

## Cascade Clamps

Founded in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943, the Cascade Manufacturing Company started as a small machine store employing just four people. Overall sales for that year totaled 60 thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless steel valves, pipe fittings and other parts. Throughout five years of operation, the business had expanded to 40 employees and their yearly sales volume had risen to 330 thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is amongst the top international manufacturers in the material handling industry.

Design and production of the company's original hydraulic cylinder allowed this new business to aggressively engage in better business possibilities. All through the last 60 years, the trade of material handling has developed into a really sophisticated field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its progress. Cascade at the moment continues to grow as the leader provider of forklift accessories and numerous associated products. The company feels confident in their potential to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding customer's requirements in the future and remaining competitive within the global market.

During the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to manufacture, design, and sell its hydraulic accessories. A new facility was constructed in 1956, so as to house all the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's current center of operations. After fifteen years of business, total workers reached one hundred eighty employees and sales had reached practically \$2,300,000.

The next manufacturing plant was built in 1959 in Springfield, Ohio. 1960 marked Cascade's initial move into the international world of the material handling industry while the company recognized interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of two hundred thousand shares of common stock. The company has expanded its manufacturing facilities within the U.S. with places in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Ohio. Cascade products are fabricated internationally due to lots of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European command center. This plant is made to be the essential customer service centre.

Continuing to develop, Cascade expanded their product offering further in the year 1996 and 1997 with the remarkable acquisition of 5 firms, together with the global best in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.