## **Cascade Clamps**

Cascade Clamps - Established in Portland, Oregon in the year 1943, the Cascade Manufacturing Company started as a small machine shop hiring just four individuals. Overall sales for that initial year totaled sixty thousand dollars. The first recorded sales revenues involved the machining and assembly of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and various components. During five years of operation, the company had stretched to forty employees and their yearly sales volume had increased to \$330,000. Today, Cascade is among the leading international makers within the material handling industry.

Design and manufacturing of the company's first hydraulic cylinder allowed this new business to aggressively engage in new business opportunities. All through the last sixty years, the business of material handling has developed into a really complex area with Cascade proudly playing a part in its development. Cascade currently continues to develop as the leader supplier of lift truck attachments and numerous related items. The company feels certain in their potential so as to continue to lead the way within the business by understanding buyer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive in the international market.

All through the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to make, design, and promote its hydraulic attachments. A new facility was constructed in the year 1956, so as to accommodate all the plant operations and offices in Portland, Oregon, which is still the company's present headquarters. Following 15 years of business, total workers reached one hundred eighty staff and sales had reached nearly 2.3 million dollars.

A second manufacturing plant was built in the year 1959 in Springfield, Houston. nineteen sixty marked Cascade's preliminary move into the international world of the material handling industry while the company established interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

In the year 1964, the business changed its name to the Cascade Corporation. Then in the year 1965, the business went public with a preliminary offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. Since then the company has expanded its manufacturing facilities throughout the continental US to the locations Warner Robins Georgia to go along with its already current plants in Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Houston. Cascade merchandise are manufactured worldwide thanks to many subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European headquarters. This facility is built to be the ultimate customer support centre.

Continuing to develop, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and the year 1997 with the impressive acquisition of 5 corporations, along with the worldwide leader in blades, the Kenhar Corporation.