## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop at first employing four people. Sales for their initial year of operation totaled \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and different components. Through five years of operation, the company had stretched to 40 workers and their annual sales volume had increased to 330 thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is among the leading worldwide makers in the material handling trade.

Design and manufacturing of the company's very first hydraulic cylinder allowed this young business to aggressively pursue better business opportunities. All through the last 60 years, the business of material handling has grown into a very advanced area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its progress. Cascade at the moment continues to develop as the premier supplier of forklift accessories and numerous related items. The company feels confident in their ability in order to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining competitive within the world market.

In the nineteen fifties, Cascade began designing, making and selling hydraulic accessories. Manufacturing was done in 1956 on a new facility so as to house all of the office and plant operations in Portland, Oregon at the company's current headquarters. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total employees reached 180 employees and sales had reached almost \$2,300,000.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio the next manufacturing facility was built. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary transfer into the global world of the material handling industry as the company recognized 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 production plants throughout the U.S. with places in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio. Cascade products are fabricated internationally because of a lot of subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new plant was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This plant 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 5 corporations, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the global leader in blades.