## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They started out as a small machine shop at first employing 4 individuals. Product sales for their initial year of operation totaled \$60,000. The very first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and other parts. During 5 years of operation, the company had expanded to 40 workers and their yearly sales volume had risen to 330 thousand dollars. Now, Cascade is one of the top global makers in the material handling business.

Manufacture and design of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive pursuit of better business possibilities. Over the past 60 years, the material handling business has matured into a very complex area and Cascade has proudly performed a part in this improvement. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the premier supplier of forklift attachments and various related items. The company feels certain in their capability so as to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding customer's needs in the future and remaining competitive in the international market.

Through the 1950's, Cascade started to make, design, and sell its hydraulic accessories. A new facility was built in 1956, so as to accommodate all of the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which continues to be the company's present head office. Following 15 years of business, total staff reached one hundred eighty staff and sales had reached nearly \$2,300,000.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio a second manufacturing facility was built. 1960 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 altered its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with a preliminary offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing facilities within the U.S. with areas in Portland, Oregon, Springfield, Ohio, and Warner Robins, Georgia. Cascade merchandise are made internationally due to lots of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European command center. This facility is built 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 five companies, including the global leader in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.