## **Crown Forklift Part**

Crown Forklift Part - Two brothers Allen A. Dicke and the late Carl H. Dicke formed the Crown business in 1945. Carl's son, James F. Dicke joined the family company later that year. At this time, 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 family to uphold this position.

Crown first started with a small client base producing temperature controls that they manufactured for coal burning furnaces. The assembly of these control items took place in a former hardware store stationed in New Bremen, Ohio, where Crown's center of operations currently remain.

In 1949, responding to the public's growing interest in television, Crown moved into the assembly of antenna rotators. This product was used to enhance television reception and image quality. The company's profitable 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.

In the early 1950's Crown parts diversified into the manufacturing and restoration of electronic and mechanical machinery for government and private market. After several successful bids inside a brief period of time, the company had built a highly regarded business in this field.

Versatility and achievement dominated Crown's ability to diversify once again. In 1957, production into the materials handling industry began with forklift manufacturing. The company believed the industry required a smaller line of first-class quality lift trucks. Crown promptly produced an exceptional series of modern equipment and swiftly grew to be the most rapidly evolving material handling organization with its collection of products.

In 1966, Crown ventured outside of the US materials handling market and into Australia. Sydney, Australia is home to the regional head office and at present leads Crown's Asia Pacific service, sales and marketing and advertising teams. Crown remains an unwavering industry leader today, supported by exceptional operations, solid sales and strong production operations.

Two years later, Crown had moved into the European markets by buying up an Irish manufacturing facility from a German Company, Steinbock. There they started to make PTH hand pallet trucks. Later on that same year, Crown began their first London operation situated close by 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 advertising and marketing lift trucks across Europe through independent sellers.

These days, Crown manufactures a vast fleet of electric forklifts. The company's dealer network, stationed in key global markets, consists of both Crown-owned and independently-owned sellers. They are accountable for handling the company's product sales and service.

Corporate offices in New Bremen, Ohio and Munich, Germany offer nationwide advertising and promotional sales support to all dealer and sales personnel. Both Crown sales and seller personnel are factory- trained in all disciplines to ensure the utmost reliability and service. The Munich office was launched in the 1980's and delivers purchasing, advertising and marketing, engineering and design capabilities for India, Africa, the Middle East along with Europe. The diverse relations of intercontinental dealers and Crown-owned sellers effectively operate in almost 100 foreign 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 include 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 forward-thinking organization by satisfied consumers worldwide. The company has earned over 50 distinguished design awards and the Crown products continue to attain recognition for top design excellence and innovation. To provide an example, in the 1970's, Crown's introduction 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 industry first, providing the operator with several comfort choices to lean, sit or stand, along with its unparalleled productivity capacity.