

## Cascade Clamps

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They started out as a small machine shop initially hiring four people. Sales for their first year of operation totaled \$60,000. The very first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel pipe fittings, valves and other components. Through five years of operation, the company had expanded to forty employees and their yearly sales volume had risen to \$330,000. At present, Cascade is one of the top international makers within the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's original hydraulic cylinder allowed this new company to aggressively engage in better business opportunities. Throughout the final 60 years, the business of material handling has grown into a very complex field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the best supplier of forklift attachments and numerous associated products. The business feels certain in their capability so as to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining aggressive in the world market.

During the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to fabricate, design, and sell its hydraulic attachments. A new facility was constructed in the year 1956, to house all the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which remains to be the company's present center of operations. After fifteen years of business, total employees reached one hundred eighty employees and sales had reached almost 2.3 million dollars.

1959 in Springfield, Rialto the next manufacturing plant was built. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary transfer into the global world of the material handling industry as the company established interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

In 1964, the business changed its name to the Cascade Corporation. Then in the year 1965, the company went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. Since then the company has expanded its manufacturing services throughout the continental US to the locations Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already present plants in Springfield, Rialto and Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are fabricated globally thanks to many subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new plant was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This facility is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

Cascade further expanded their product base in 1996 and the year 1997 after acquiring 5 firms, which included the Kenhar Corporation, the international leader in forks.