## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Established in Portland, Oregon in 1943, the Cascade Manufacturing Company started as a small machine store employing just 4 individuals. Total sales for that particular year totaled 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and different components. Through 5 years of operation, the company had stretched to forty workers and their yearly sales volume had risen to 330 thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is amongst the top global producers within the material handling trade.

Production and design of the company's first hydraulic cylinder paved the way in Cascade's aggressive pursuit of better business opportunities. Over the last sixty years, the material handling trade has grown into a very complex field and Cascade has proudly performed a part on this progress. Cascade currently continues to grow as the premier provider of lift truck attachments and numerous associated items. The business feels assured in their capability to be able to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding customer's needs in the future and remaining aggressive in the world market.

During the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to make, design, and advertise its hydraulic attachments. A new facility was built in 1956, to be able to accommodate all the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which remains to be the company's current center of operations. Subsequent to 15 years of business, total staff reached one hundred eighty workers and sales had reached nearly 2.3 million dollars.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio a second production facility was built. 1960 marked Cascade's initial move into the international world of the material handling industry as the business established interest in Australia, the Netherlands and England.

The company altered its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing plants throughout the United States with places in Springfield, Ohio, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are fabricated internationally due to numerous subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European control center. This plant is designed to be the essential customer service centre.

Continuing to develop, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and the year 1997 with the remarkable acquisition of five companies, including the international leader in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.