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(54) **MODEL VEHICLE SHOCK TOWER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

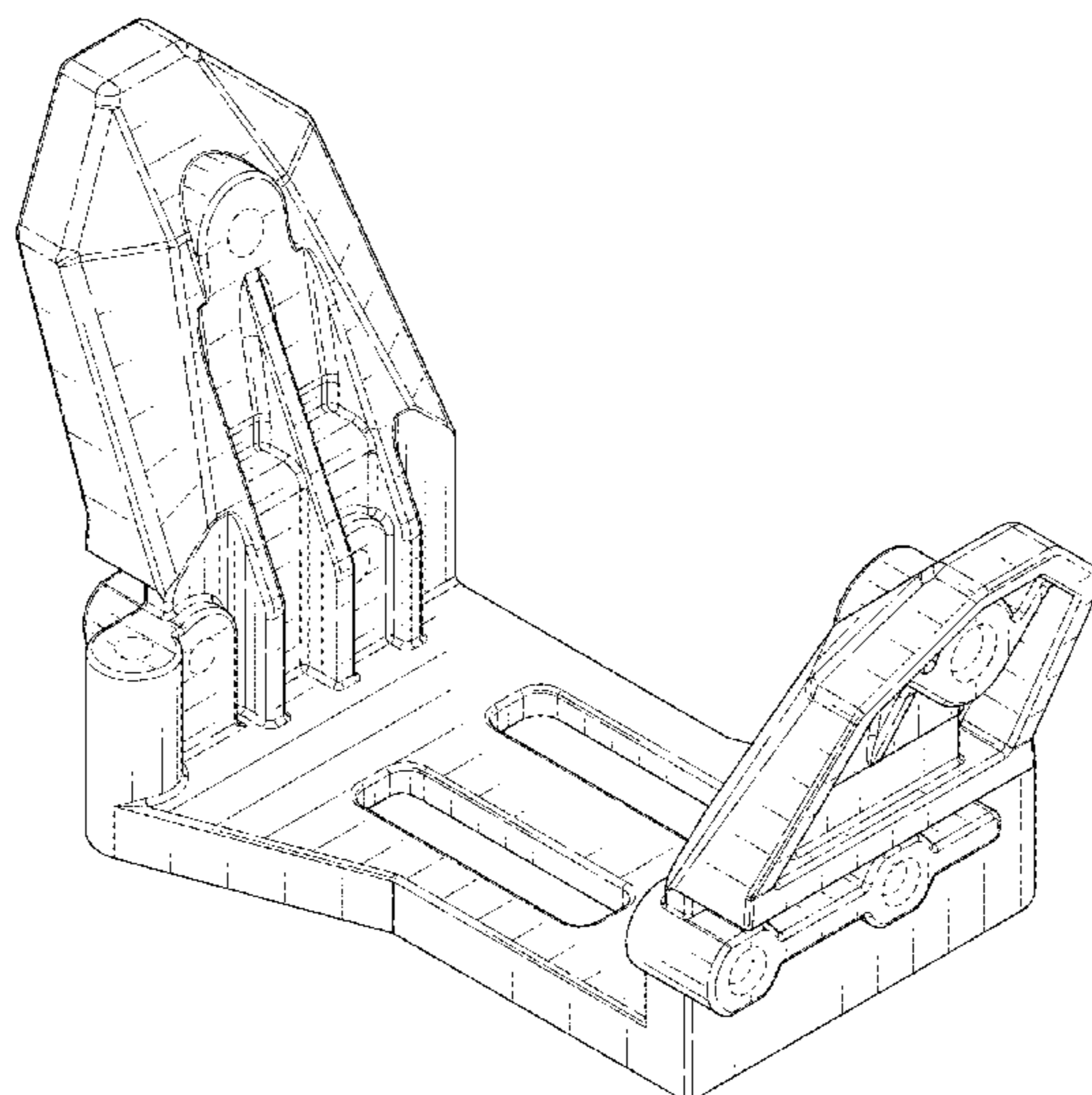
We claim the ornamental design for a model vehicle shock tower, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an upper, left, front perspective view of a model vehicle shock tower showing our new design; FIG. 2 is a front elevation view thereof; FIG. 3 is a rear elevation view thereof; FIG. 4 is a right side elevation view thereof; FIG. 5 is a left side elevation view thereof; FIG. 6 is an upper plan view thereof; FIG. 7 is a lower plan view thereof; FIG. 8 is an upper, right, rear perspective view thereof; and, FIG. 9 is a lower, right, rear perspective view of the model vehicle shock tower.

In the drawings, the broken lines illustrate portions of the model vehicle shock tower that form no part of the claimed design.

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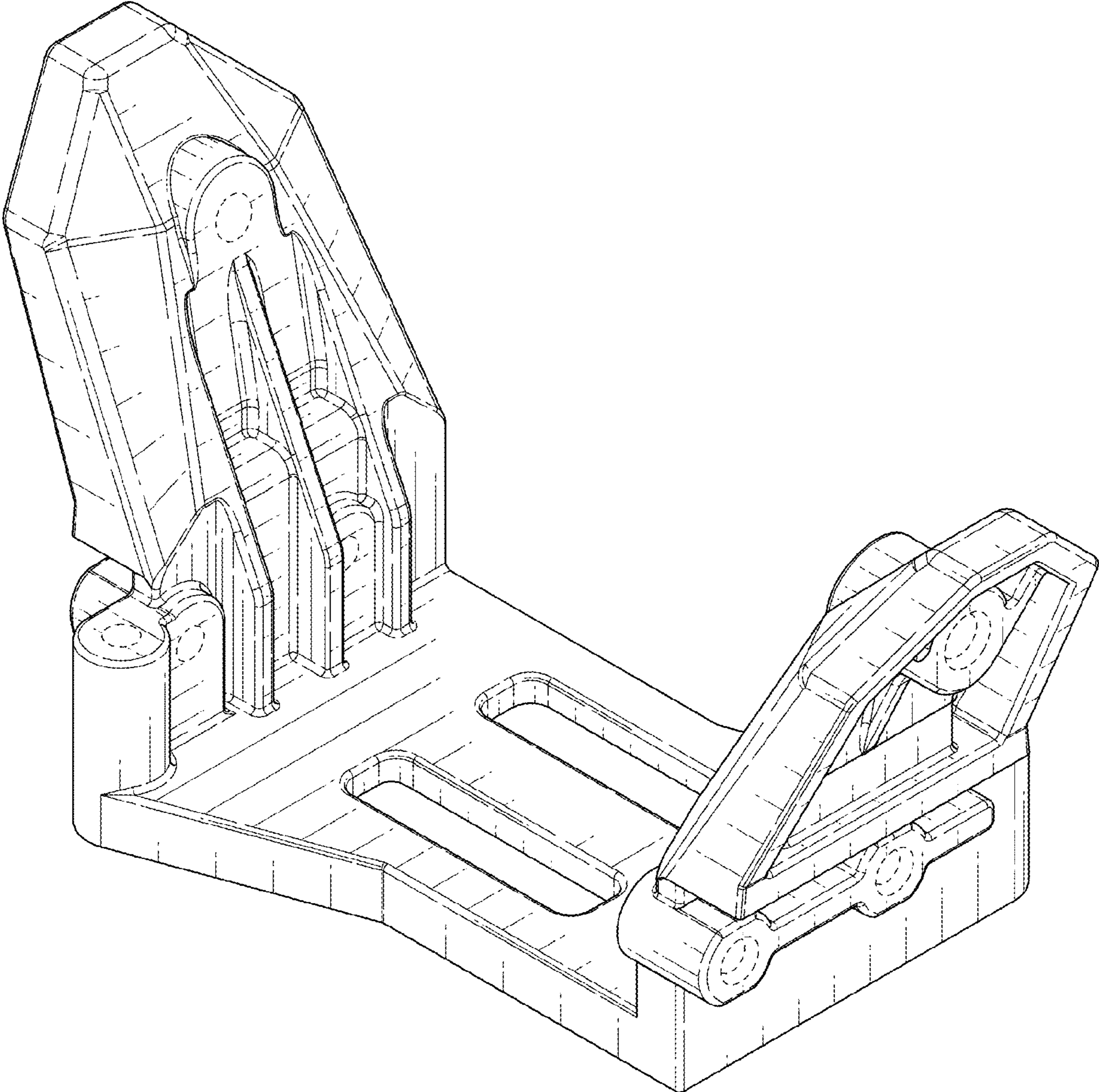


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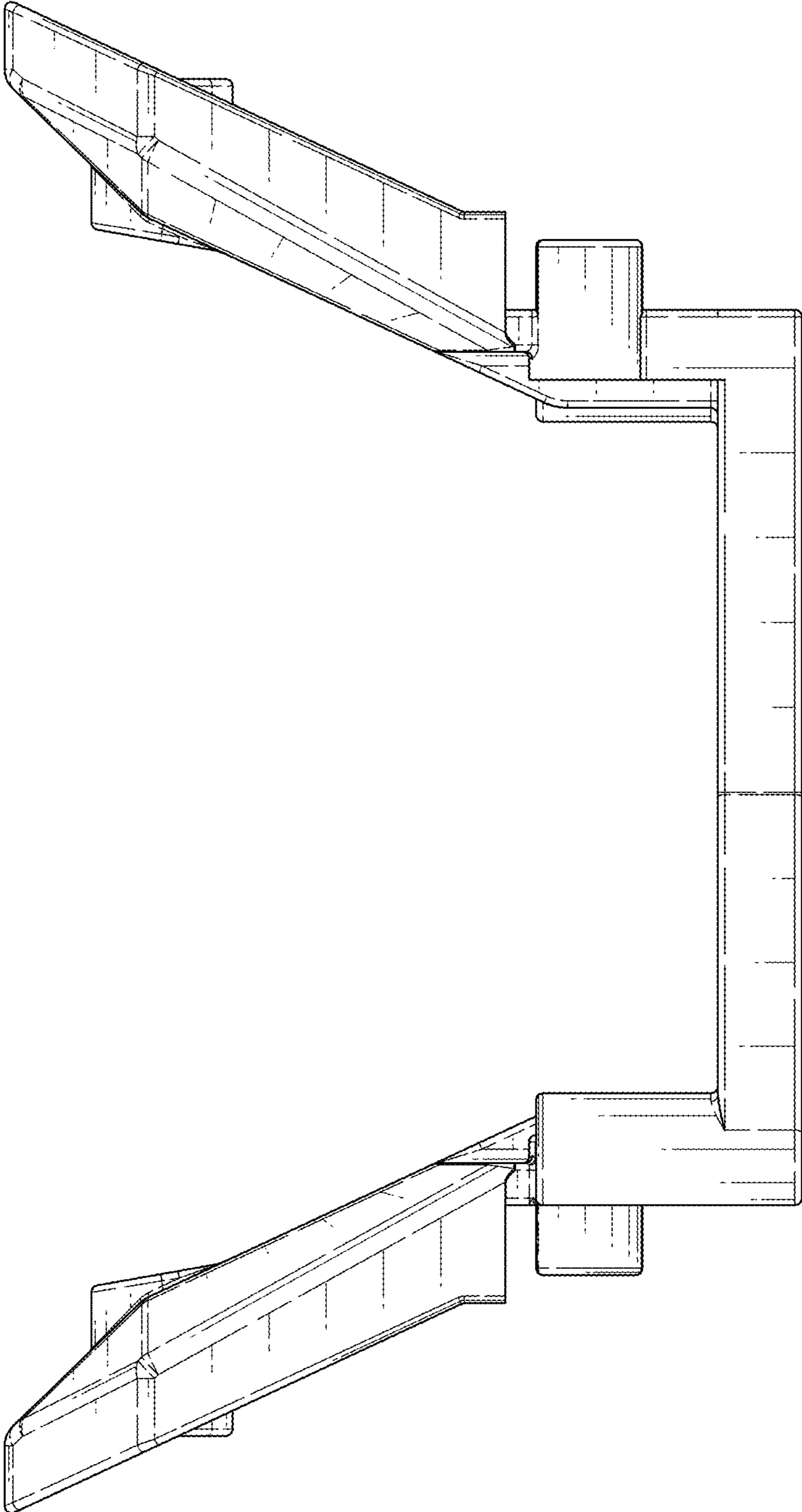


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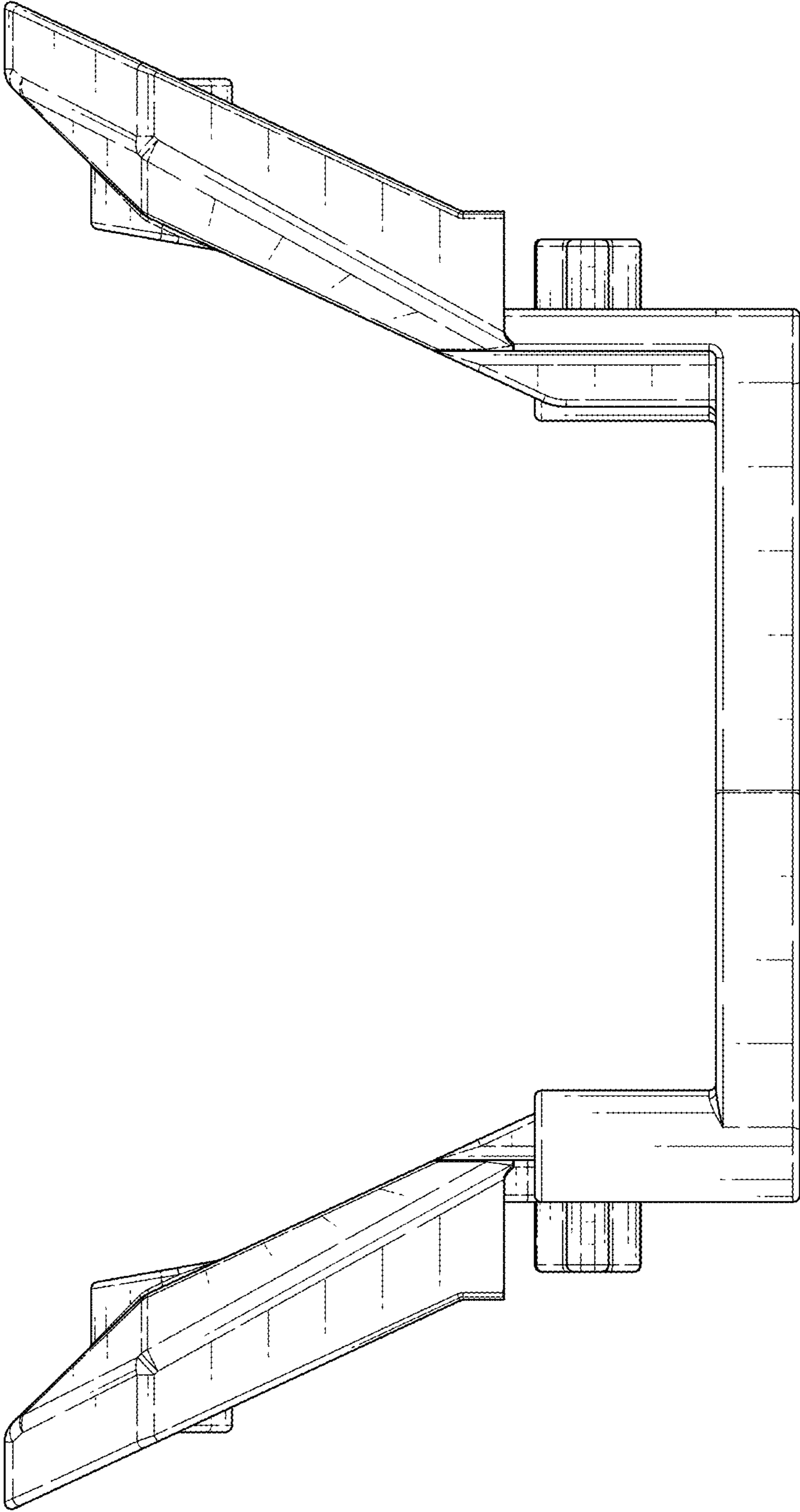


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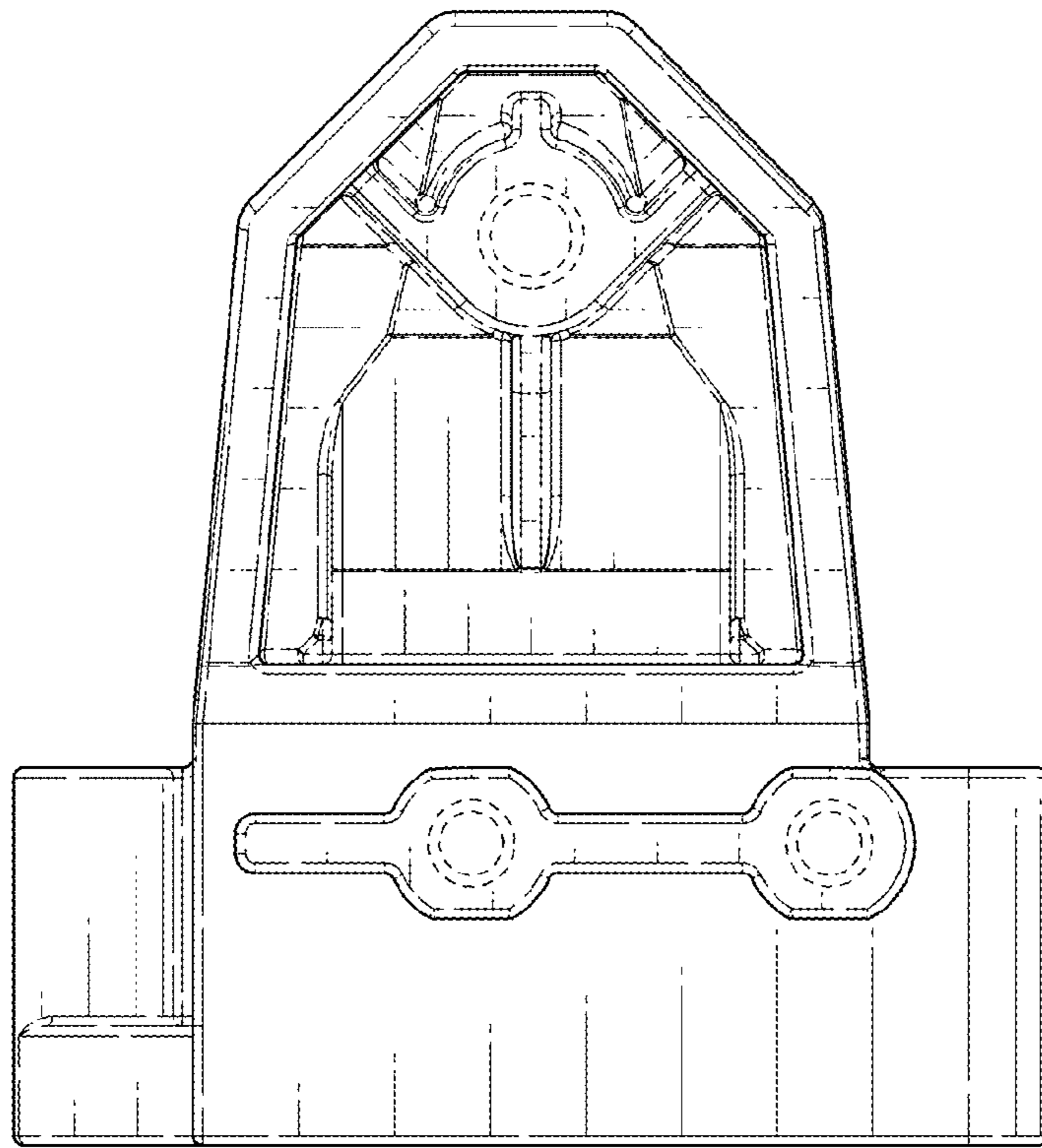


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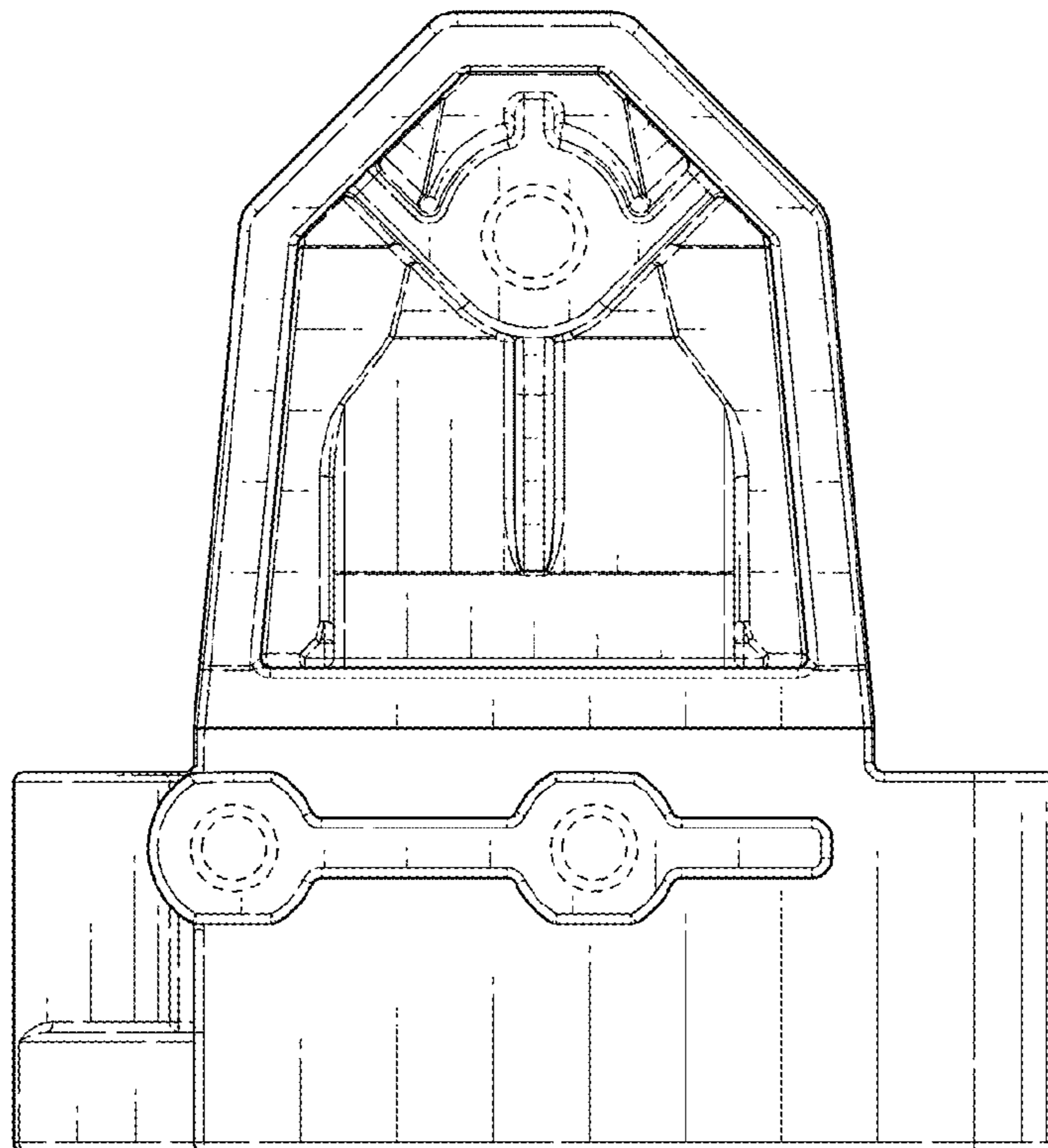


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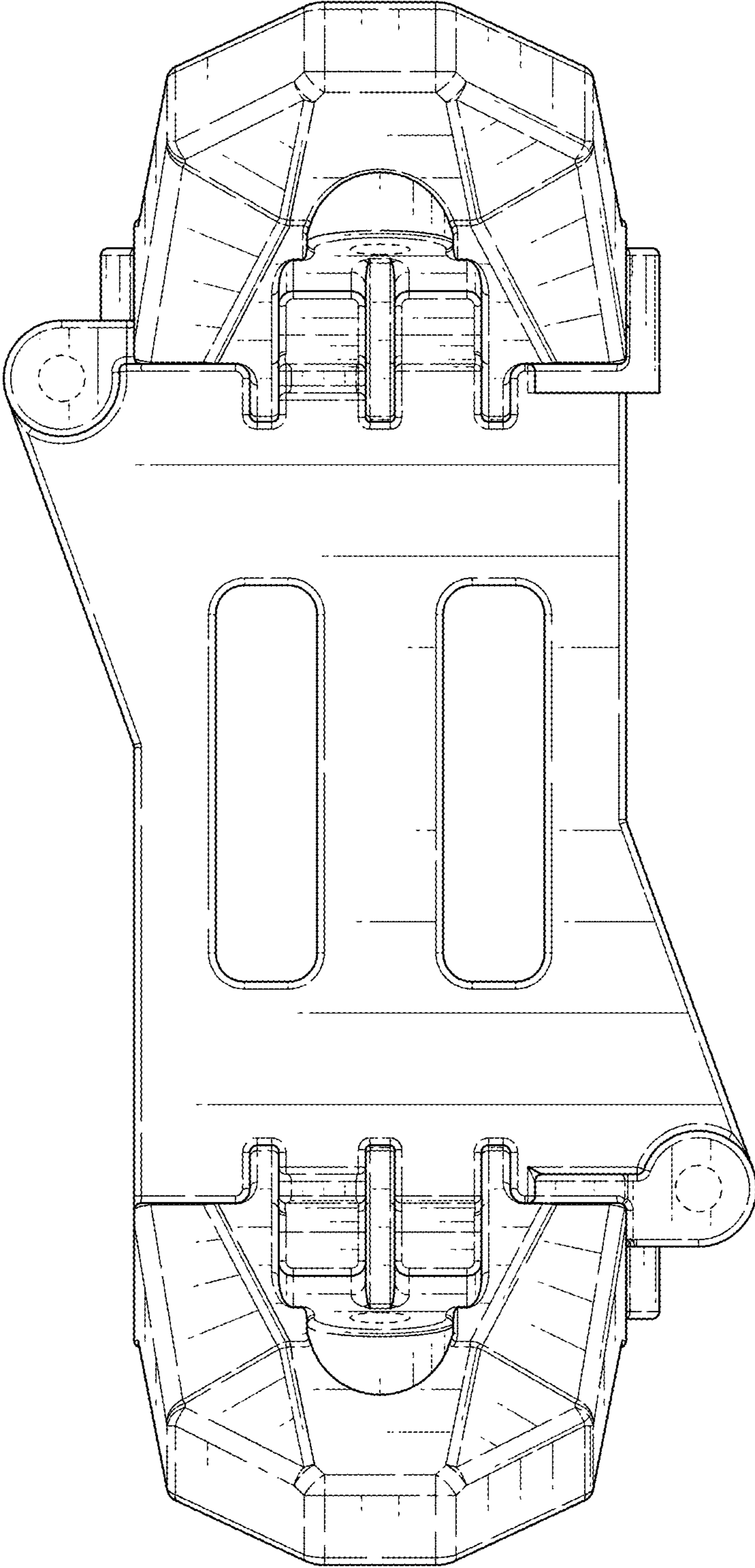


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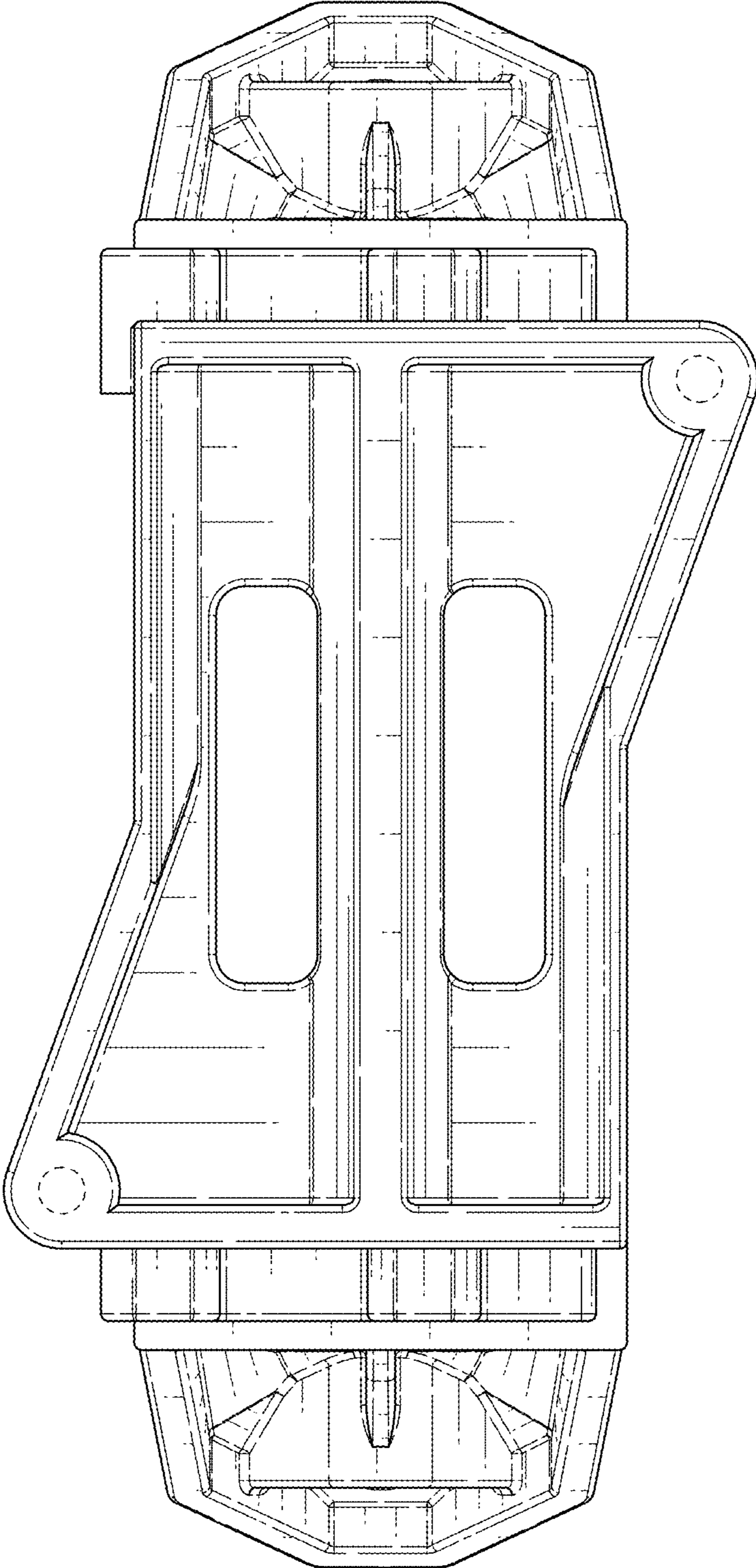


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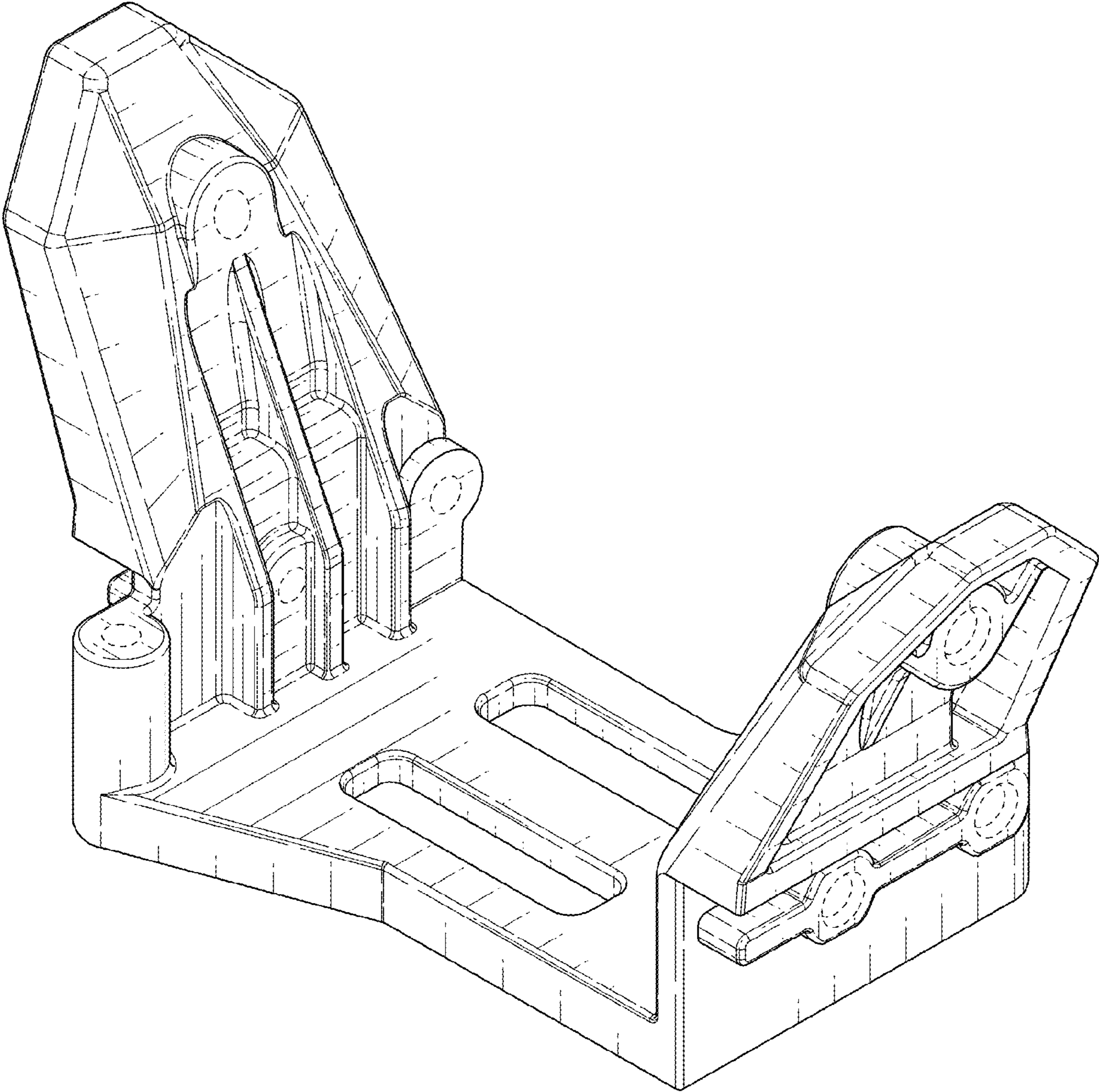


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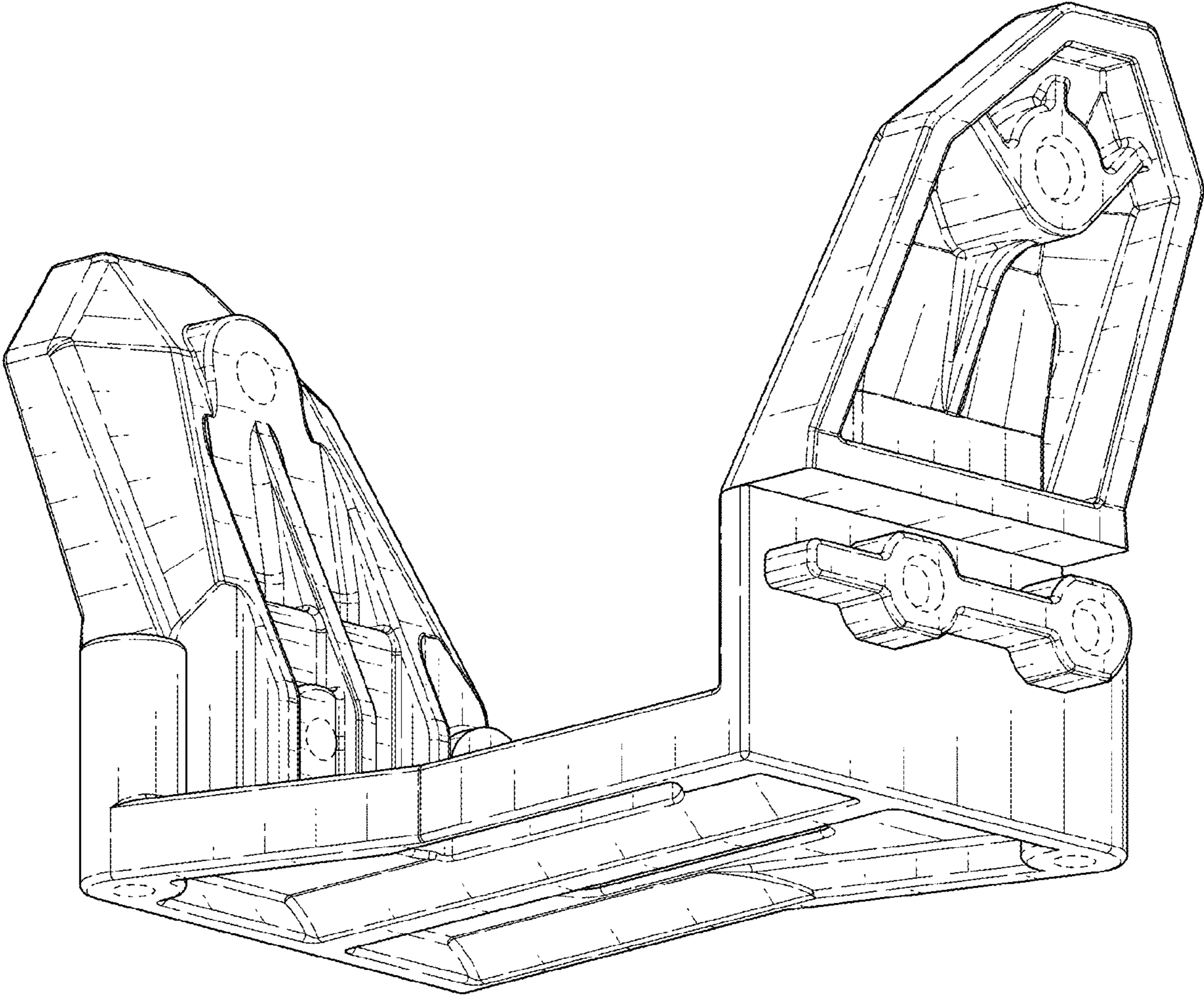


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