cascade has proudly played a part in this growth. Cascade presently continues to grow as the leader provider of forklift accessories and numerous related products. The company feels assured in their capability to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding buyer's needs in the future and remaining competitive within the world market.

Throughout the 1950's, Cascade started to make, design, and advertise its hydraulic attachments. A brand new facility was made in 1956, so as to house all of the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's current headquarters. After 15 years of business, total employees reached one hundred eighty workers and sales had reached practically 2.3 million dollars.

A second production plant was built in the year 1959 in Springfield, West Covina. The year 1960 marked Cascade's initial transfer into the global world of the material handling industry as the company established interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

In 1964, the company altered its name to the Cascade Corporation. Then in 1965, the business went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. Since then the company has expanded its manufacturing services within the continental USA to the areas Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already current plants in Springfield, West Covina and Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are fabricated worldwide due to a lot of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European command center. This plant is made 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 5 companies, together with the worldwide leader in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.