## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop in the beginning employing 4 individuals. Sales for their initial year of operation amounted to about \$60,000. The very first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel pipe fittings, valves and other components. Within five years of operation, the business had expanded to forty workers and their annual sales volume had increased to \$330,000. Nowadays, Cascade is one of the top global manufacturers in the material handling trade.

Design and production of the company's first hydraulic cylinder allowed this new company to aggressively engage in new business opportunities. Throughout the final 60 years, the industry of material handling has grown into a really complex area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its improvement. Cascade presently continues to grow as the best supplier of forklift attachments and different related items. The company feels certain in their capability to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding client's requirements in the future and remaining competitive within the global market.

During the 1950's, Cascade began to fabricate, design, and sell its hydraulic attachments. A new facility was built in the year 1956, to accommodate all plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's present headquarters. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total workers reached one hundred eighty staff and sales had reached nearly \$2,300,000.

A second production plant was built in 1959 in Springfield, Phoenix. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary transfer into the international world of the material handling industry as the company recognized interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The business has expanded its production facilities throughout the United States with places in Springfield, Phoenix, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are made worldwide because of numerous subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This plant is built to be the ultimate customer support centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and 1997 with the impressive acquisition of five firms, along with the international best in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.