## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They began as a small machine shop initially employing four individuals. Sales for their first year of operation totaled 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel pipe fittings, valves and other parts. Through five years of operation, the business had stretched to 40 workers and their yearly sales volume had increased to \$330,000. At present, Cascade is amongst the top international manufacturers in the material handling industry.

Design and manufacturing of the company's first hydraulic cylinder allowed this young company to aggressively pursue better business opportunities. Throughout the last 60 years, the industry of material handling has grown into a really complex field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its progress. Cascade at the moment continues to develop as the best provider of lift truck attachments and numerous related items. The company feels confident in their potential to be able to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding buyer's needs in the future and remaining competitive in the global market.

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

A second production plant was built in 1959 in Springfield, Ohio. The year 1960 marked Cascade's initial move into the global world of the material handling industry when the business recognized interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

The company altered its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with a preliminary offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The business has expanded its manufacturing facilities within the U.S. with areas in Portland, Oregon, Springfield, Ohio, and Warner Robins, Georgia. Cascade merchandise are made worldwide thanks to numerous subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This plant is designed to be the ultimate customer support centre.

Continuing to develop, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and 1997 with the impressive acquisition of five corporations, together with the global leader in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.