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[54] **HEARING AID**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hearing aid, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a hearing aid showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,  
FIG. 7 is a side elevational view thereof, the broken line showing of an adaptor is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**

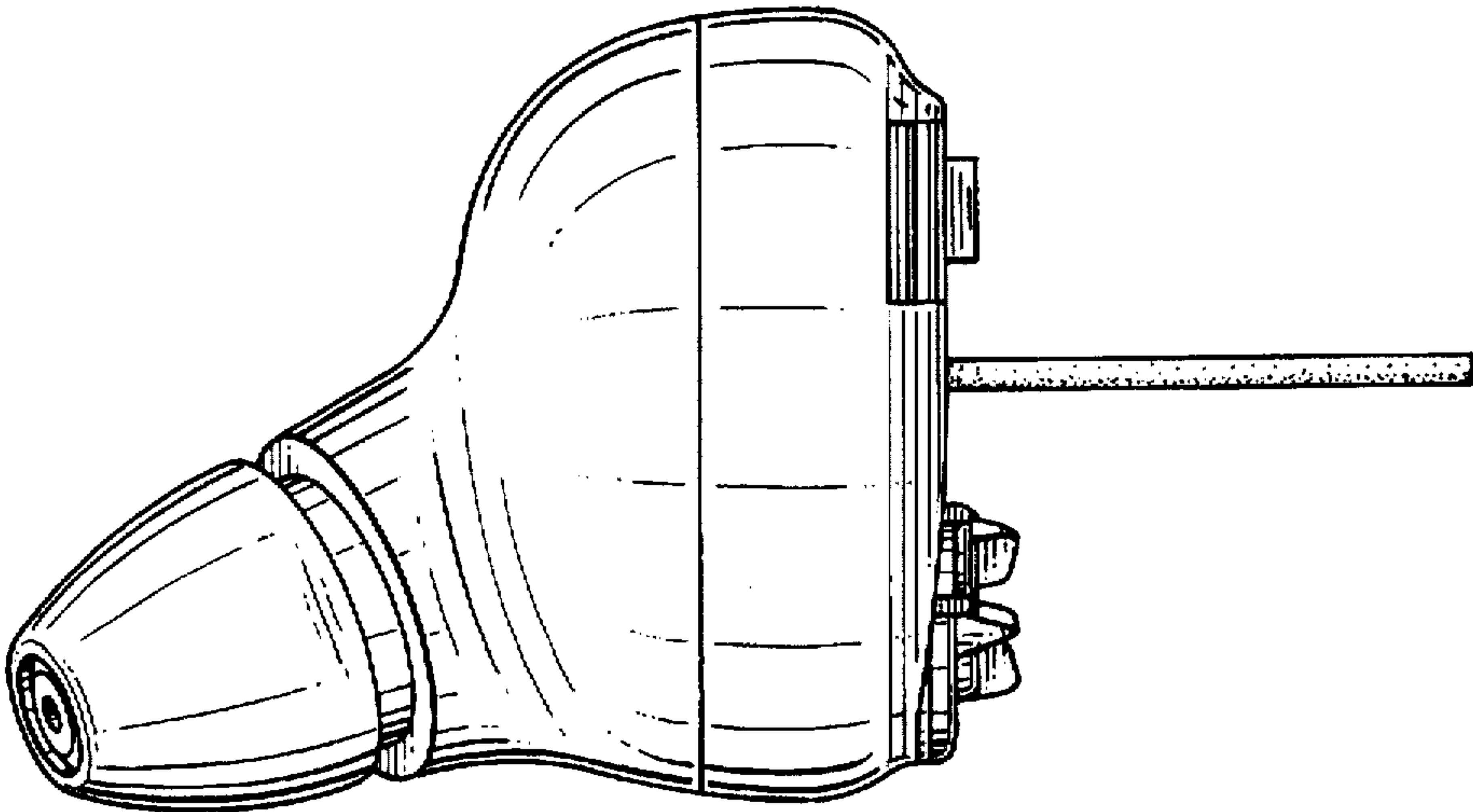


FIG. 1

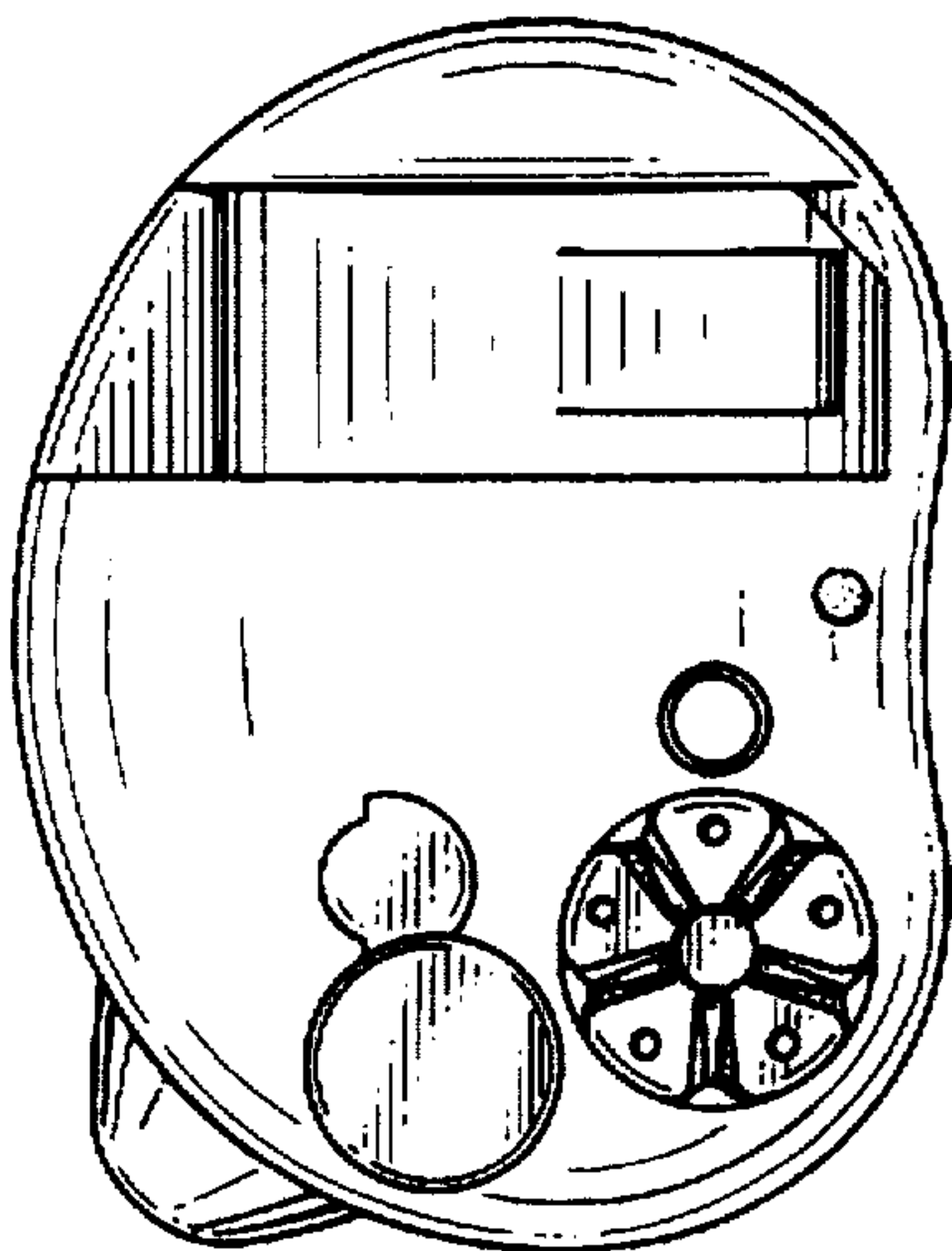


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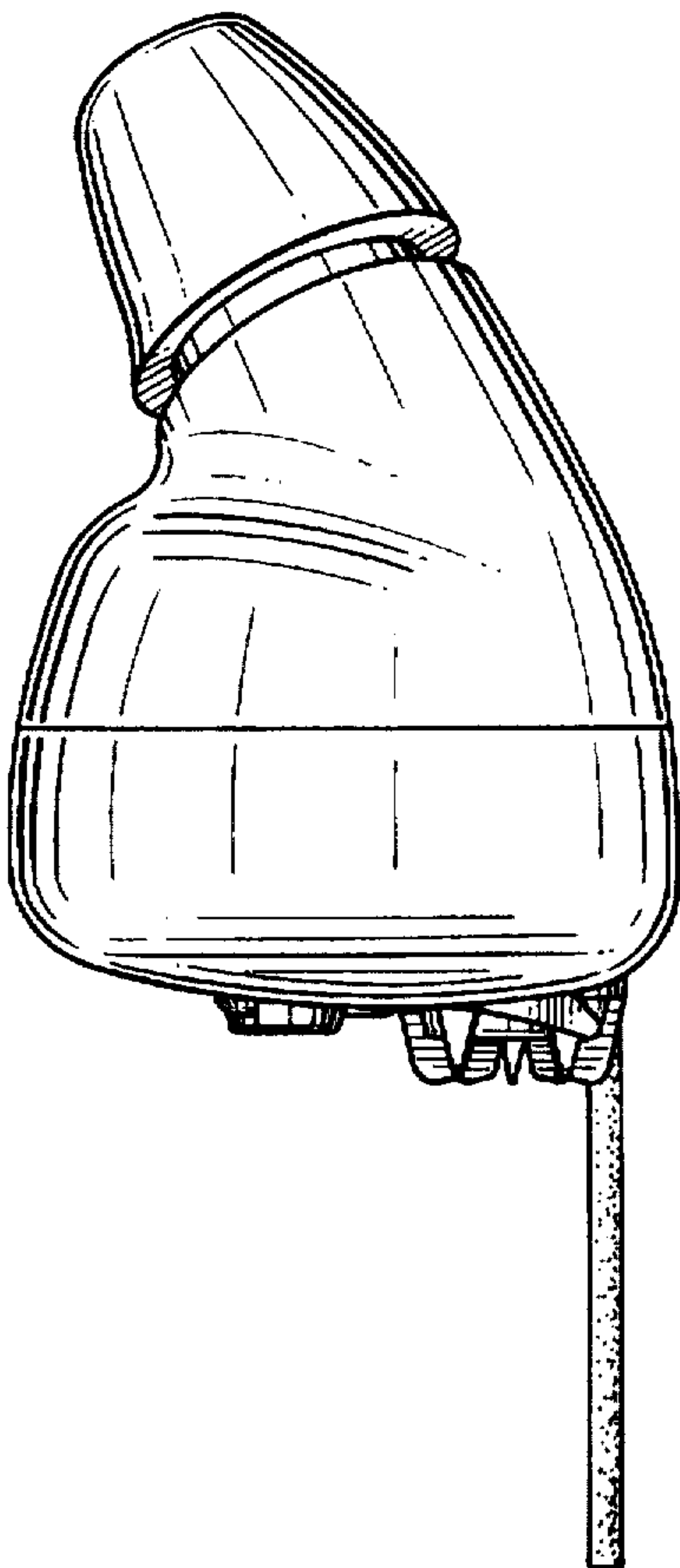


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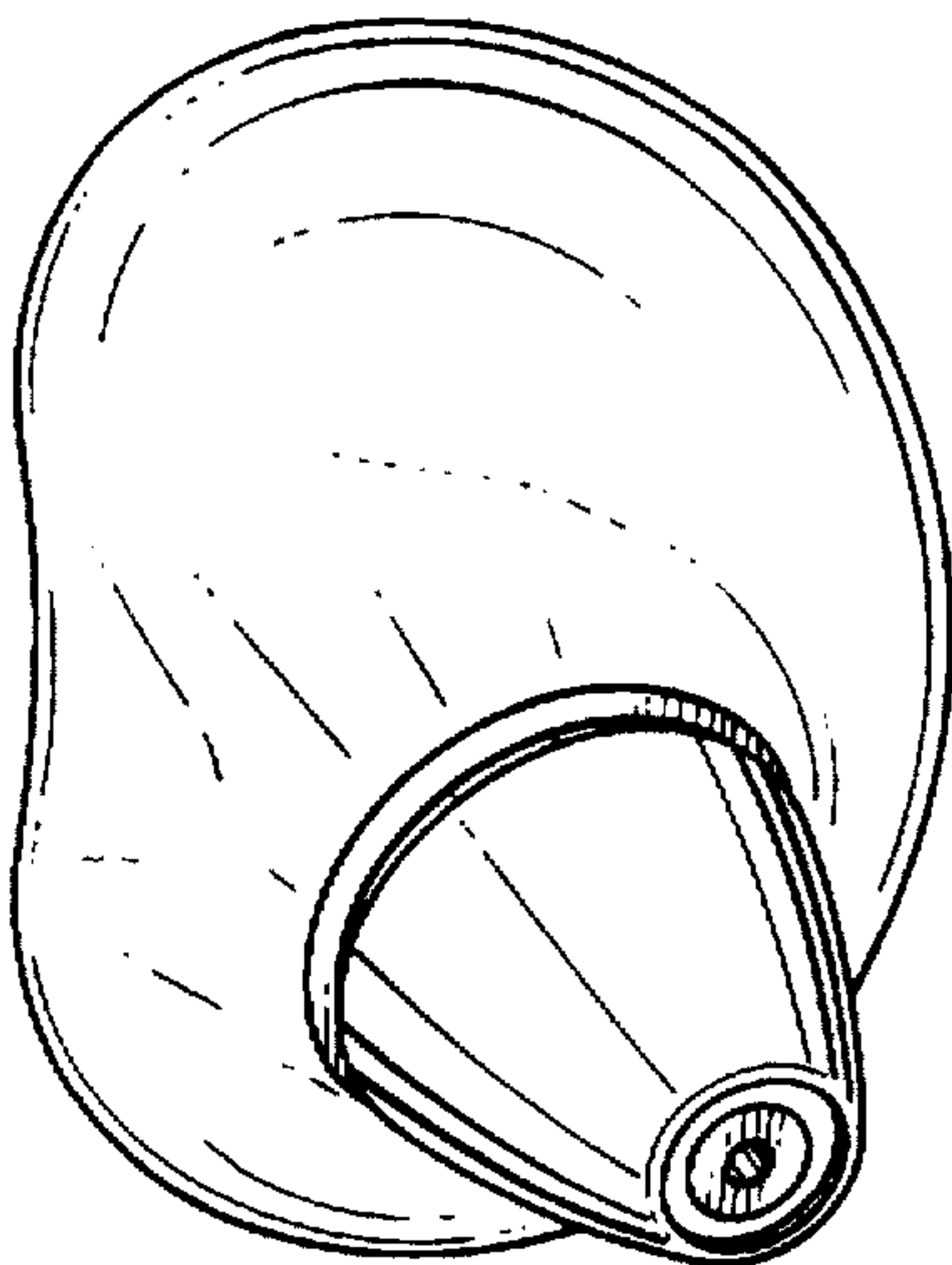


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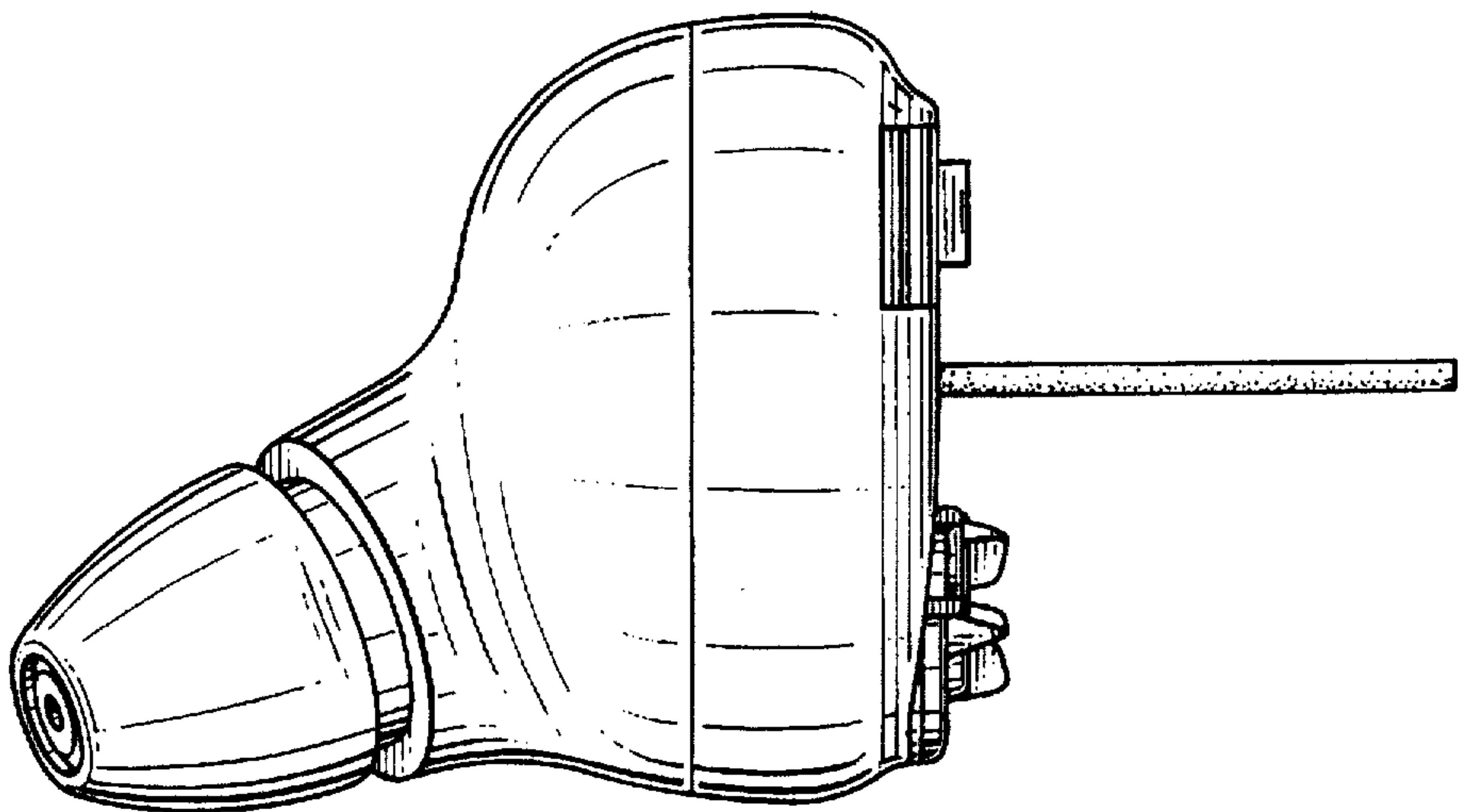


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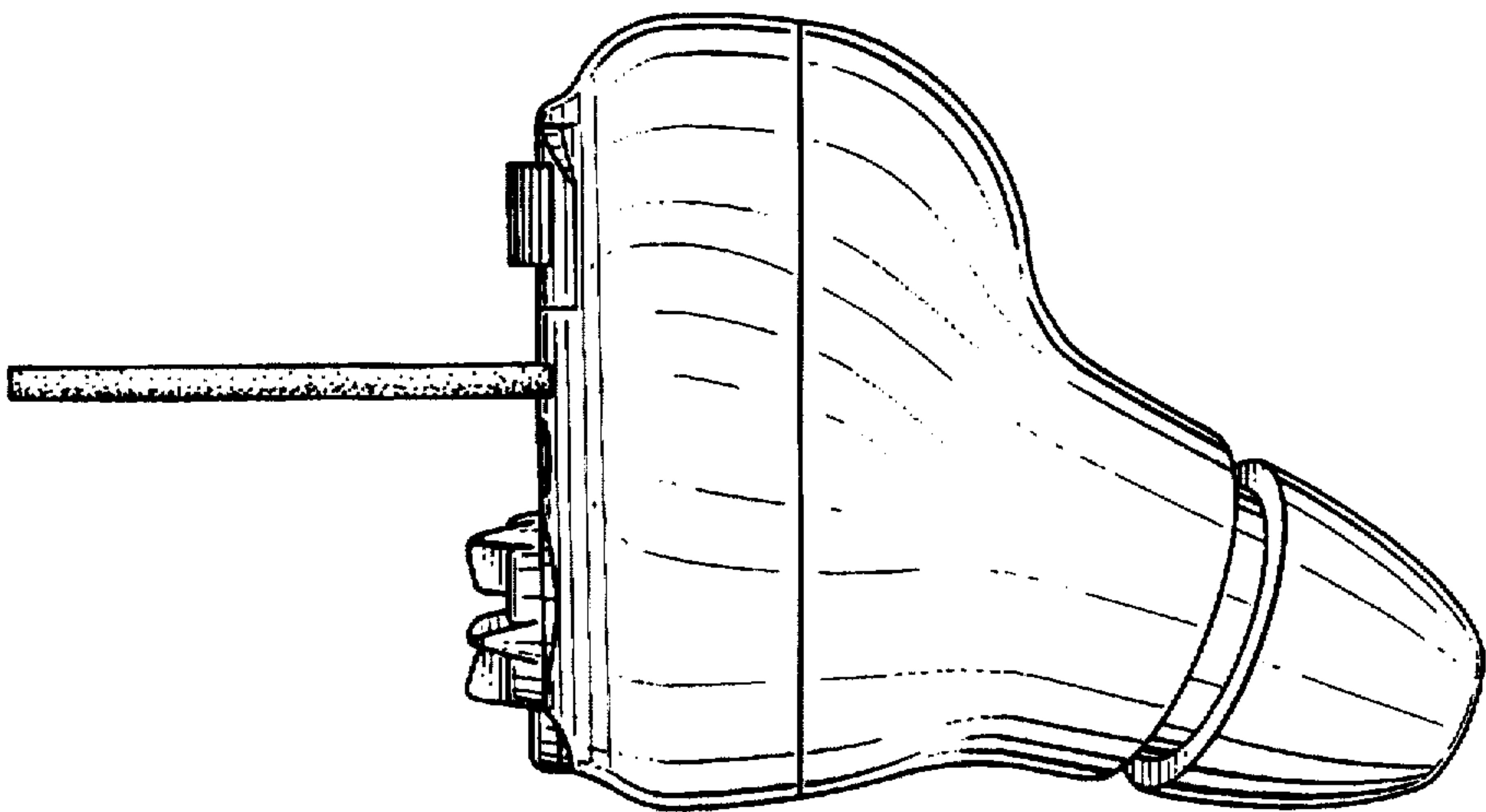


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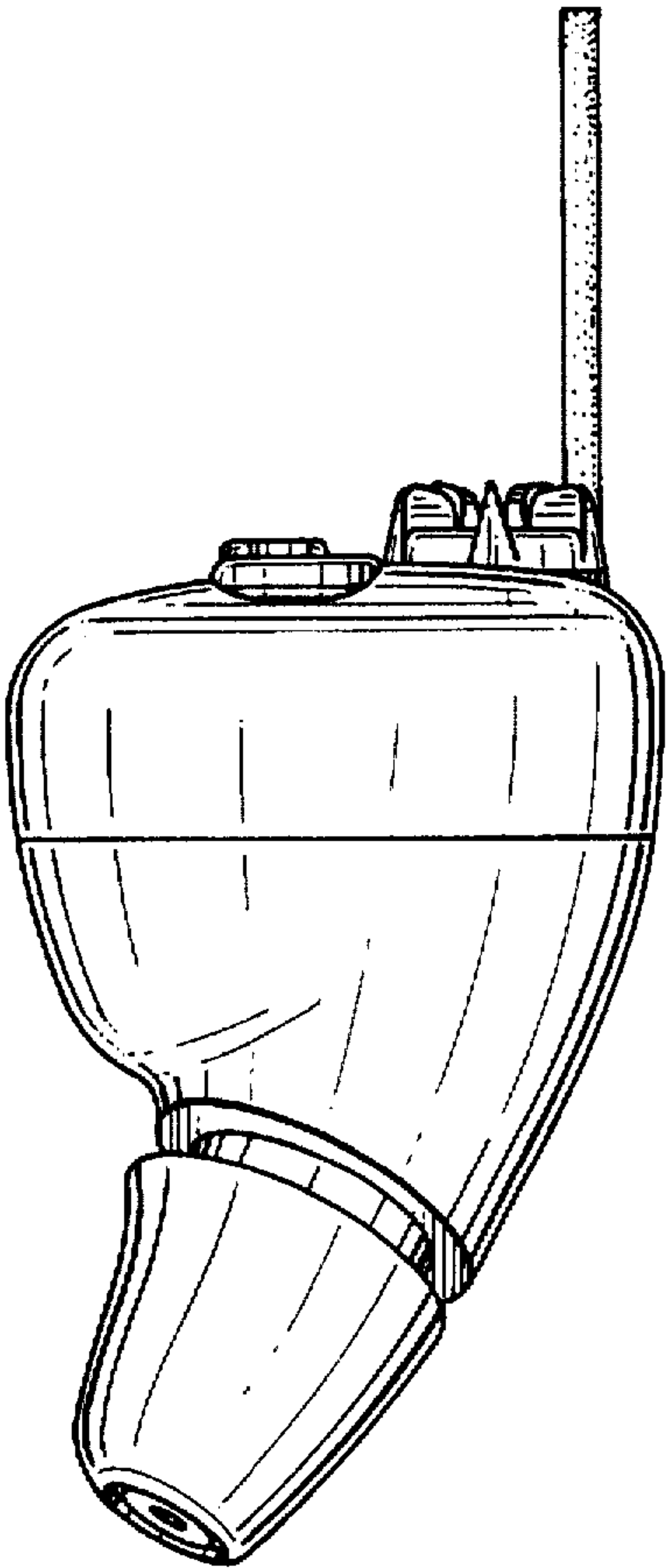


FIG. 7

