## **Crown Forklift Parts**

Crown Forklift Parts - The Crown company was founded in 1945 by two brothers, Allen A. Dicke and the late Carl H. Dicke. Carl's son and Chairman Emeritus, James F. Dicke, joined the family business later on that same year. Currently, his son, James F. Dicke II, is Chairman and CEO. James F. Dicke III, serves as the company President at the moment, becoming the fourth generation of the Dicke descendants to continue this position.

Crown first began with a small client base producing temperature controls that they manufactured for coal burning furnaces. The production of these control units took place in a former hardware store based in New Bremen, Ohio, where Crown's headquarters currently remain.

By the year 1949, Crown moved into the production of rotators for antenna due the increased interest in televisions at the time. The product was proficient at improving the picture and signal quality. The company's profitable move enabled them to become a leading maker of units until 2001. The company ceased production in October after a decline in the global need for television antenna rotators.

In the early 1950's Crown diversified into the production and restoration of electronic and mechanical machinery for government and private market. After several profitable bids inside a short period of time, the company had developed a reputable business in this field.

With such versatility and success, Crown was able to expand its production to embrace materials handling equipment. Crown started the assembly of forklifts and lift vehicles in 1957. The company believed the market needed a smaller line of superior quality lift trucks. Crown promptly created an exceptional series of contemporary equipment and swiftly evolved into the most rapidly evolving material handling company with its range of merchandise.

By 1966, Crown had ventured into the overseas materials handling markets by opening up shop in Sydney, Australia. Sydney is currently a regional center of operations for Crown for all Pacific Asian sales, marketing, and services. Crown remains an unwavering market leader today, supported by exceptional operations, solid sales and strong manufacturing operations.

In 1968, Crown established itself in the European marketplace by purchasing an Irish manufacturing plant from its parent company, Steinbock, who was a German firm. They began to manufacture Crowns' (PTH), hand pallet trucks. Later on that same year, Crown started their first London operation located near Heathrow Airport. The sales and service operation of Crown's comprehensive lift truck line was offered in the UK by the end of the decade. In the early 1970's, Crown expanded and began advertising and marketing lift trucks across Europe through independent sellers.

Crown at present has a considerable network of Crown-owned and independently-owned dealers in various key worldwide markets providing a huge fleet of electric forklifts. They are accountable for managing the company's product sales and service.

There is Corporate facilities in Munich, Germany and in New Bremen Ohio, which offer promotional sales and nationwide advertising support to all of their sellers and sales personnel. Crown dealers and sales personnel are trained in-house in many disciplines to ensure the utmost reliability and service. The Munich office was launched in the 1980's and provides purchasing, advertising and marketing, engineering and design capabilities for India, Africa, the Middle East along with Europe. The diverse relations of global dealers and Crown-owned sellers successfully operate in almost 100 overseas city environments.

Crown has established 6 manufacturing locations in the United States that consist of: New Knoxville; Celina, Ohio; Greencastle, Indiana; Kinston, North Carolina; Fort Loramie, Ohio; and New Bremen, Ohio. Serving their growing foreign markets, Crown has production facilities in Sydney, Australia (since 1966); Queretaro, Mexico (since 1973); Roding, Germany (since 1986); and Suzhou, China (since 2006). Crown also owns branch sales and service center operations in over 30 locations in the USA. International branch sales and service center operations include locations in Singapore, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Korea, Malaysia, England, Germany, Belgium and Australia.

Through its numerous clientÃ"le on all sides of the world, Crown has built an excellent reputation as a maker of progressive, safe and reliable machines. The company has been awarded more than 50 distinguished design awards and the products that Crown develops continues to attain recognition for modernization and top design excellence. For instance, in the 1970's, Crown's launch of the side-stance design proved exciting and unparalleled by material handling specialists. Today, this design has acquired common acceptance and earned a Design of the Decade award from the International Design Society of America. Once again, more than thirty years later, the 5200S Series Reach Truck is another market first, offering the operator with many comfort options to lean, sit or stand, along with its unmatched output capacity.