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[54] VACUUM CLEANER BASE

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[57] **CLAIM**

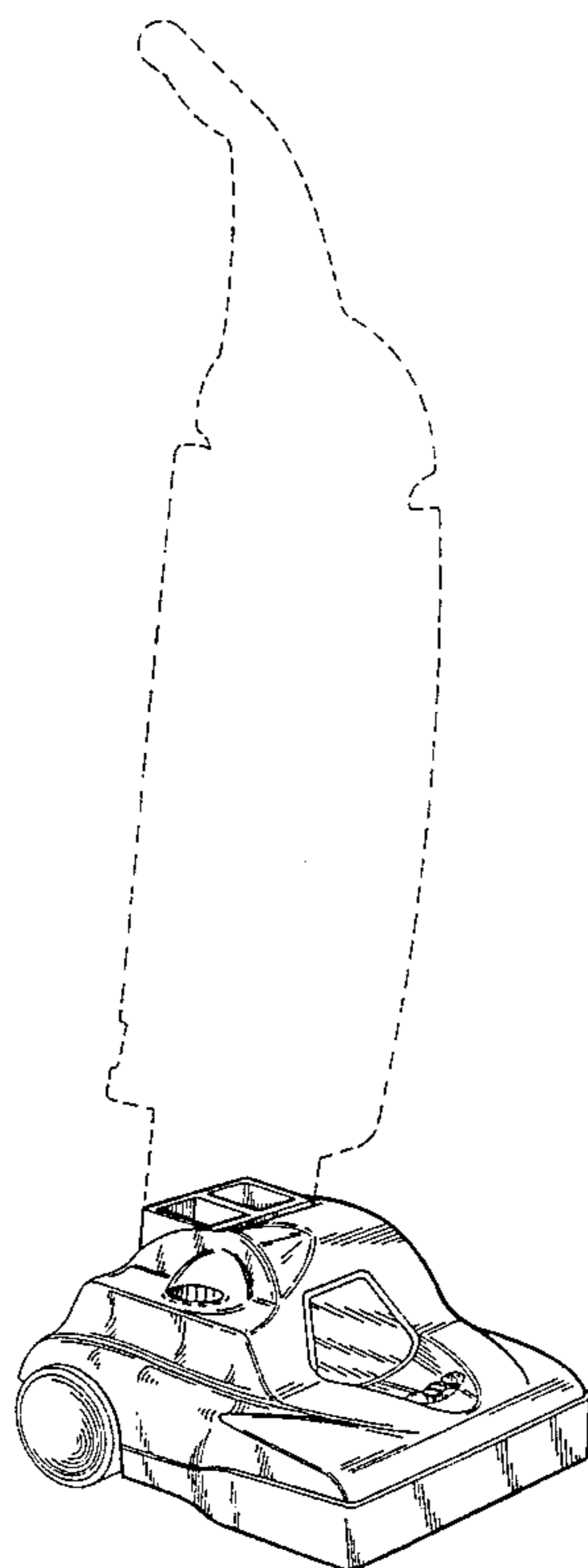
The ornamental design for a vacuum cleaner base, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a vacuum cleaner base which embodies our design; FIG. 2 is a left side view thereof; FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof; FIG. 5 is a back elevational view thereof; FIG. 6 is a top view thereof; and, FIG. 7 is a bottom view thereof.

The portion of the vacuum cleaner shown in broken lines in FIGS. 1-5 is shown for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



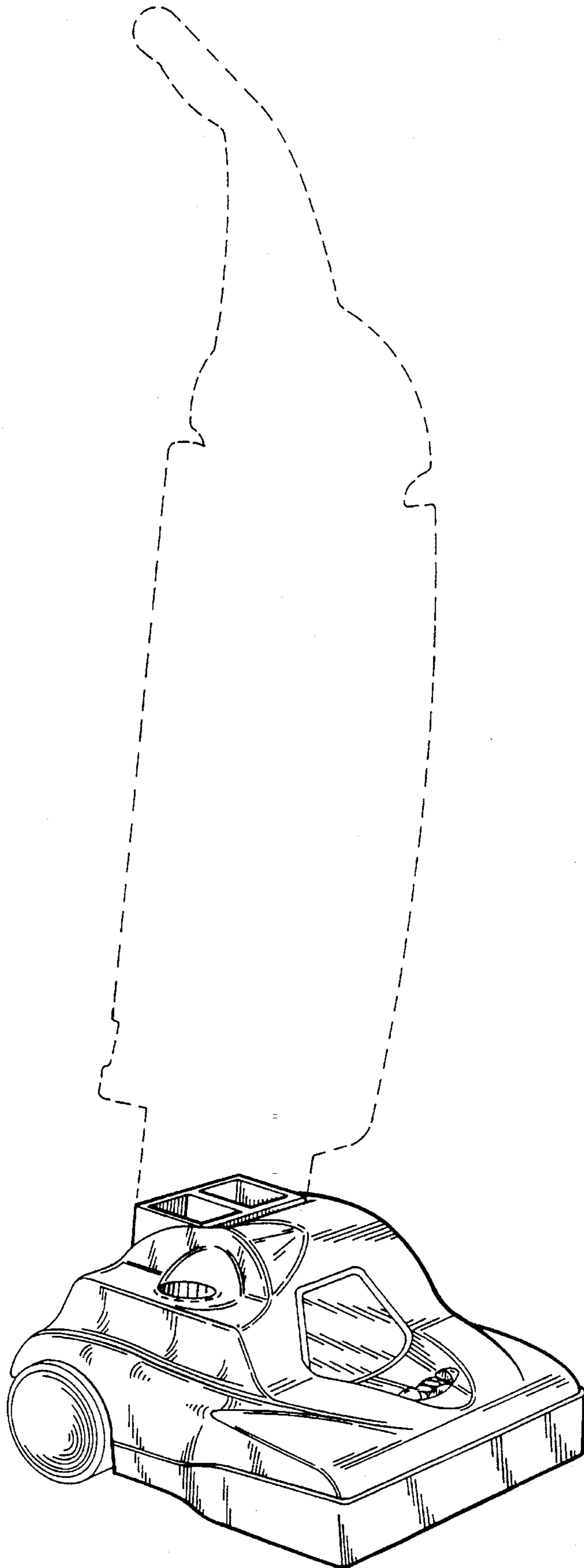


Fig. 1

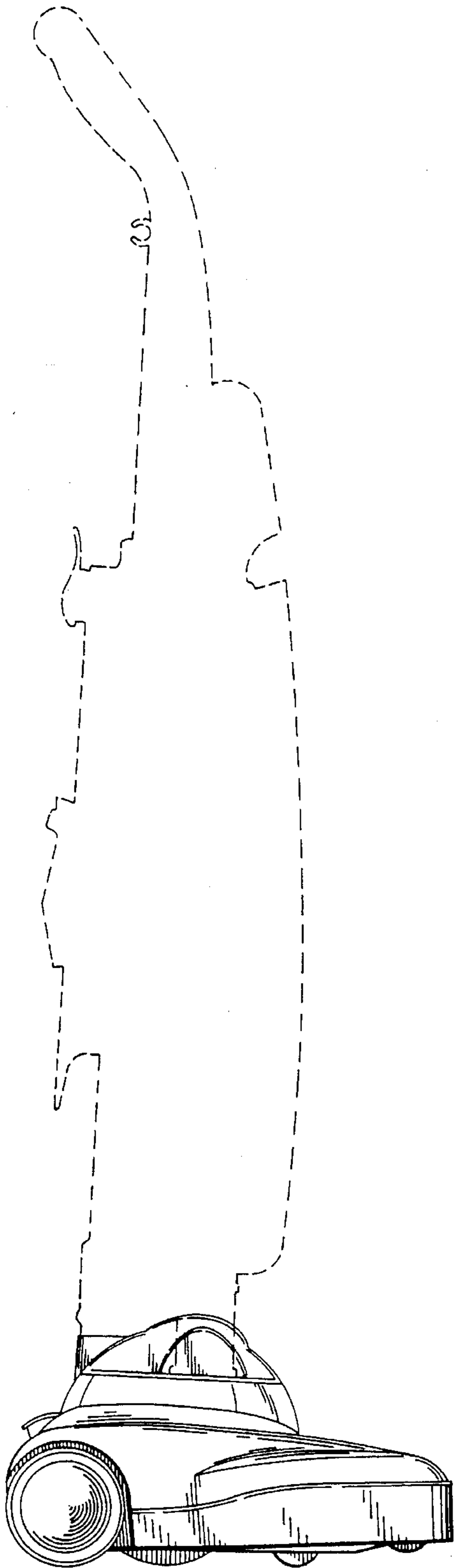


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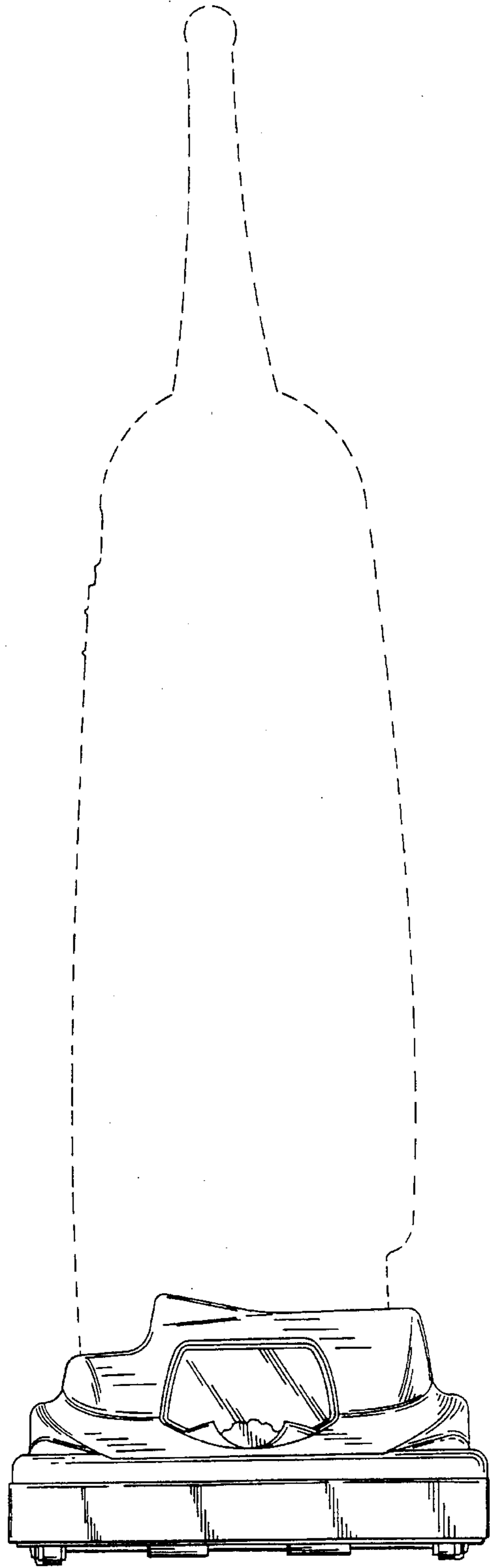


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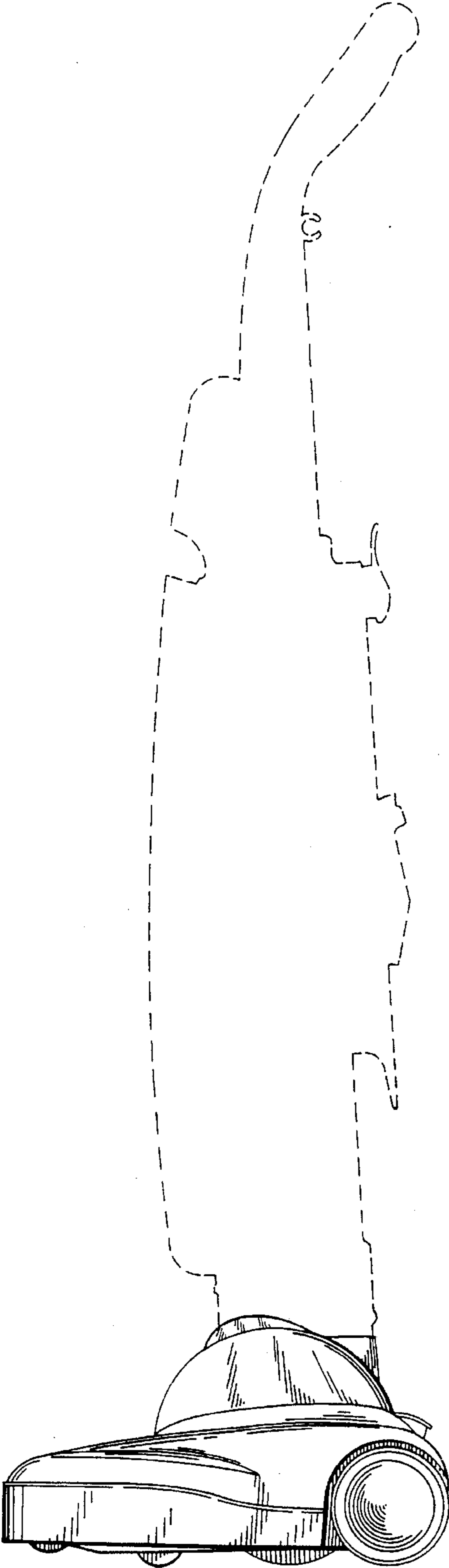


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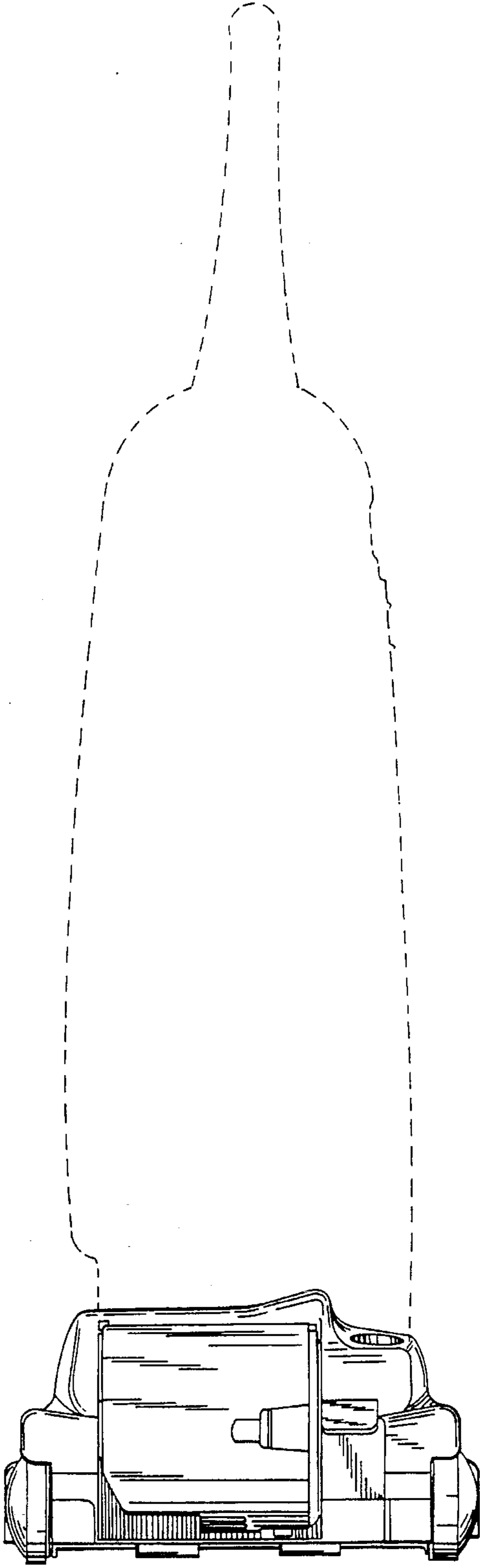


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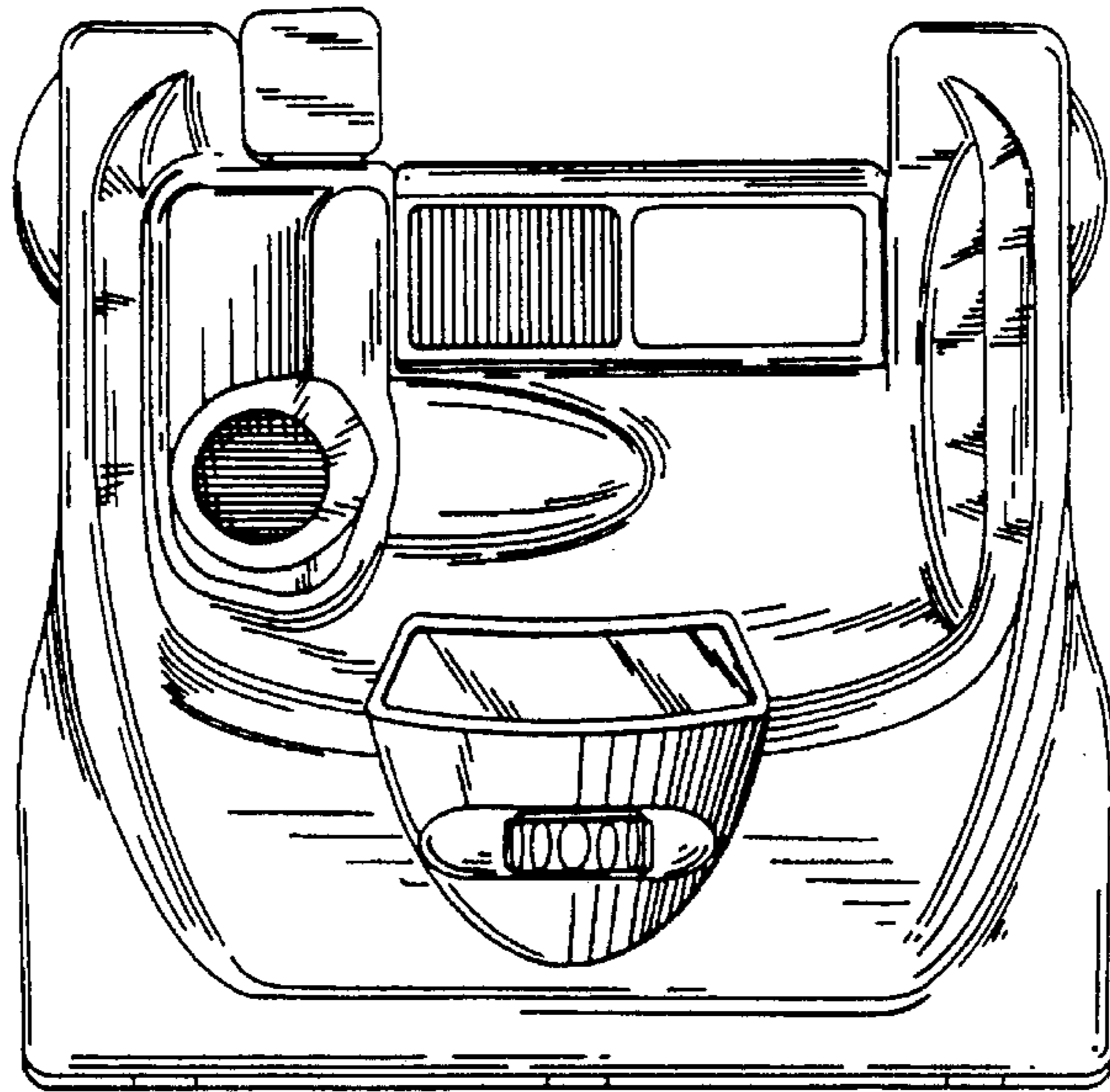


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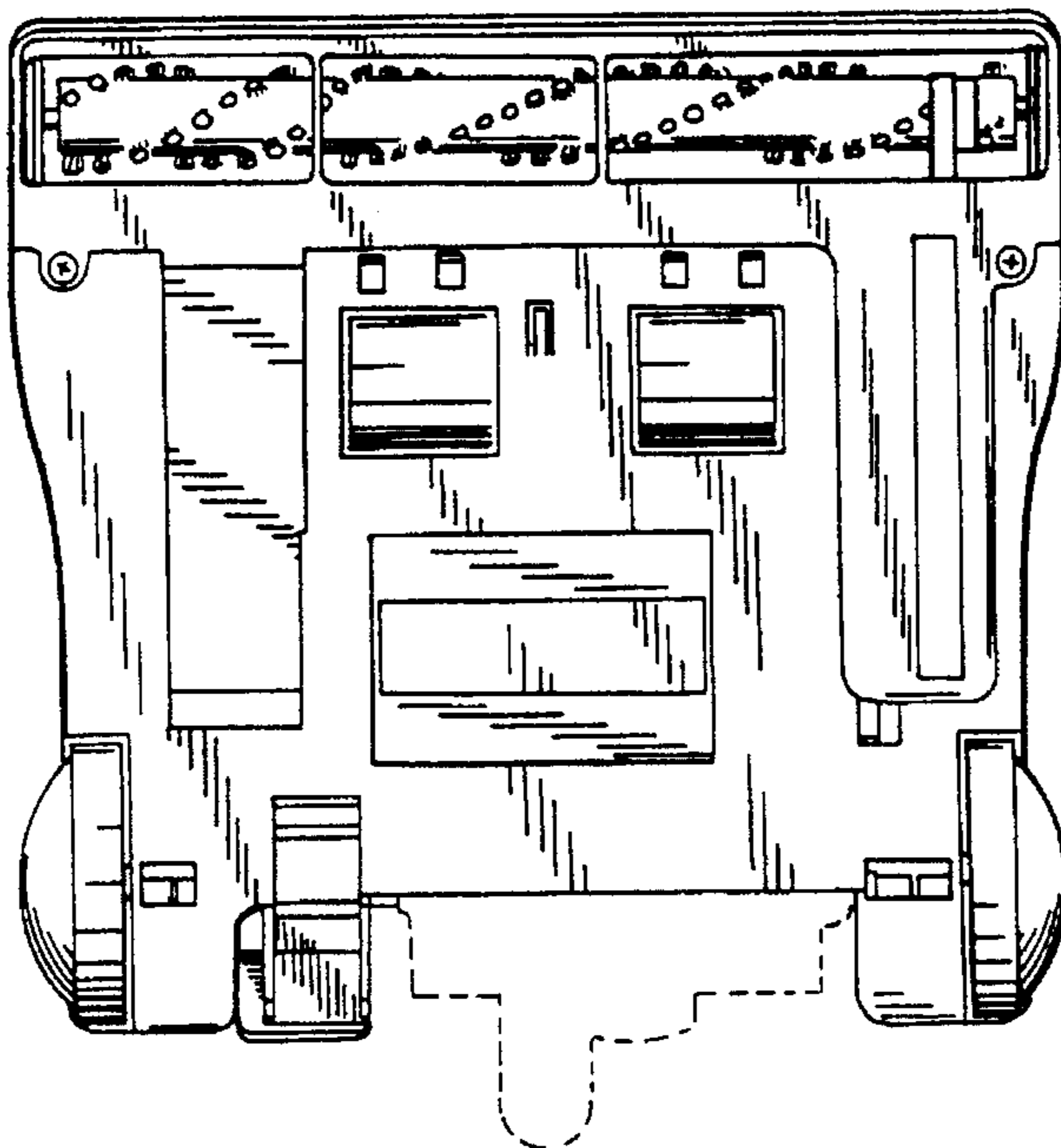


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