## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943. They started out as a small machine shop initially hiring 4 people. Sales for their first year of operation amounted to about sixty thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and various parts. Throughout five years of operation, the business had stretched to 40 workers and their yearly sales volume had risen to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. At present, Cascade is amongst the leading international producers in the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's very first hydraulic cylinder allowed this new company to aggressively pursue better business opportunities. Throughout the final sixty years, the trade of material handling has developed into a very advanced area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its growth. Cascade currently continues to develop as the premier provider of forklift accessories and different related products. The company feels certain in their skill in order to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining competitive in the world market.

In the 1950's, Cascade began designing, manufacturing and promoting hydraulic accessories. Manufacturing was done in the year 1956 on a new facility in order to house all plant and office operations in Portland, Oregon at the company's current center of operations. Subsequent to fifteen years of business, total employees reached 180 workers and sales had reached nearly 2.3 million dollars.

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

In 1964, the business changed its name to the Cascade Corporation. Afterward in the year 1965, the business went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. Since then the business has expanded its manufacturing services throughout the continental US to the locations Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already present plants in Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Simi Valley. Cascade products are made worldwide because of a lot of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European control center. This plant is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

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