## **Crown Forklift Part**

Crown Forklift Parts - Two brothers Allen A. Dicke and the late Carl H. Dicke formed the Crown company in 1945. Carl's son, James F. Dicke joined the family business later on that year. Presently, his son, James F. Dicke II, is Chairman and CEO. James F. Dicke III, serves as the company President today, becoming the fourth generation of the Dicke descendants to maintain this position.

Now an internationally diversified organization, Crown initially manufactured temperature controls for coal burning furnaces, servicing a small client base. The assembly of these control items took place in a former hardware store stationed in New Bremen, Ohio, where Crown's head office presently remain.

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

Crown soon diversified its production to take in the restoration of mechanized and electrical parts for private and government use in the early 1950's. Following numerous lucrative bids within a short period of time, the company had built a respectable business in this field.

Versatility and achievement dominated Crown's capability to diversify once again. In 1957, production into the material handling market started with forklift manufacturing. The company believed the market demanded a smaller line of superior quality forklifts. Crown promptly fashioned an exceptional series of contemporary equipment and swiftly evolved into the most rapidly evolving materials handling company with its range of merchandise.

By 1966, Crown had ventured into the international materials handling marketplaces by opening up shop in Sydney, Australia. Sydney is now a regional head office for Crown for all Pacific Asian sales, marketing, and services. Crown remains an unwavering industry leader today, supported by exceptional operations, solid sales and strong production operations.

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

Crown at the moment has a large network of Crown-owned and independently-owned dealers in various key worldwide markets providing a huge fleet of electric lift trucks. They are responsible for managing the company's product sales and service.

Corporate offices in New Bremen, Ohio and Munich, Germany offer national marketing and promotional sales support to all dealer and sales personnel. Both Crown sales and supplier 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, engineering and design capabilities for India, Africa, the Middle East along with Europe. The diverse family 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 include: New Knoxville; Celina, Ohio; Greencastle, Indiana; Kinston, North Carolina; Fort Loramie, Ohio; and New Bremen, Ohio. Serving their expanding 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 consist of locations in Singapore, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Korea, Malaysia, England, Germany, Belgium and Australia.

Crown has earned a successful status as a dependable, safe and progressive company by contented customers worldwide. The company has earned over 50 distinguished design awards and the Crown products continue to attain recognition for top design superiority and innovation. For example, in the 1970's, Crown's introduction of the side-stance design proved exciting and unparalleled by materials handling professionals. Today, this design has acquired general acceptance and earned a Design of the Decade award from the International Design Society of America. Again, more than thirty years later, the 5200S Series Reach Truck is another industry first, providing the operator with many comfort alternatives to lean, sit or stand, along with its unparalleled output capacity.