

## Cascade Clamps

Founded in Portland, Oregon in 1943, the Cascade Manufacturing Company began as a small machine shop employing just 4 people. Overall sales for that particular year amounted to about \$60,000. The first recorded sales revenues involved the assembly and machining of stainless-steel valves, pipe fittings and different parts. Within five years of operation, the company had stretched to 40 employees and their annual sales volume had increased to three hundred thirty thousand dollars. Today, Cascade is among the leading worldwide manufacturers within the material handling industry.

Design and production of the company's initial hydraulic cylinder allowed this new business to aggressively pursue new business opportunities. Throughout the last sixty years, the trade of material handling has developed into a very sophisticated field with Cascade proudly playing a part in its growth. Cascade presently continues to grow as the leader supplier of forklift accessories and numerous related products. The business feels certain in their potential so as to continue to lead the way in the business by understanding buyer's requirements in the future and remaining aggressive in the global market.

In the nineteen fifties, Cascade began designing, making and advertising hydraulic attachments. Manufacturing was done in 1956 on a new facility in order to accommodate all the plant and office operations in Portland, Oregon at the company's current center of operations. Following fifteen years of business, total staff reached a hundred and eighty employees and sales had reached almost two million three hundred thousand dollars.

In the year 1959 in Springfield, Ohio a second manufacturing plant was built. nineteen sixty marked Cascade's initial move into the international world of the material handling industry when the business established interest in the Netherlands, England, and Australia.

The company altered its name to Cascade Corporation in 1964. In the year 1965, Cascade went public with a preliminary offering of 200,000 shares of common stock. The business has expanded its production plants within the United States with areas in Springfield, Ohio, Warner Robins, Georgia, Portland, Oregon. Cascade products are fabricated worldwide due to many subsidiary operations. In the year 1944, a new facility was accomplished in Almere, the Netherlands which is Cascade's European head office. This facility is designed to be the ultimate customer service centre.

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