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[54] RUNNING BOARD

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### [57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a running board, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view from in front and right showing a first embodiment of my running board, with a vehicle shown in phantom to illustrate the environment thereof and making no element of the claim therefor;

FIG. 2 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a front side view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a back side view thereof, normally hidden from view when the running board is installed on the vehicle as illustrated in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is a left view thereof, with a right side of the vehicle shown in phantom line for orientation and to illustrate the environment thereof;

FIG. 7 is a right view thereof, with a right side of the vehicle shown in phantom line for orientation and to illustrate the environment thereof;

FIG. 8 is a perspective view from in front and right showing a second embodiment of my running board, with a vehicle shown in phantom to illustrate the environment thereof and making no element of the claim therefor;

FIG. 9 is a top view of FIG. 8;

FIG. 10 is a bottom view of FIG. 8;

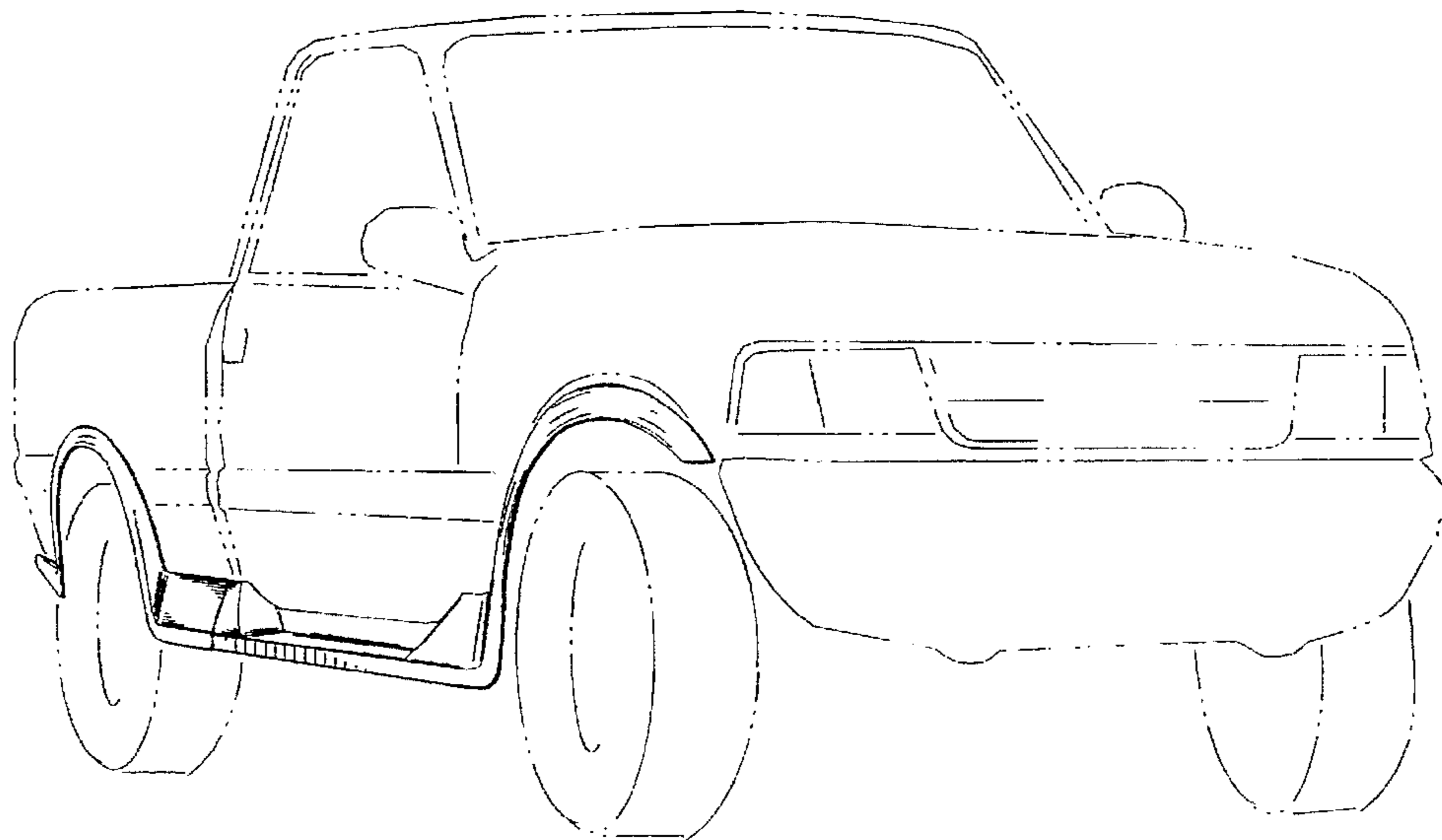
FIG. 11 is a front side view of FIG. 8;

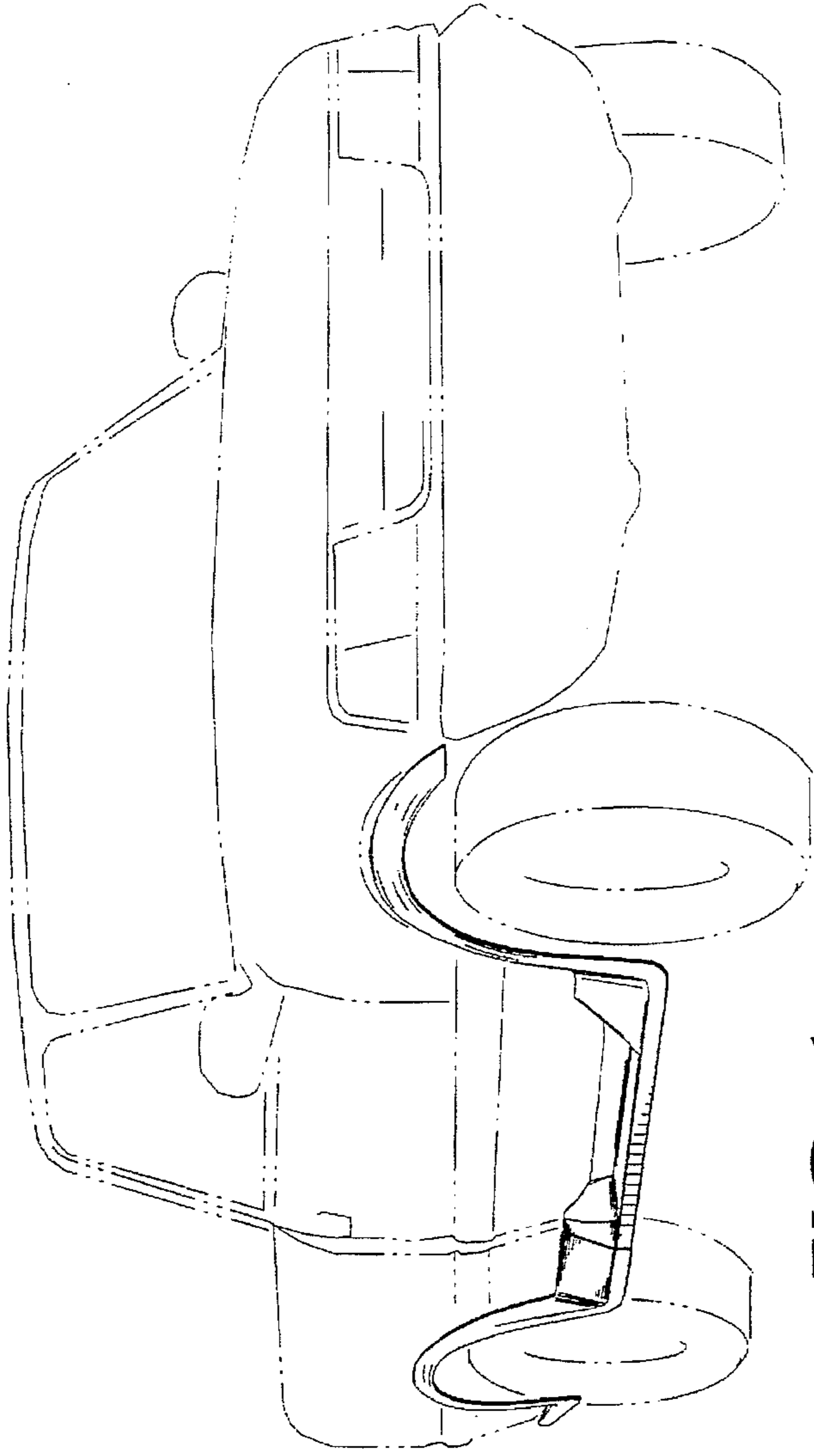
FIG. 12 is a back side view thereof, normally hidden from view when the running board is installed on a vehicle as illustrated in FIG. 8;

FIG. 13 is a left view thereof, with a right side of the vehicle shown in phantom line for orientation and to illustrate the environment of FIG. 8; and,

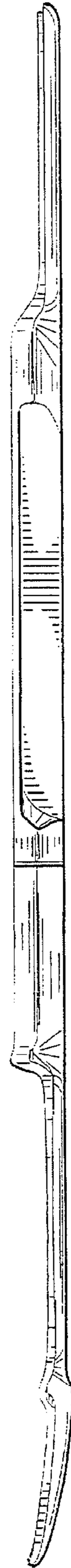
FIG. 14 is a right view thereof, with a right side of the vehicle shown in phantom line for orientation and to illustrate the environment of FIG. 8.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets





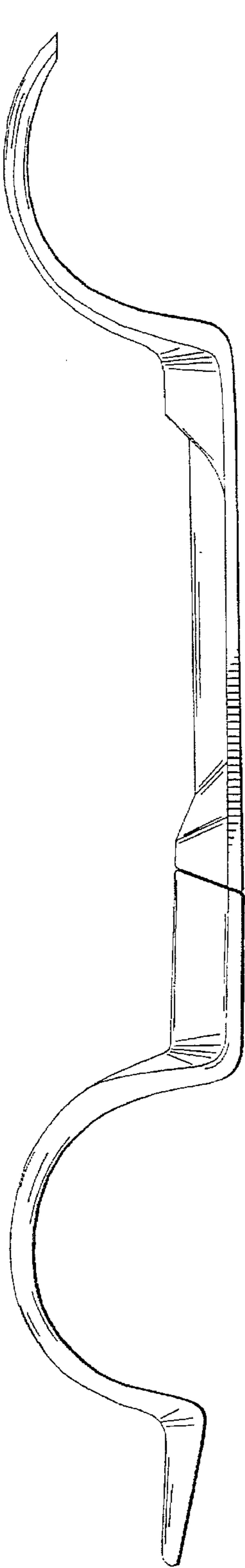
**FIG 1**



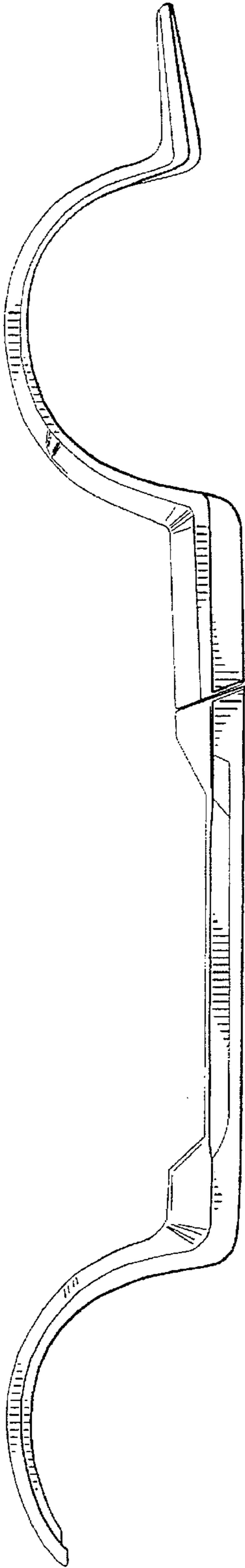
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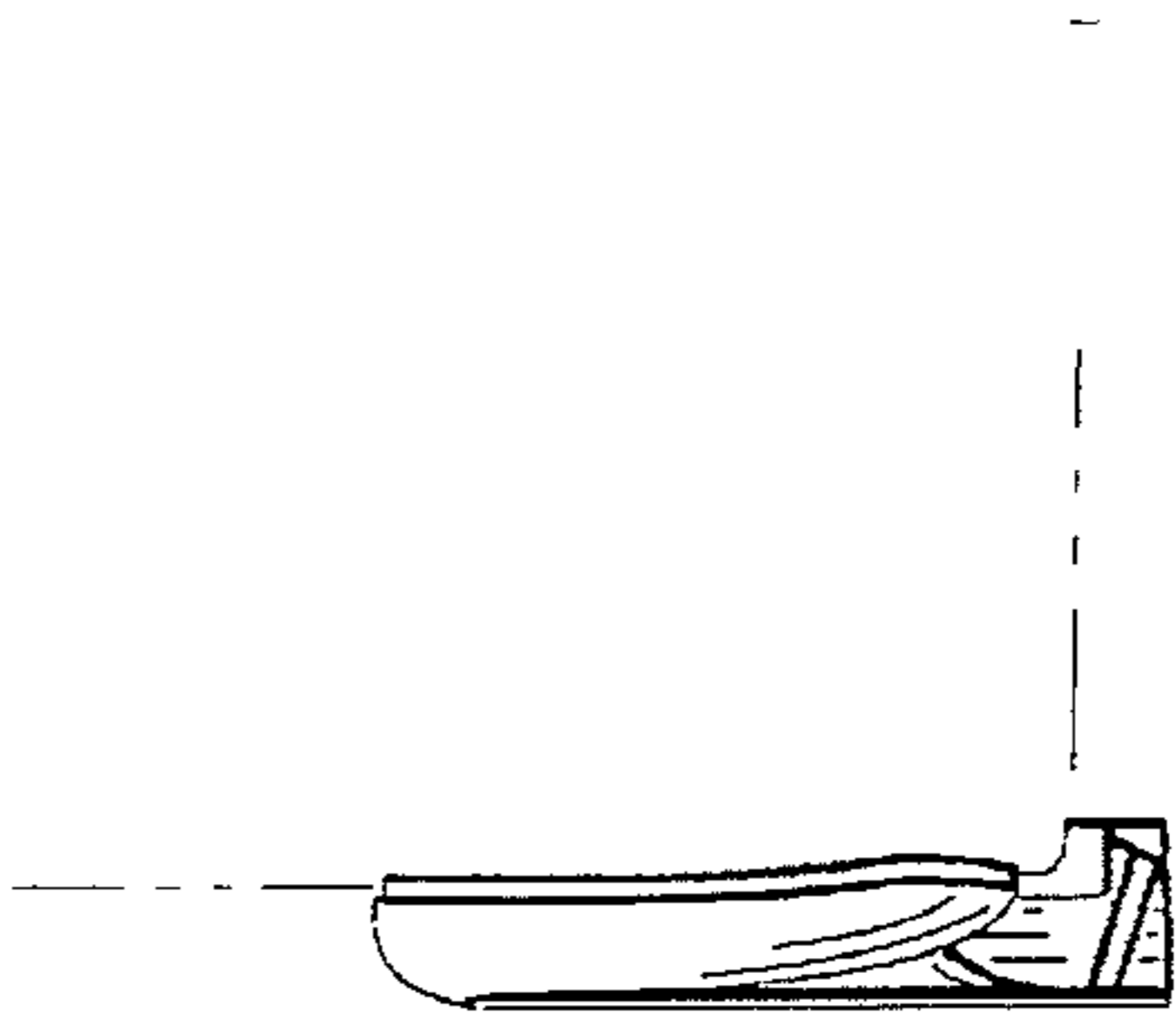
**FIG 3**



**FIG 4**



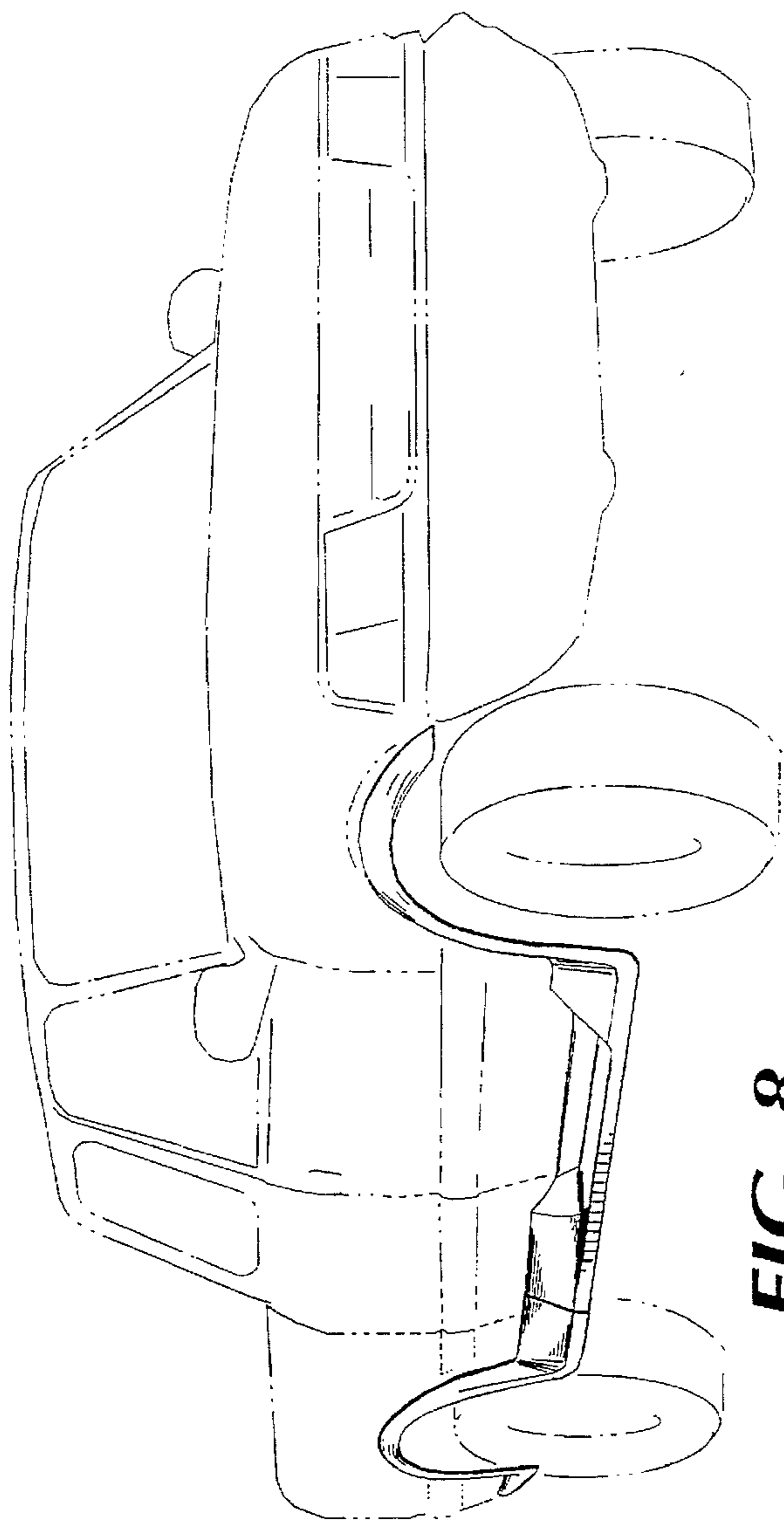
**FIG 5**



**FIG 6**



**FIG 7**



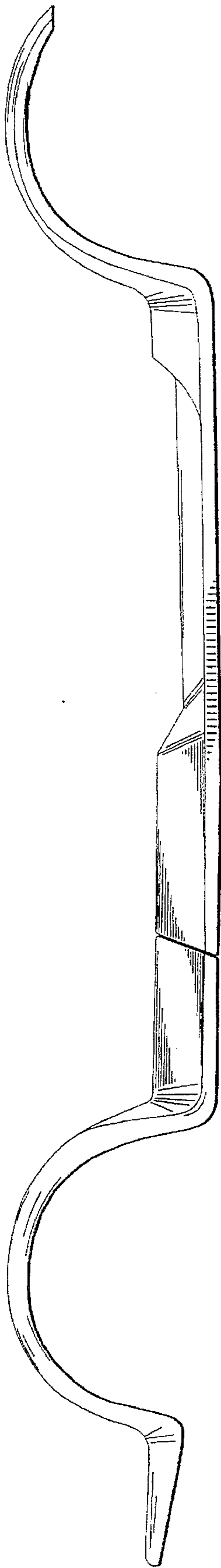
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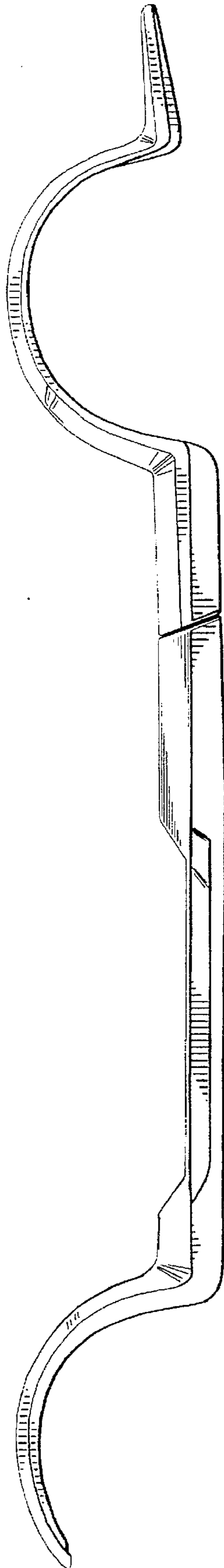
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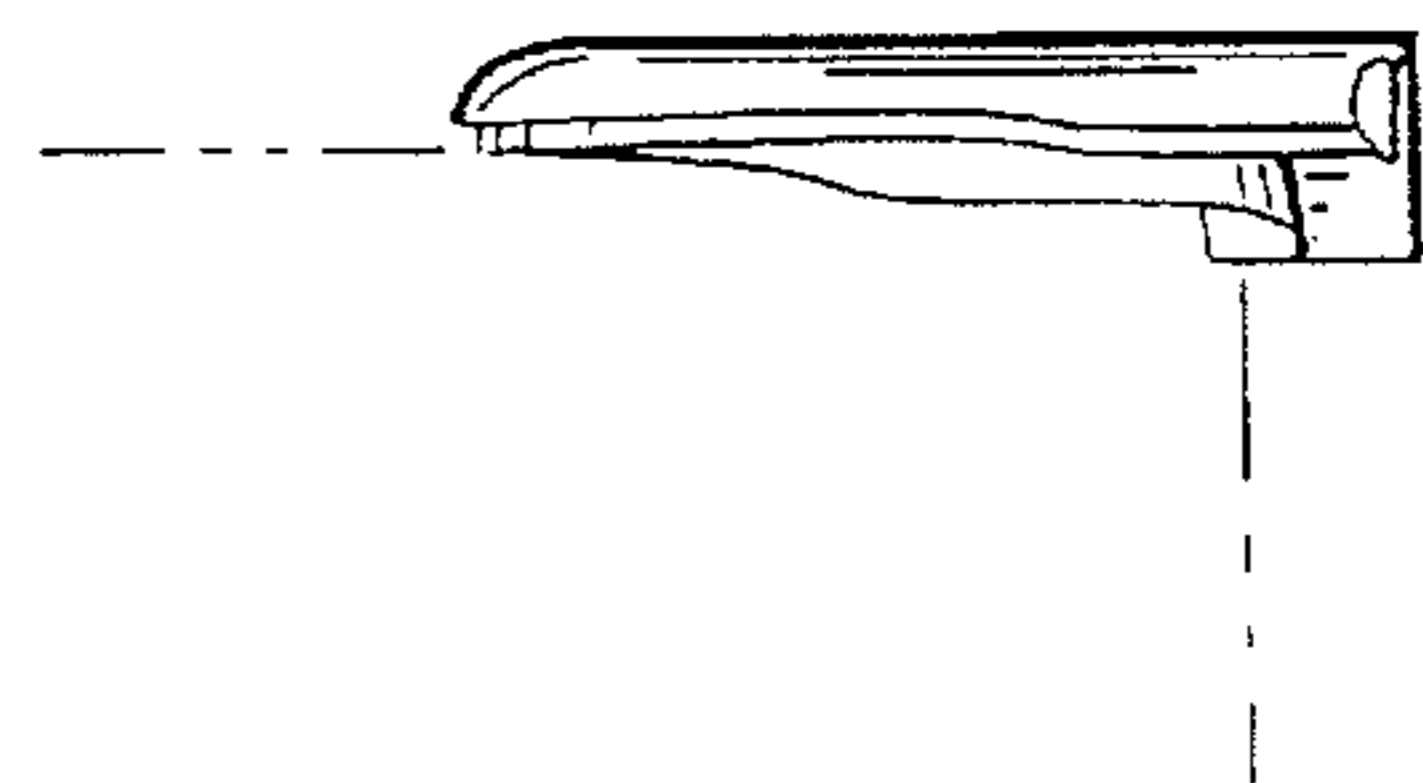
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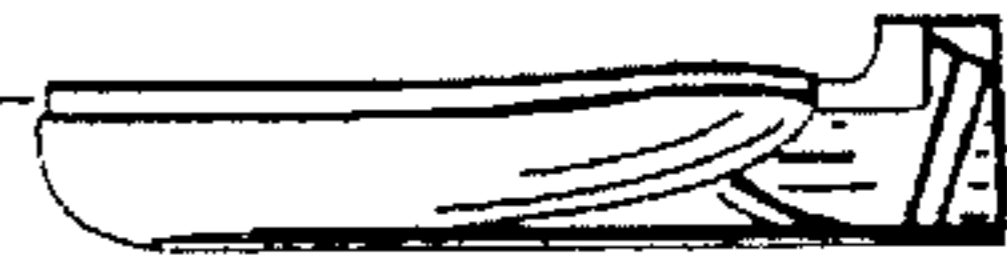
**FIG 11**



**FIG 12**



**FIG 13**



**FIG 14**