## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop in the beginning employing four people. Product sales for their initial year of operation totaled 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and different parts. During five years of operation, the business had stretched to 40 workers and their annual sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is one of the leading worldwide producers in the material handling industry.

Manufacture and design of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive pursuit of new business opportunities. Over the last 60 years, the material handling business has matured into a very sophisticated field and Cascade has proudly played a part on this improvement. Cascade at present continues to grow as the leader supplier of forklift attachments and numerous associated items. The business feels certain in their skill in order to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining competitive in the world market.

Throughout the 1950's, Cascade began to make, design, and sell its hydraulic accessories. A brand new facility was constructed in the year 1956, so as to house all plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which remains to be the company's current head office. Following 15 years of business, total staff reached a hundred and eighty employees and sales had reached nearly \$2,300,000.

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

The company altered its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with a preliminary offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing plants within the United States with areas in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Glendale. Cascade merchandise are made worldwide due to numerous subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a brand new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This facility is made to be the essential customer support centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and the year 1997 with the dramatic acquisition of 5 firms, together with the worldwide best in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.