

Hyster Forklift Parts

Hyster is an industry leader in the materials handling industry that has been in business for more than 80 years. However, it began as a manufacturer of lifting machinery as well as winches. Most of its production was concentrated in the Pacific Northwest and dealt mostly with the timber and logging industry. A couple years after the 1st forklift trucks were invented Hyster became synonymous with quality manufacturing. Over the preceding eighty years Hyster has continued to expand and grow its product line. The expansion of its products coupled with its desire to stay service oriented has allowed Hyster to grow into the international participant it is in the present day. The thirty years between 1940's and the 1960's saw a great evolution in the amount of products existing under the Hyster brand name. In 1946, Hyster opened a plant in Danville, Illinois that was completely dedicated to bulk producing trucks. This allowed Hyster to force its expenses down and, at the same time, offer a better quality product at industry aggressive rates. In 1952, Hyster began its first foray in to the international production market through opening its first plant in the Netherlands. The Netherlands plant was originally designed to produce two products: Hyster 40" and the Karry Kranes. Between the late 1950's through the 1960's, Hyster continued to expand into new markets. They began building container handlers in the US in 1959 to satisfy the ever growing demand for transportation goods. In 1966, Hyster developed a method for allowing a lift truck to go both ahead and backwards using the same pedal. This pedal was labeled the Monotrol pedal, which revolutionized the industry. Later in the decade Hyster opened a research and development centre in Oregon that was concentrated on improving the design and performance of lift trucks. The centre is still one of the world's best testing facilities in the materials handling industry. The 60's was characterized by rapid growth right through the whole materials handling industry. Due to this, Hyster needed to refocus its approach towards these emergent mass markets. As a consequence, in 1970, the XL design philosophy was born. The XL design philosophy allowed Hyster to afford greater quality at a more reasonable price. A further expansion in production capabilities was necessitated by the demand in Europe for Internal Combustion Engine Trucks. To fill this hole, a plant in Craigavon, Ireland was opened in 1980. Through the 1980's Hyster continued to focus on developing industry leading forklifts. The Hyster brand name was known throughout the world for its commitment towards quality. This attention to quality brought several suitors for the company. In 1989, a large multinational business based in Ohio called NACCO Industries purchased Hyster and started an aggressive expansion strategy. NACCO quickly replaced the XL philosophy with a more driver oriented forklift that focused on operator comfort, which is recognized as the XM generation of lift trucks. The evolving needs of Hyster's valued clientele, led by changes in supply chain management, required Hyster to continuously innovate and make investments in new production systems throughout the next few decades. Acquisitions and investments were made in the United States, Italy, Netherlands, and many other places throughout the world. All of these investments have made Hyster a worldwide leader in the lift truck market. In 2009, Hyster celebrated its eightieth anniversary as an industry leader of materials handling equipment, which consists of more than 300 different models of lift trucks.