

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They started out as a small machine shop at first employing four people. Product sales for their first year of operation totaled \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and various parts. Throughout five years of operation, the business had expanded to 40 staff and their annual sales volume had risen to \$330,000. Now, Cascade is amongst the top global makers within the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's original hydraulic cylinder allowed this young business to aggressively pursue better business opportunities. All through the last 60 years, the business of material handling has developed into a very advanced area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade presently continues to grow as the leader supplier of lift truck accessories and various related products. The business feels assured in their capability so as to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding customer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive in the global market.

All through the 1950's, Cascade began to make, design, and advertise its hydraulic accessories. A new facility was made in 1956, in order to accommodate all of the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's present headquarters. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total staff reached a hundred and eighty employees and sales had reached nearly \$2,300,000.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Richardson the next manufacturing plant was built. nineteen sixty marked Cascade's preliminary move into the international world of the material handling industry when the business established interest in England, Australia, and the Netherlands.

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing facilities throughout the U.S. with locations in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Richardson. Cascade products are manufactured internationally because of many subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This facility is built to be the essential customer service centre.

Cascade further expanded their product base in the year 1996 and the year 1997 after acquiring five companies, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the global leader in blades.