## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They started out as a small machine shop in the beginning hiring 4 people. Sales for their initial year of operation totaled \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless-steel pipe fittings, valves and other parts. Within five years of operation, the business had stretched to forty employees and their yearly sales volume had risen to 330 thousand dollars. Nowadays, Cascade is amongst the top global manufacturers in the material handling industry.

Design and production of the company's very first hydraulic cylinder allowed this new company to aggressively pursue new business possibilities. All through the last sixty years, the business of material handling has grown into a very advanced area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade presently continues to grow as the premier supplier of lift truck attachments and various associated products. The company feels assured in their potential to be able to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding customer's needs in the future and remaining competitive within the world market.

All through the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to fabricate, design, and advertise its hydraulic accessories. A new facility was built in 1956, to house all the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which continues to be the company's present center of operations. Subsequent to 15 years of business, total staff reached 180 employees and sales had reached practically 2.3 million dollars.

The next manufacturing plant was built in the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio. The year 1960 marked Cascade's initial move into the global world of the material handling industry while the company established interest in England, Australia, and the Netherlands.

In the year 1964, the business changed its name to the Cascade Corporation. Afterward in 1965, the company went public with a preliminary offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. Ever since then the company has expanded its manufacturing services throughout the continental USA to the places Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already existing plants in Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio. Cascade products are fabricated internationally due to lots of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This plant is made to be the essential customer service centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and the year 1997 with the remarkable acquisition of 5 corporations, including the global best in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.