## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamp - Cascade Manufacturing Company was established in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop at first employing four people. Product sales for their first year of operation amounted to about 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and different components. During 5 years of operation, the company had expanded to 40 employees and their annual sales volume had risen to \$330,000. At present, Cascade is amongst the top international manufacturers in the material handling business.

Design and manufacturing of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder allowed this young company to aggressively engage in new business opportunities. Throughout the last sixty years, the trade of material handling has developed into a very sophisticated area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its improvement. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the premier provider of forklift attachments and different 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 aggressive in the world market.

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

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio a second manufacturing facility was built. The year 1960 marked Cascade's preliminary transfer into the international world of the material handling industry while the company established interest in England, Australia, and the Netherlands.

The business altered its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In 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 areas in Springfield, Ohio, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade merchandise are manufactured globally because of lots of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. 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 dramatic acquisition of five firms, together with the global best in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.