## **Cascade Clamp**

Cascade Clamps - Cascade Manufacturing Company was founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943. They began as a small machine shop at first hiring 4 people. Sales for their first year of operation amounted to about 60 thousand dollars. The very first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel pipe fittings, valves and different parts. Through 5 years of operation, the business had stretched to 40 staff and their annual sales volume had increased to 330 thousand dollars. These days, Cascade is among the leading global makers within the material handling industry.

Design and production of the company's very first hydraulic cylinder allowed this new business to aggressively engage in better business possibilities. All through the last 60 years, the industry of material handling has developed into a very complex field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its growth. Cascade presently continues to grow as the best provider of lift truck attachments and numerous related products. The company feels certain in their capability in order to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding client's needs in the future and remaining aggressive in the global market.

During the nineteen fifties, Cascade started to make, design, and sell its hydraulic accessories. A new facility was built in the year 1956, so as to house all of the plant offices and operations in Portland, Oregon, which continues to be the company's current center of operations. Following 15 years of business, total employees reached a hundred and eighty employees and sales had reached almost \$2,300,000.

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

The company changed its name to Cascade Corporation in the year 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with an initial offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The company has expanded its production facilities within the United States with places in Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon and Springfield, Spokane. Cascade products are manufactured worldwide thanks to a lot of subsidiary operations. In 1994, a brand new facility was completed in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This facility is built to be the essential customer service centre.

Continuing to grow, Cascade expanded their product offering further in 1996 and the year 1997 with the impressive acquisition of 5 companies, including the worldwide leader in forks, the Kenhar Corporation.