## **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 company later that same year. Presently, his son, James F. Dicke III, is Chairman and CEO. James F. Dicke III, serves as the company President today, becoming the fourth generation of the Dicke family to uphold this position.

Crown initially started with a small client base developing temperature controls that they manufactured for coal burning furnaces. The production of these control items took place in a former hardware store located in New Bremen, Ohio, where Crown's headquarters currently remain.

By the year 1949, Crown shifted into the making of rotators for antenna due the increased interest in televisions at the time. The product was able to improve the image and signal quality. The company's successful move enabled them to become a leading producer of units until 2001. The company ceased production in October after a decline in the global demand for TV antenna rotators.

In the early 1950's Crown diversified into the manufacturing and repair of electronic and mechanical machinery for government and private industry. Following a number of lucrative bids inside a brief period of time, the company had built a reputable business in this field

With such flexibility and achievement, Crown was able to diversify its production to incorporate materials handling equipment. Crown began the assembly of forklifts and lift trucks in 1957. The company believed the market needed a smaller line of first-class quality forklifts. Crown promptly fashioned an exceptional range of contemporary equipment and swiftly grew to be the most rapidly evolving materials handling company with its range of products.

In 1966, Crown ventured outside of the US material handling marketplace and into Australia. Sydney, Australia is home to the regional center of operations and presently leads Crown's Asia Pacific service, sales and advertising and marketing teams. Crown remains an unwavering industry leader these days, supported by exceptional service, solid sales and strong production operations.

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

Crown today has a sizable network of Crown-owned and independently-owned sellers in various key global marketplaces providing a vast fleet of electric forklifts. They are accountable for handling the company's product sales and service.

Corporate offices in New Bremen, Ohio and Munich, Germany offer nationwide marketing and promotional sales support to all supplier and sales personnel. Both Crown sales and seller personnel are factory- trained in all disciplines to guarantee the utmost reliability and service. The Munich office was launched in the 1980's and provides purchasing, marketing and advertising, engineering and design capabilities for India, Africa, the Middle East along with Europe. The diverse relations of international dealers and Crown-owned dealers successfully operate in almost 100 overseas city environments.

Crown has established 6 manufacturing locations in the United States that include: 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 more than 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 outstanding reputation as a producer of progressive, safe and dependable machines. The company has been awarded more than 50 prominent design awards and the products that Crown develops continues to attain credit for innovation and top design excellence. Just to illustrate, 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 general 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 industry original, providing the operator with many comfort choices to lean, sit or stand, along with its unparalleled output capability.