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[54] **CENTER PORTION OF A VEHICLE INSTRUMENT PANEL**

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The ornamental design for a center portion of a vehicle instrument panel, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a center portion of a vehicle instrument panel according to our novel design; and, FIG. 2 is a reduced right front perspective view thereof, the undisclosed left side of the panel is a mirror image of the right side with the exception of the centrally located sloping horizontal guide opening whose left side view is not a mirror image of the right side view, according to our novel design. The dashed line illustrations are for purposes of showing the environment and are not part of the claimed design. The positions depicted for the moveable components of the design constitute one demonstrative embodiment of a center portion of a vehicle instrument panel.

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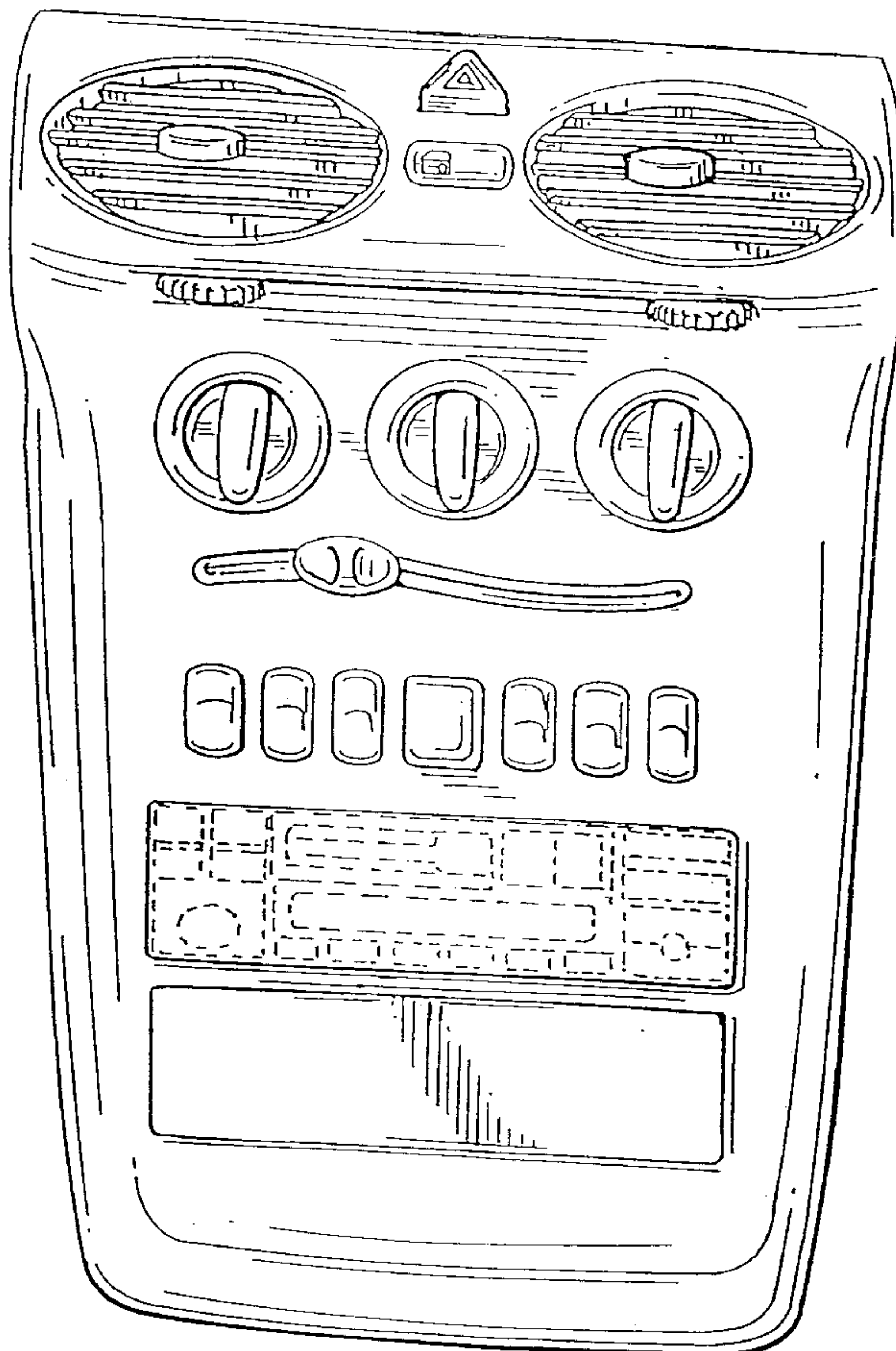
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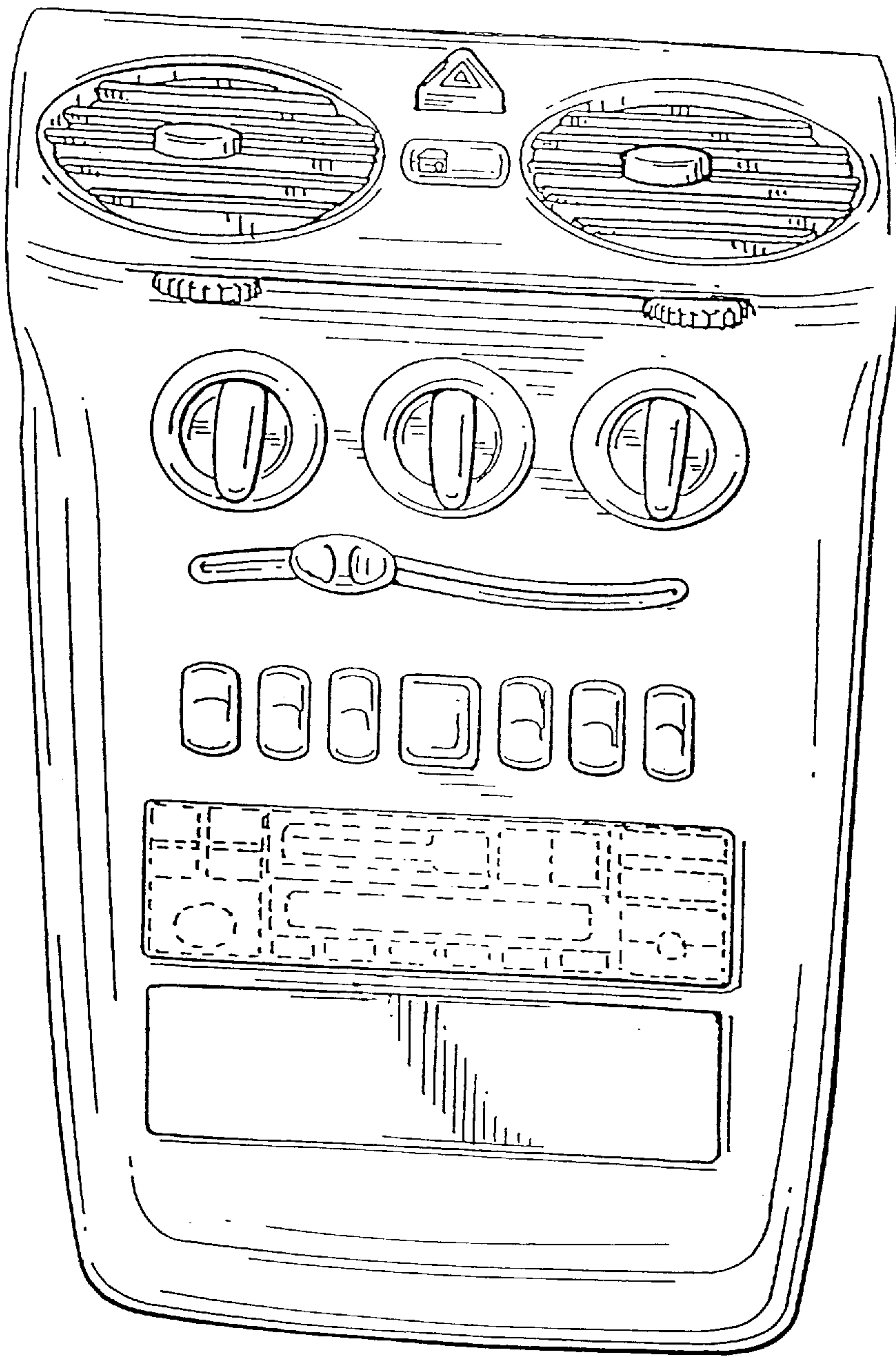


FIG. 1

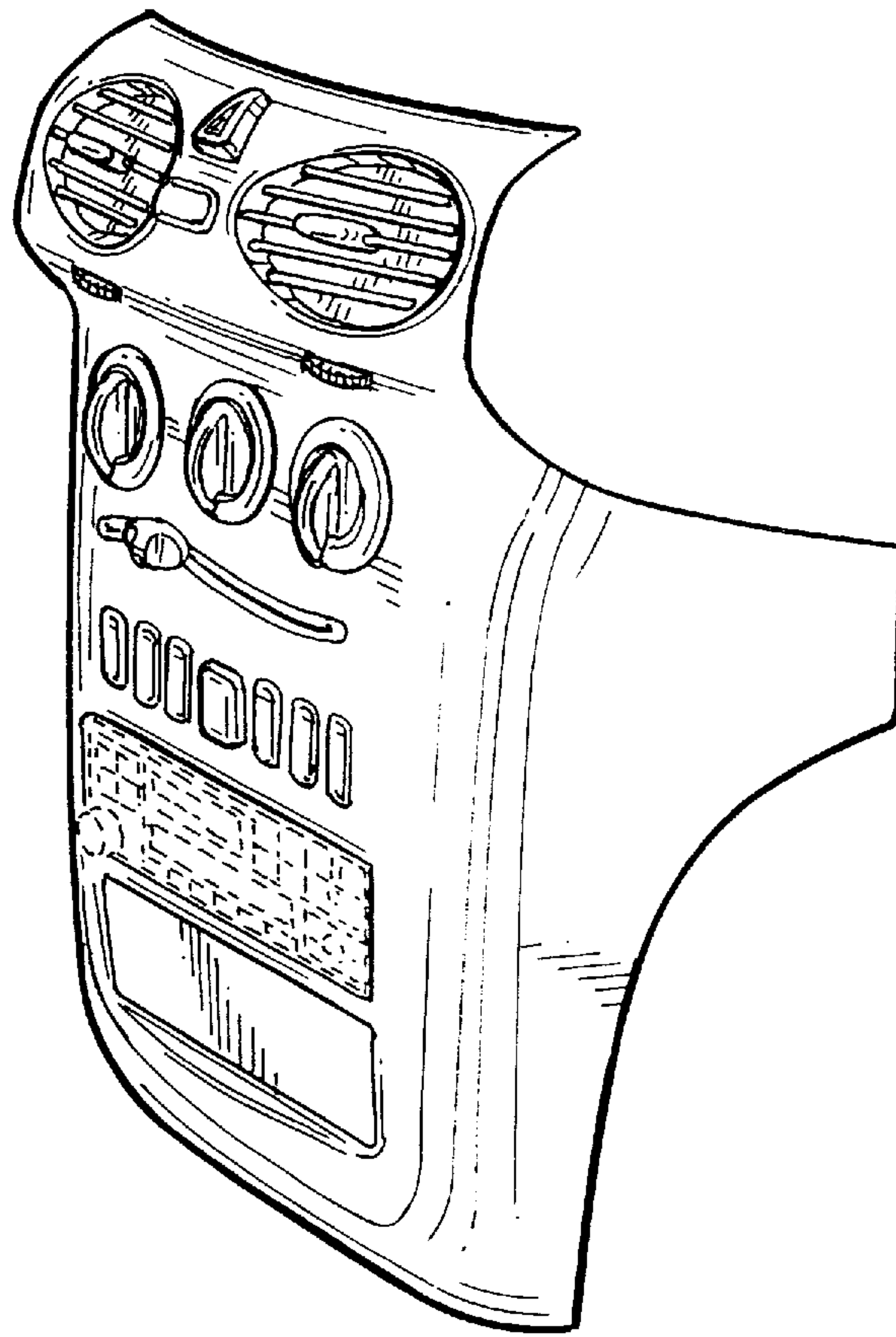


FIG. 2