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(54) SHARPS CONTAINER

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(57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a sharps container as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a sharps container showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front elevation view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a rear elevation view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a right side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof; and

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

FIG. 9 is a front perspective view of a sharps container showing our new design;

FIG. 10 is a rear perspective view thereof;

FIG. 11 is a front elevation view thereof;

FIG. 12 is a rear elevation view thereof;

FIG. 13 is a left side elevation view thereof;

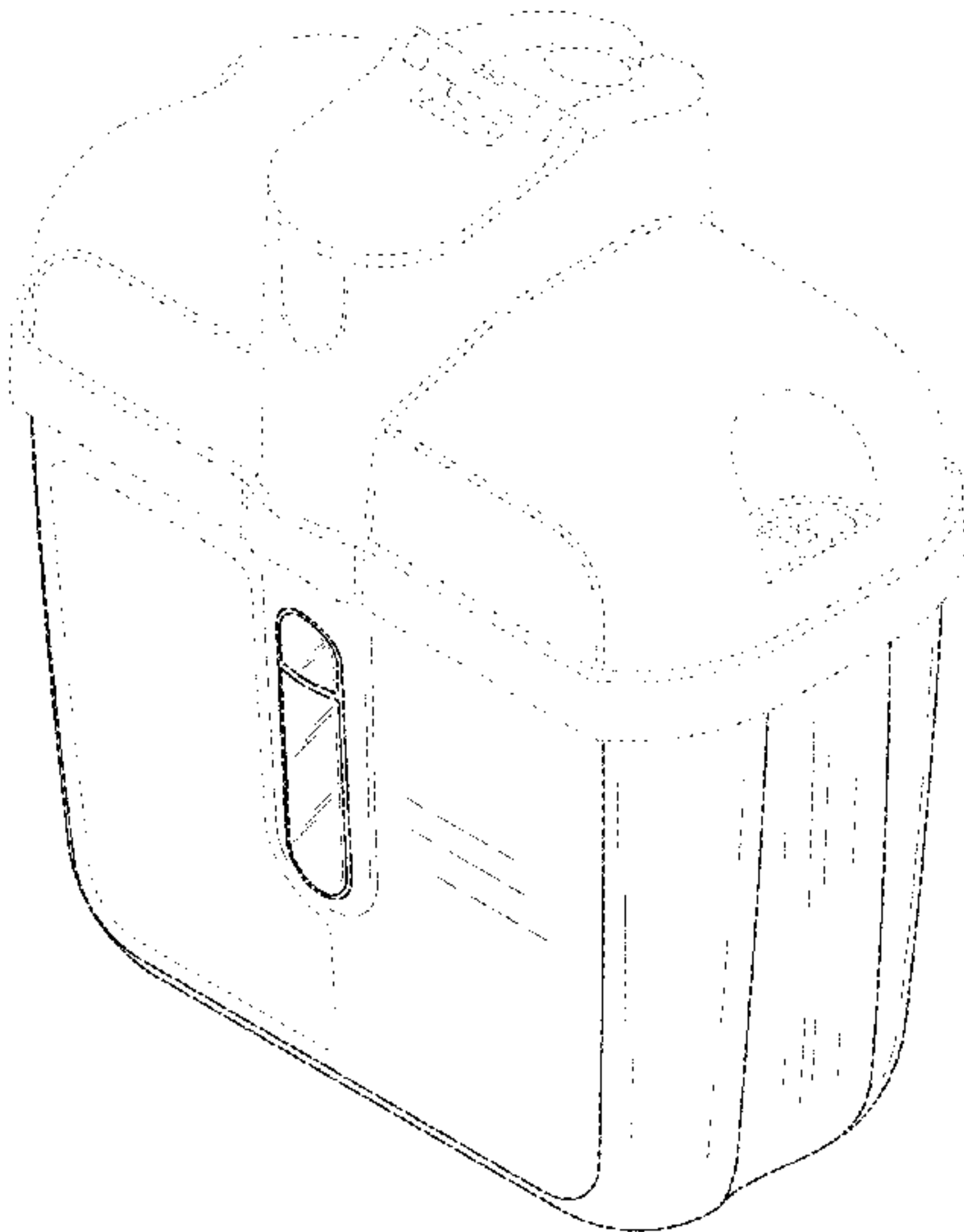
FIG. 14 is a right side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 15 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 16 is a bottom plan view thereof.

The broken lines are included for the purpose of showing portions of the sharps container that form no part of the claimed design.

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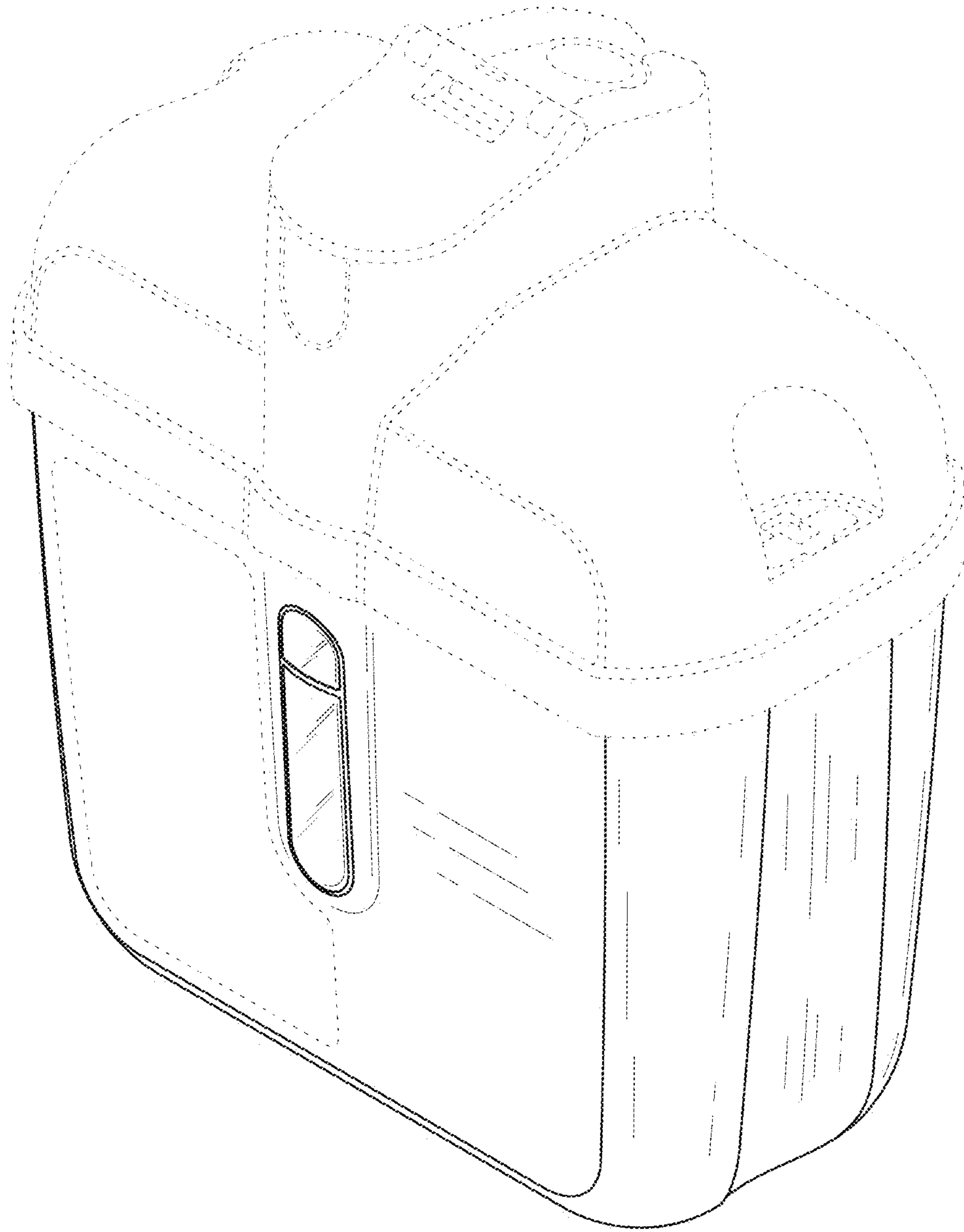


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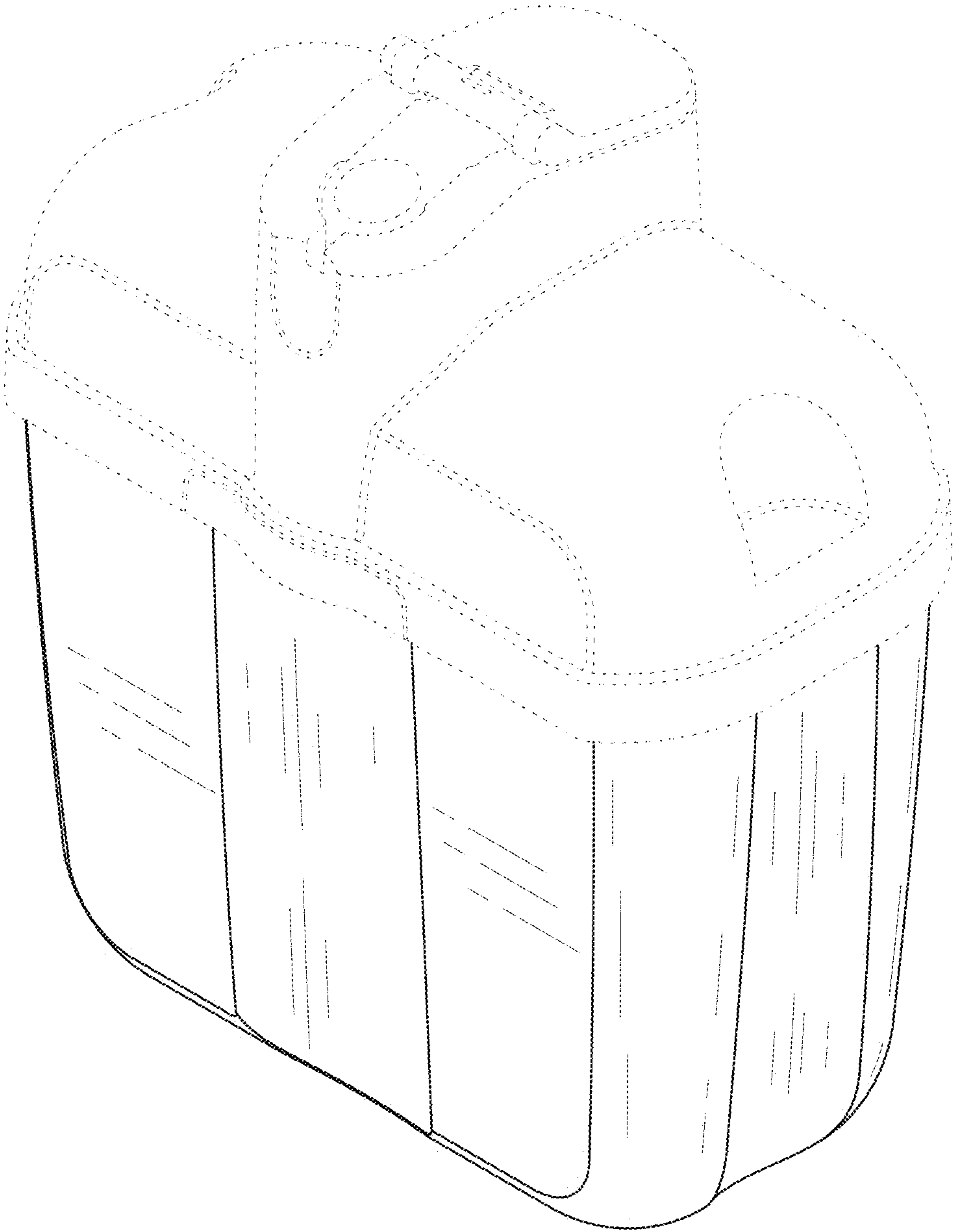


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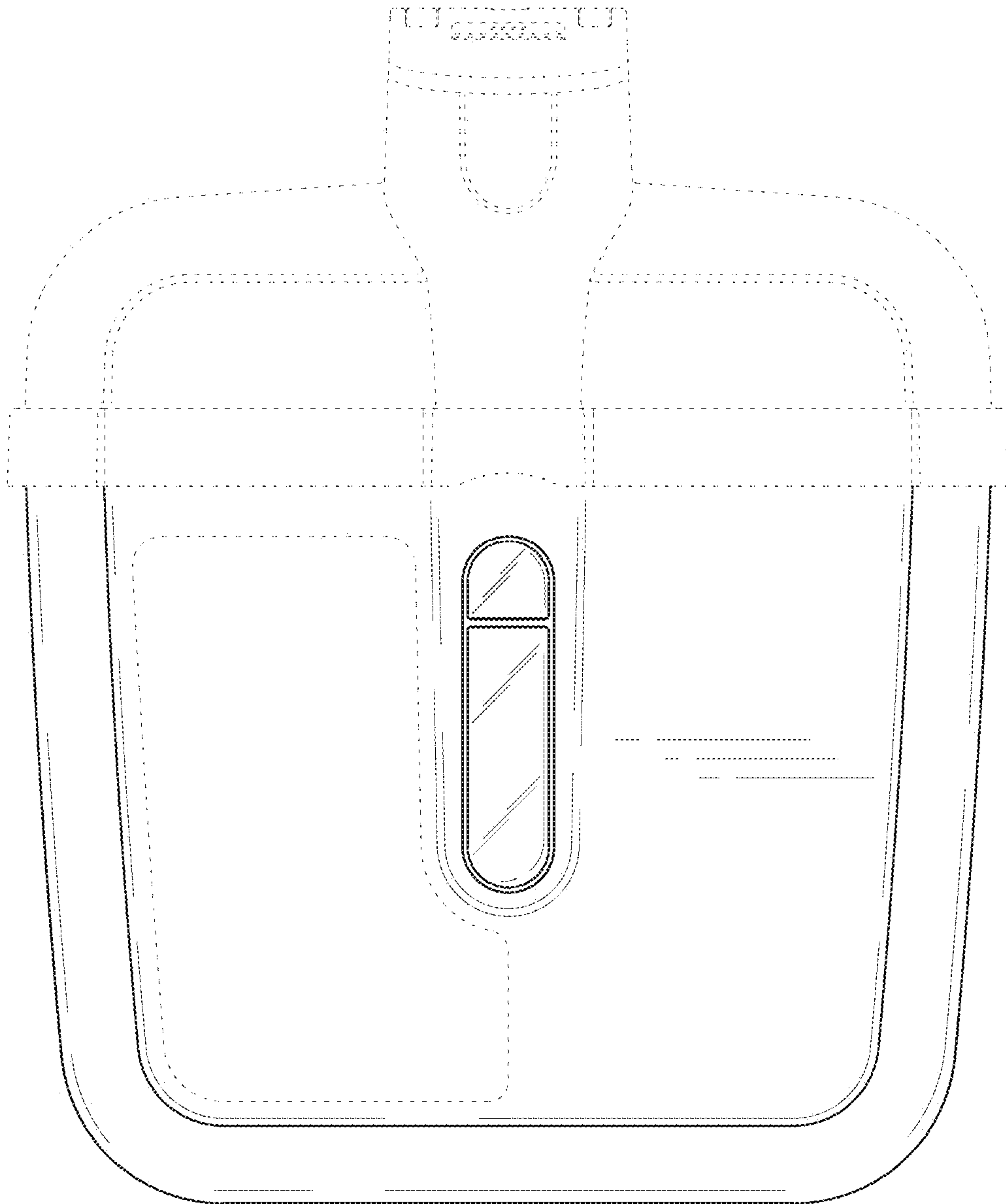


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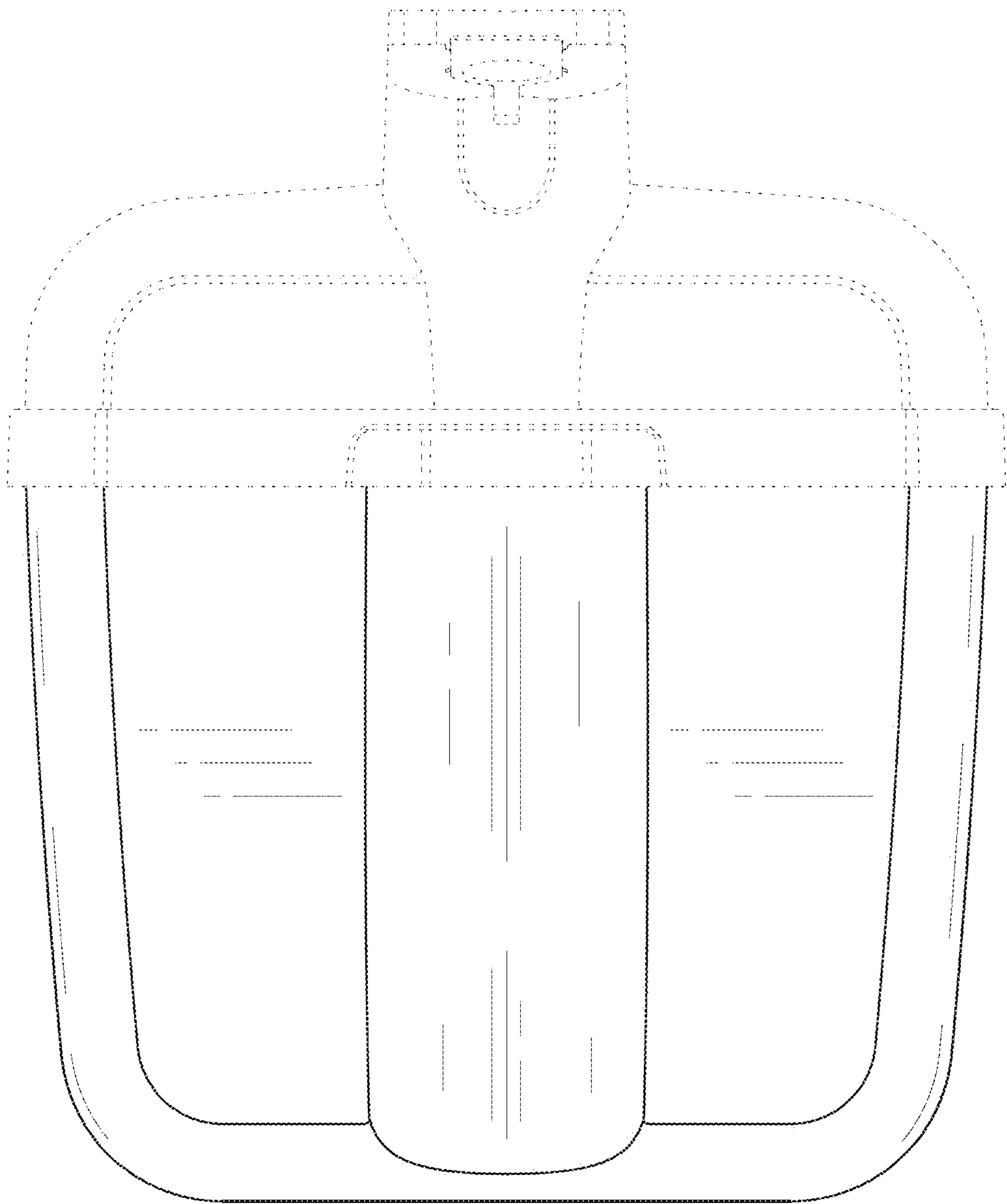


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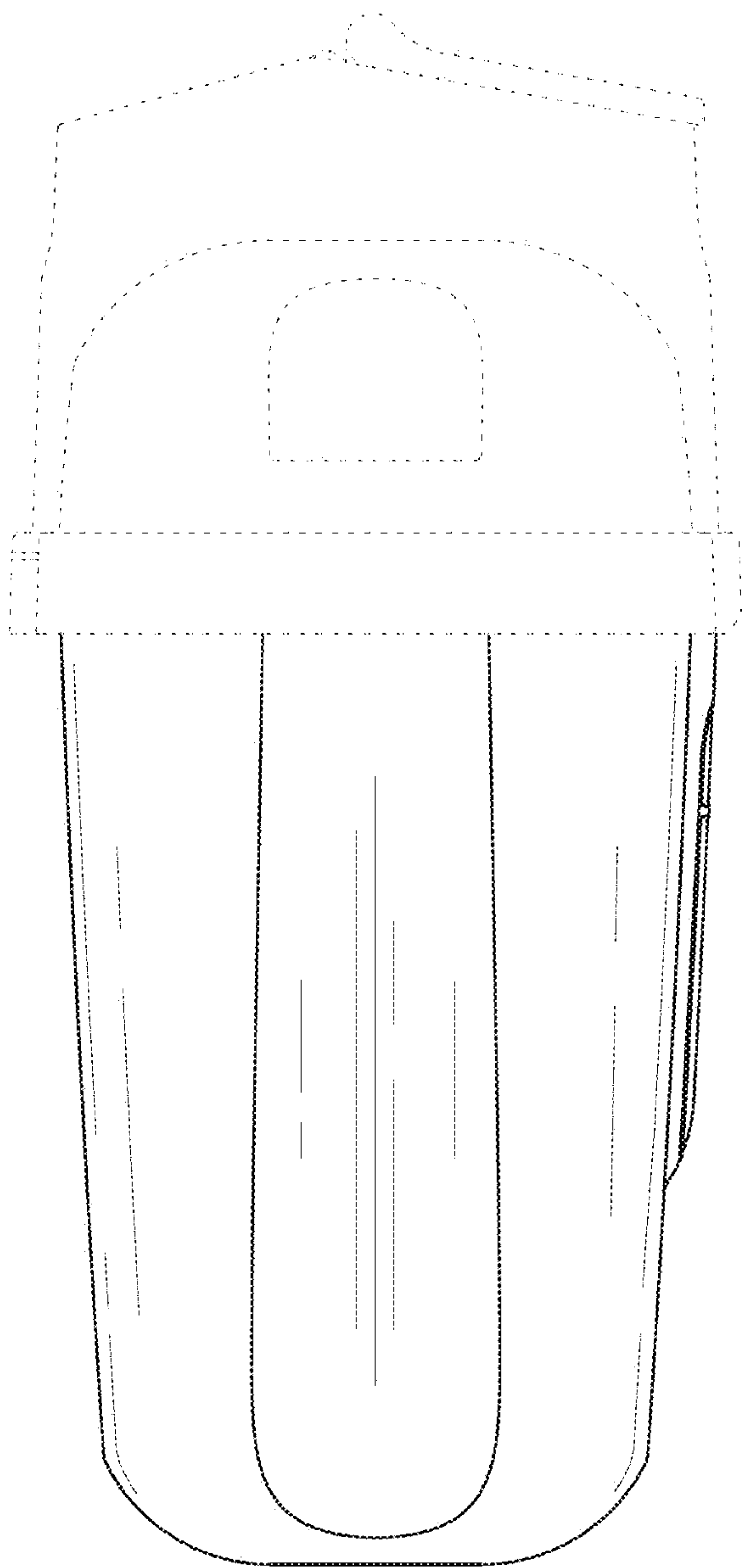


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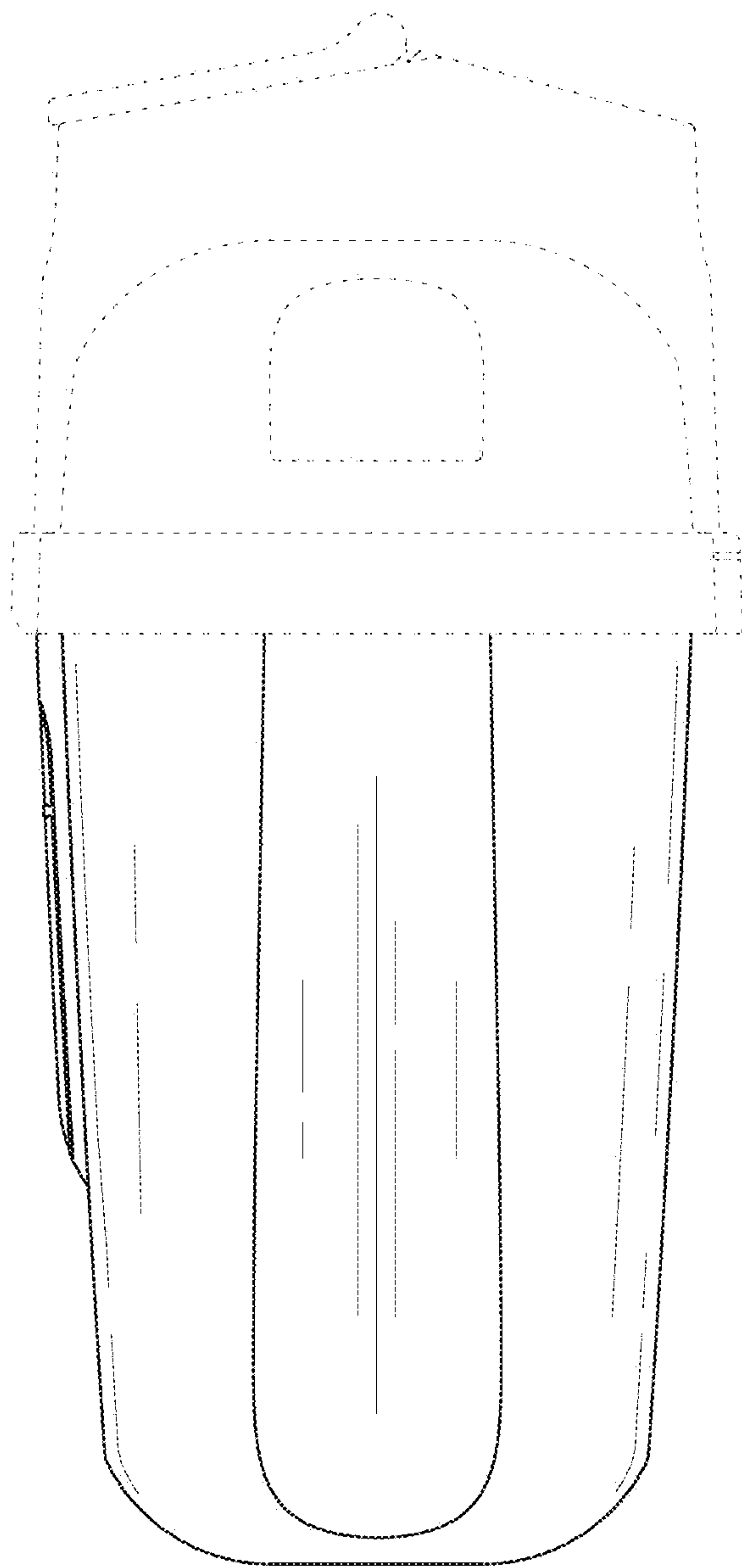


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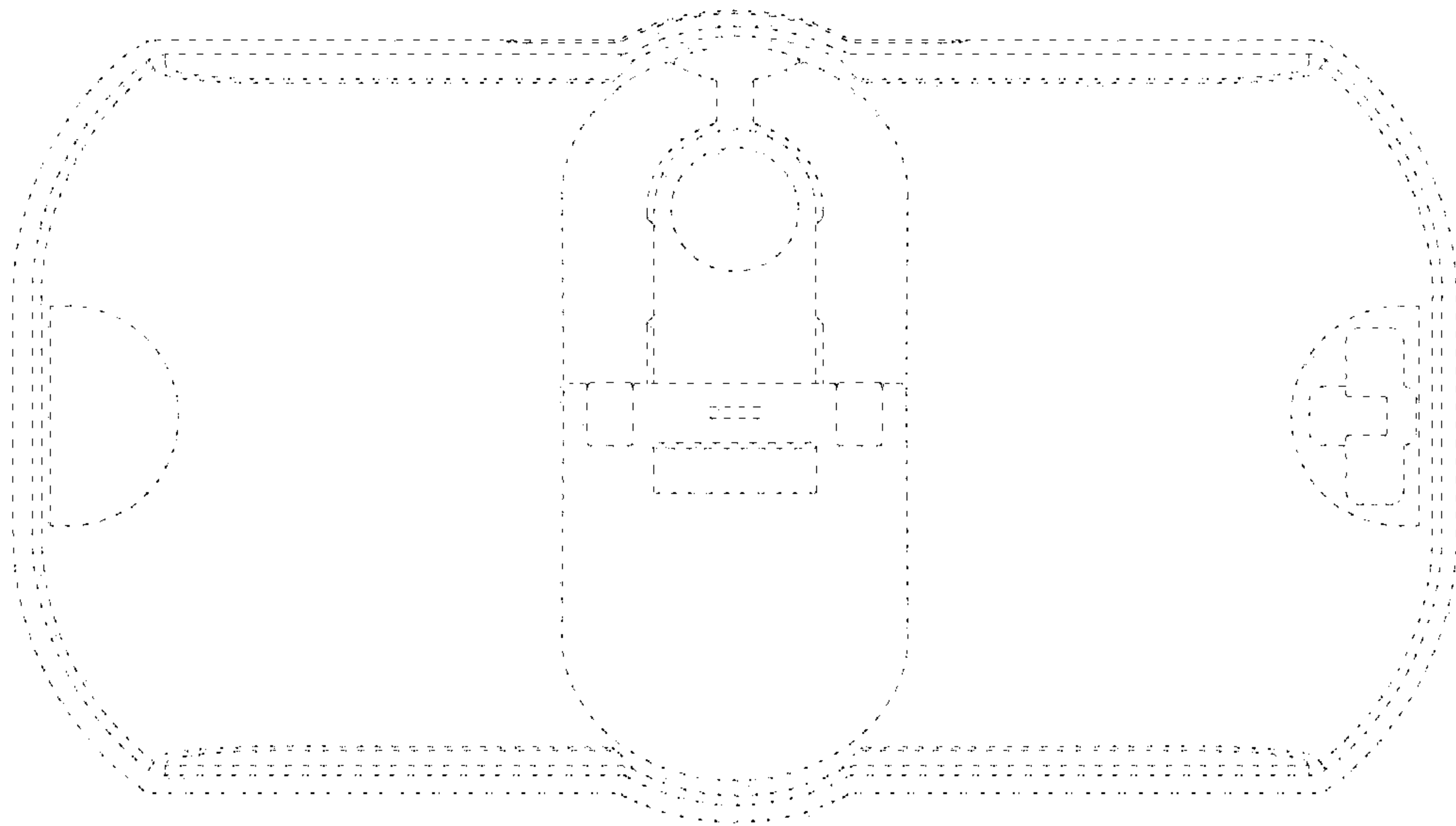


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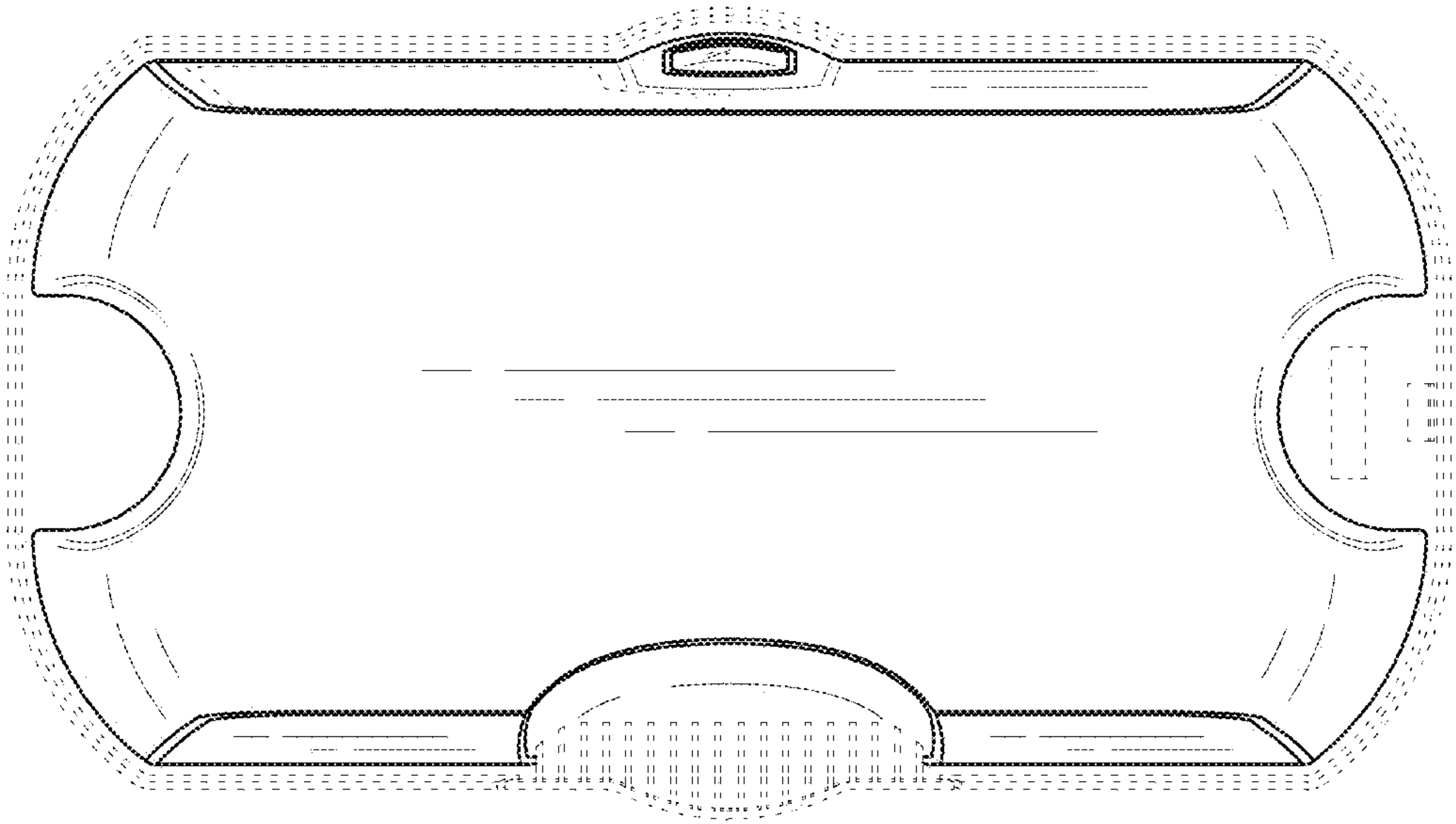


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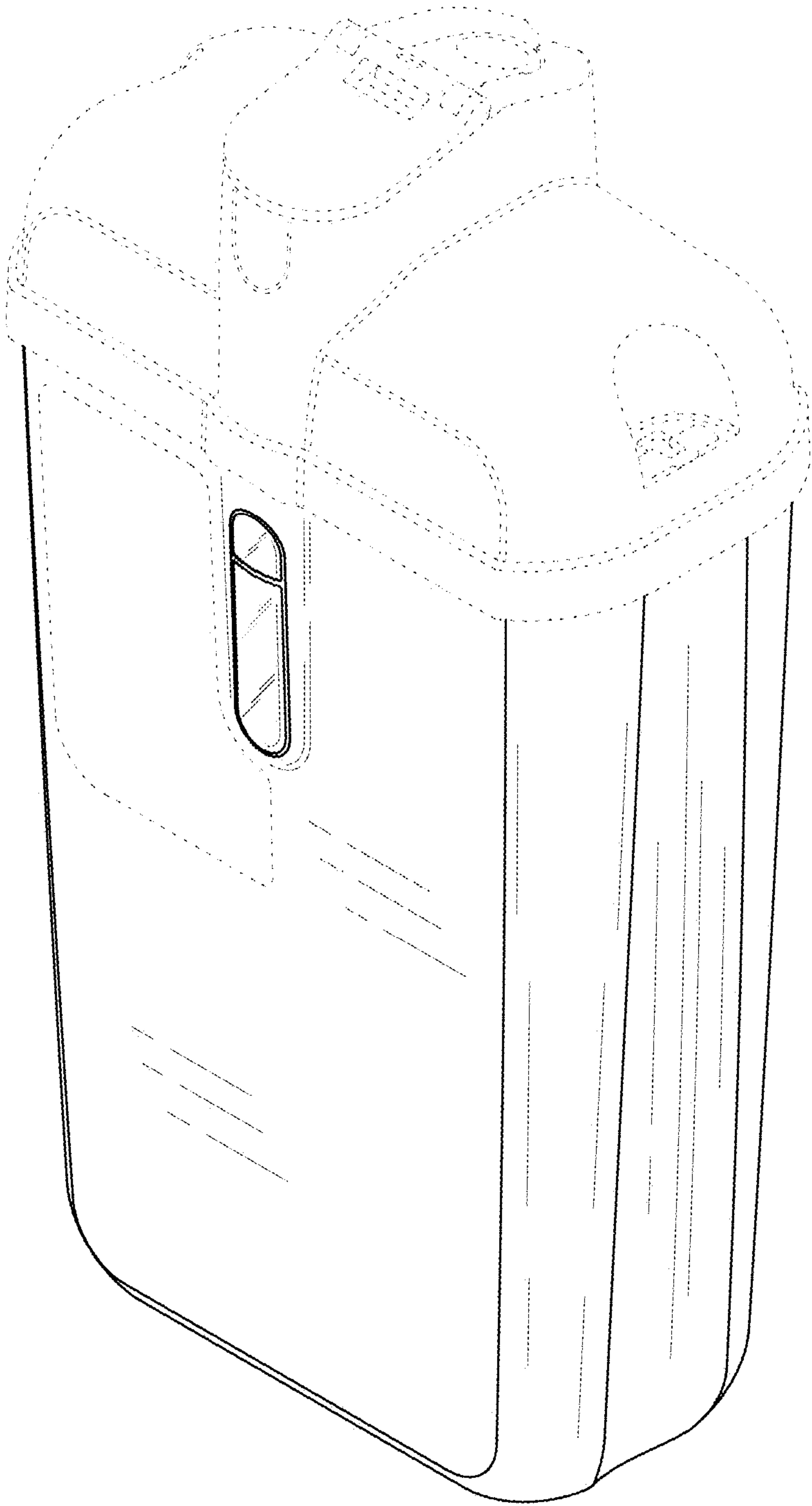


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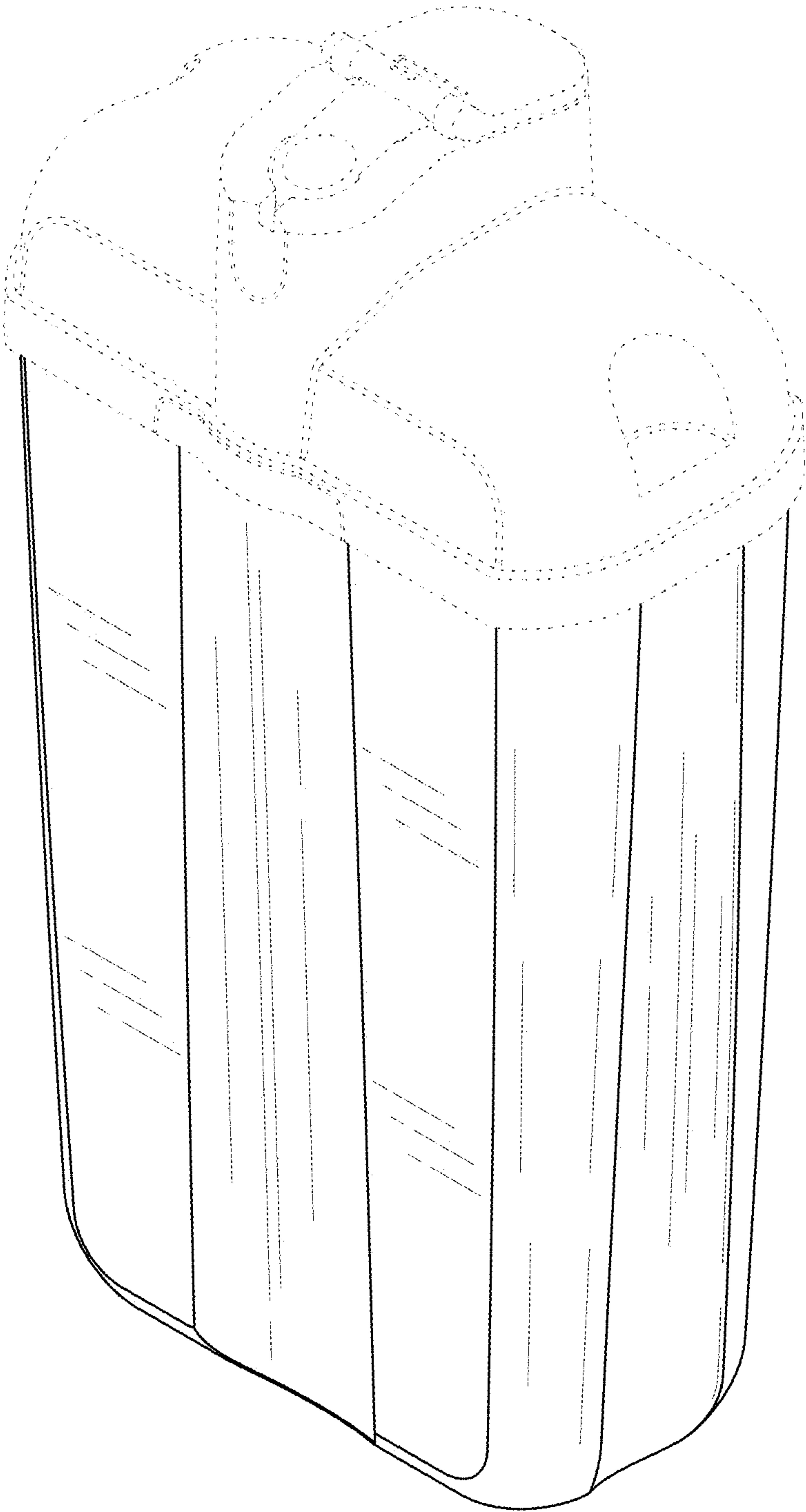


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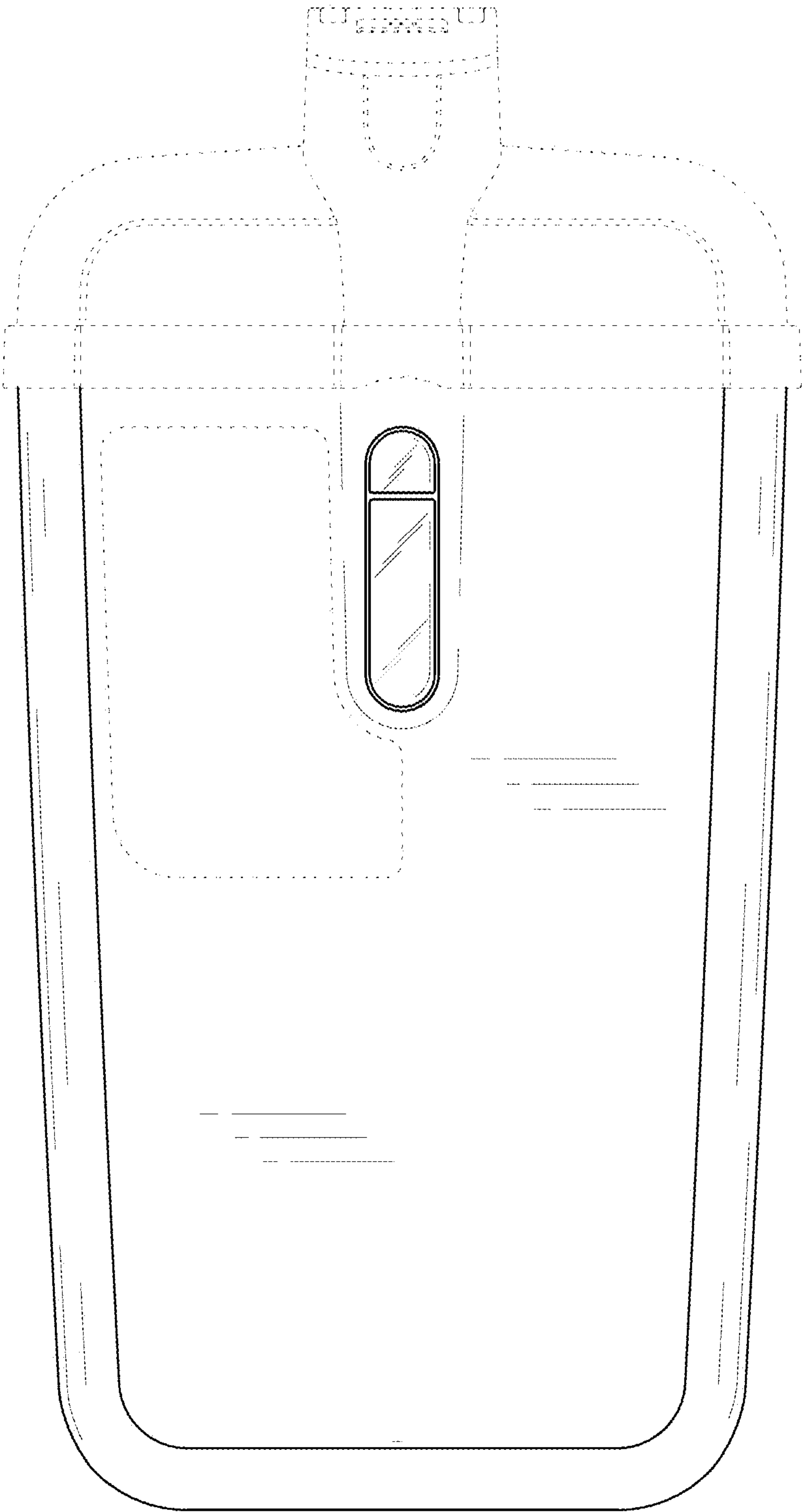


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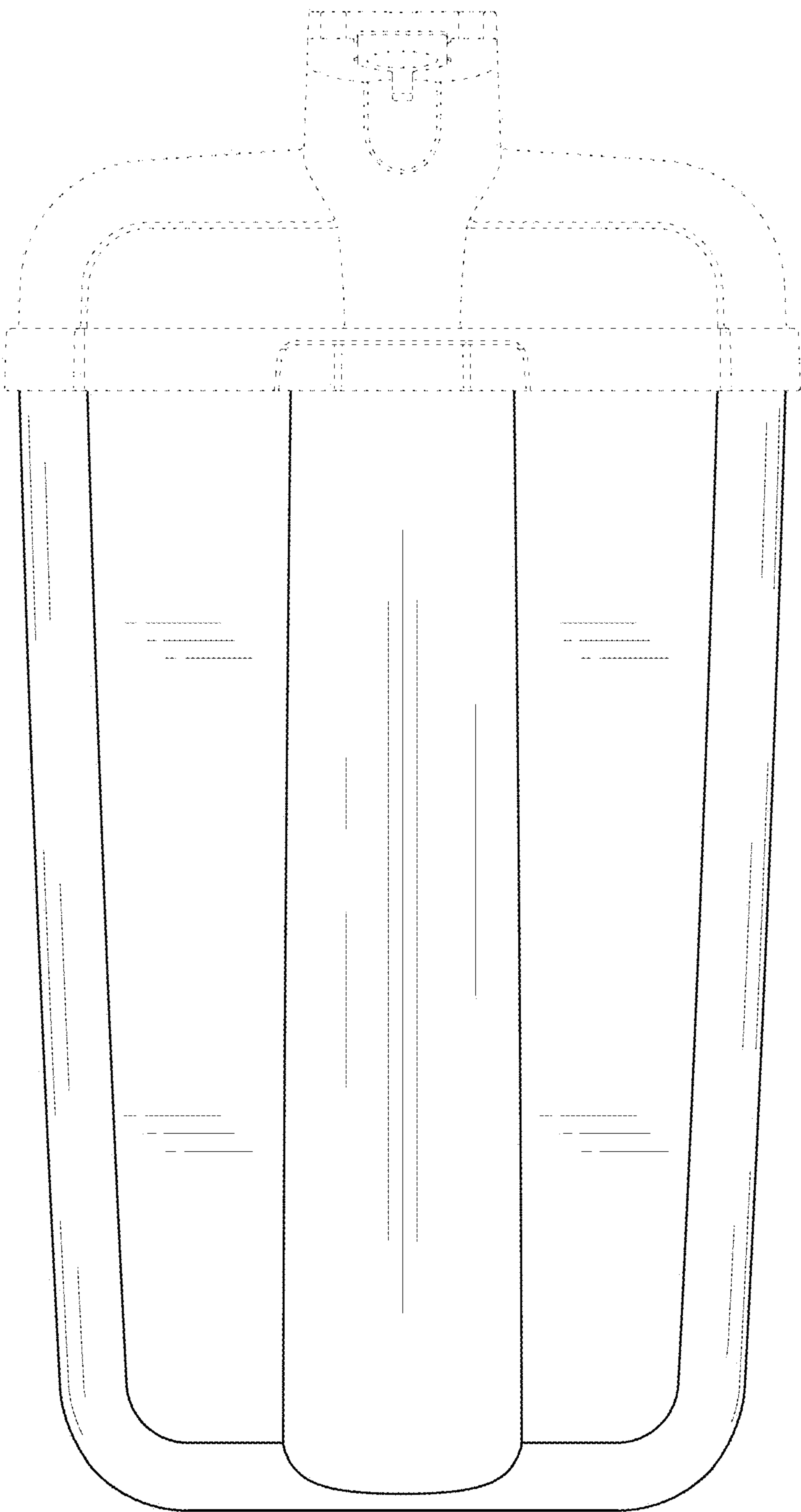


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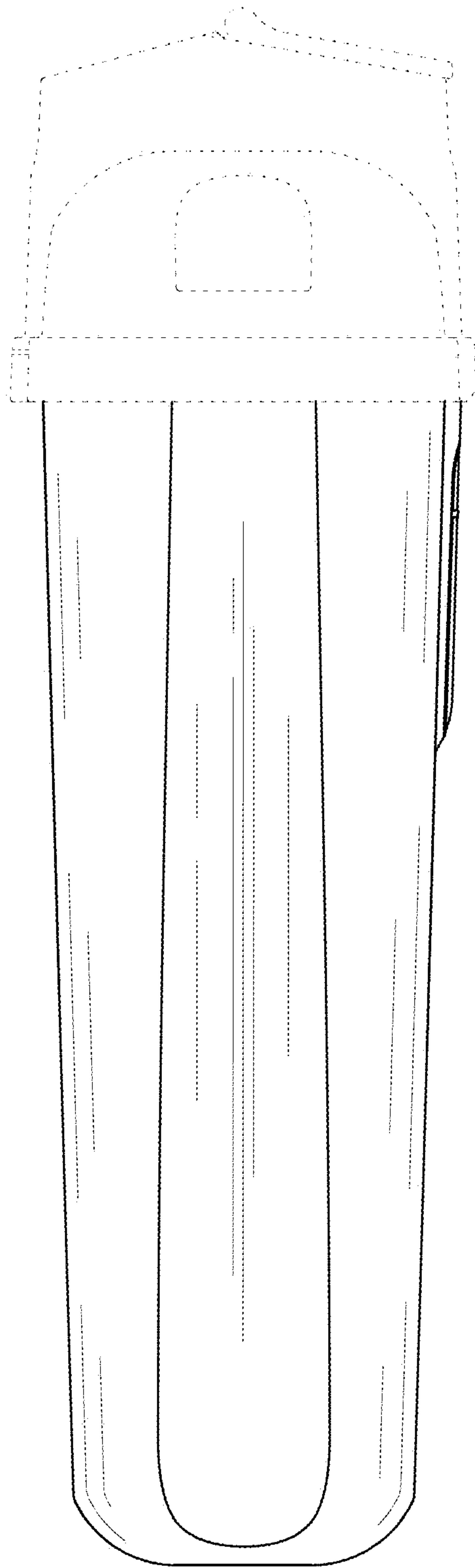


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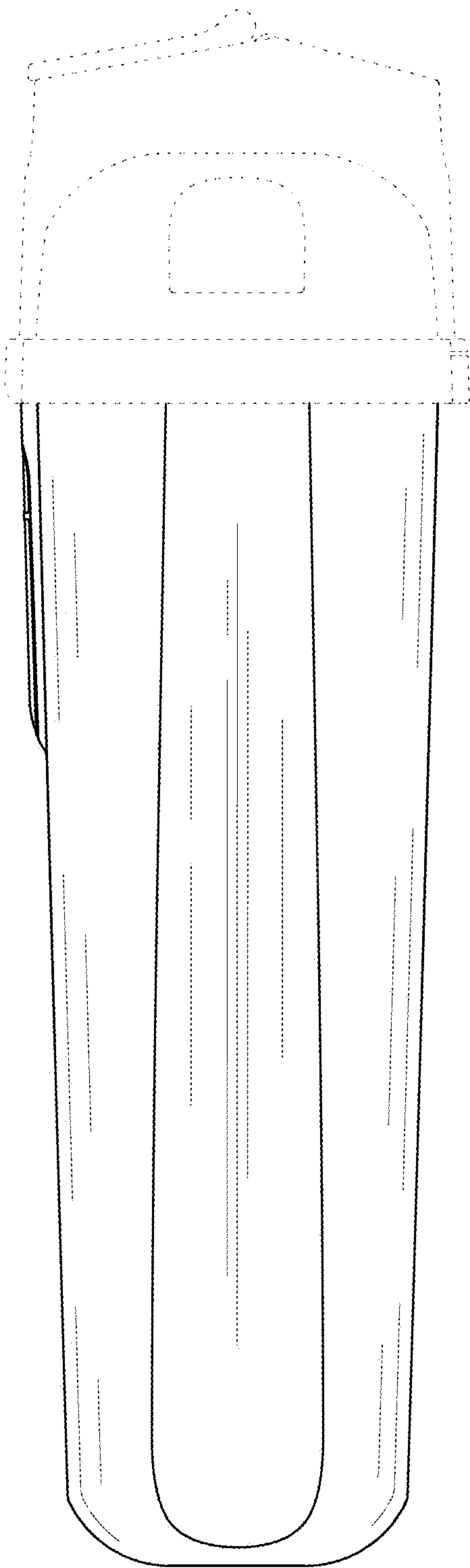


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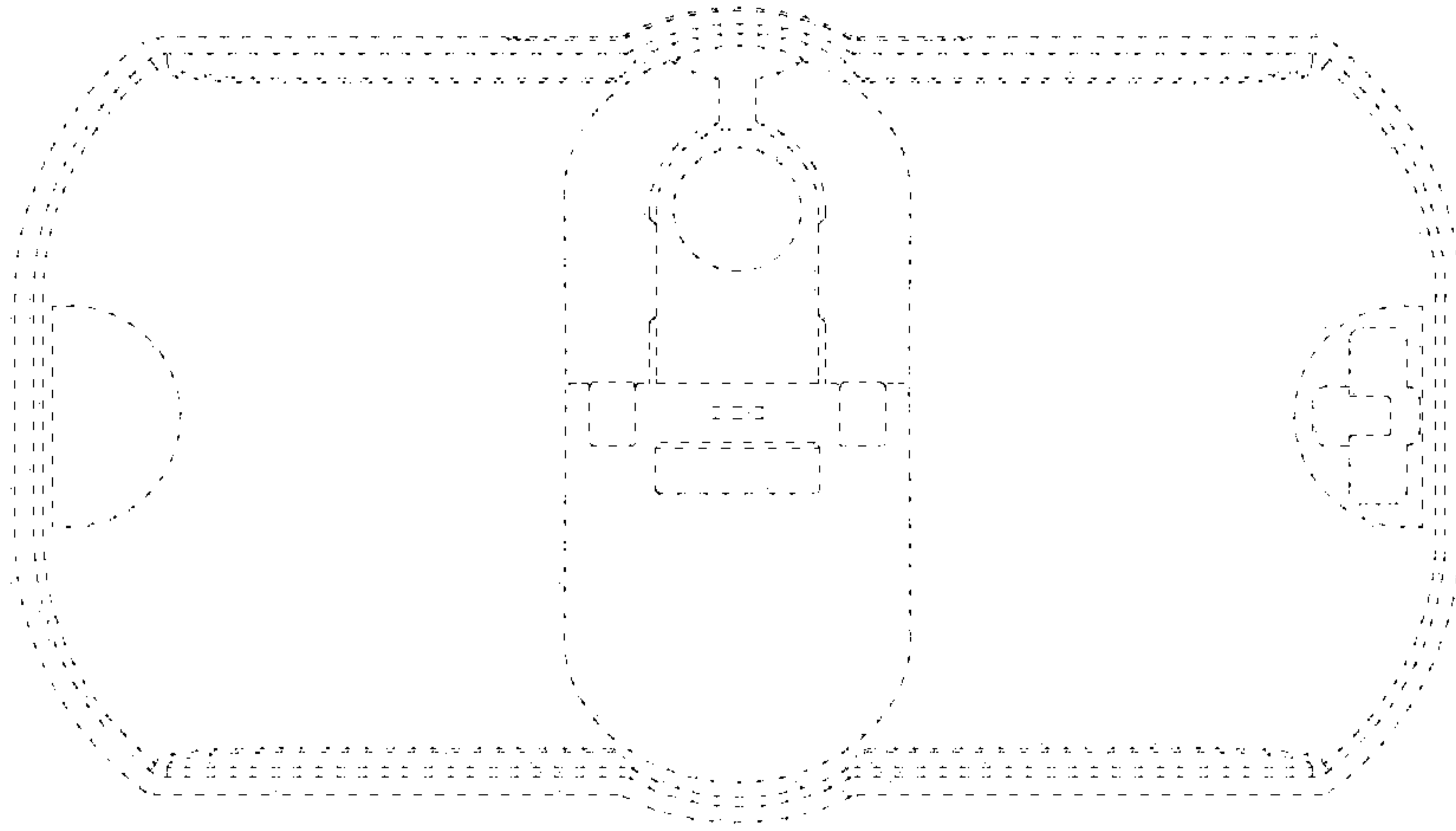


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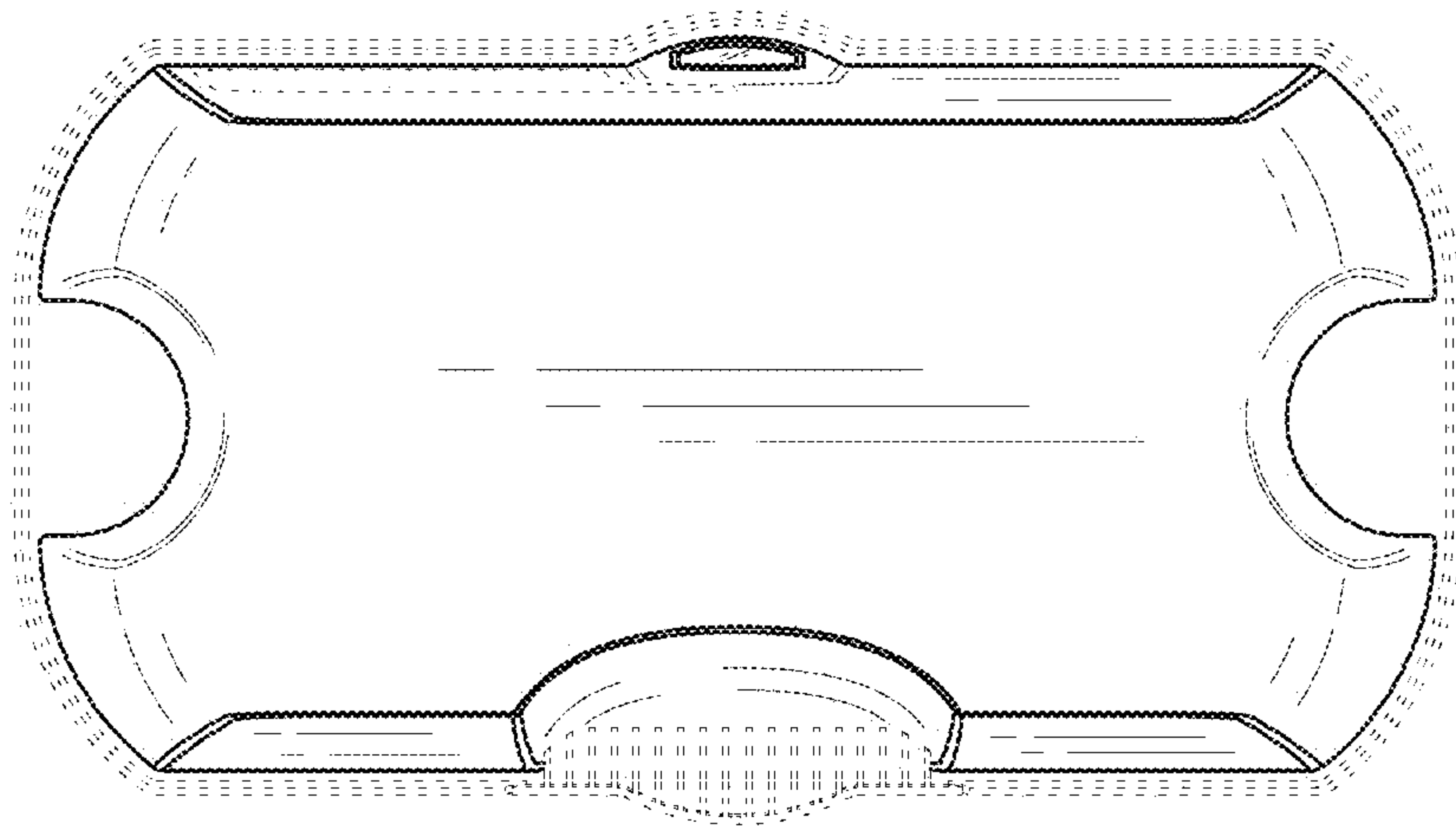


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