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[54] STORAGE CONTAINER

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### CLAIM

The ornamental design for a storage container, as shown and described.

### DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top front perspective view of a storage container showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

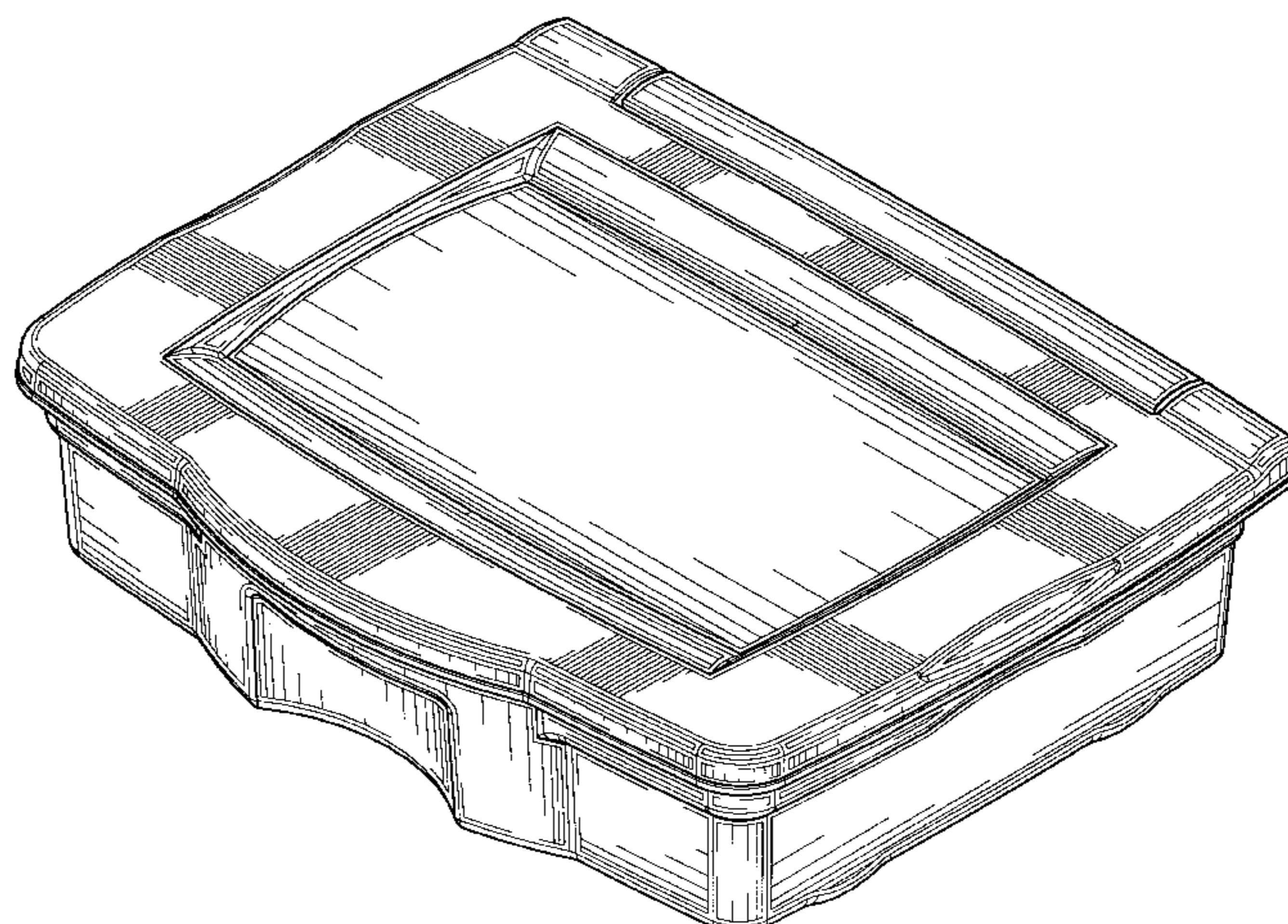
FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof; the left side elevational view being a mirror image; and,

FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof.

The bottom of the storage container forms no part of the claimed design.

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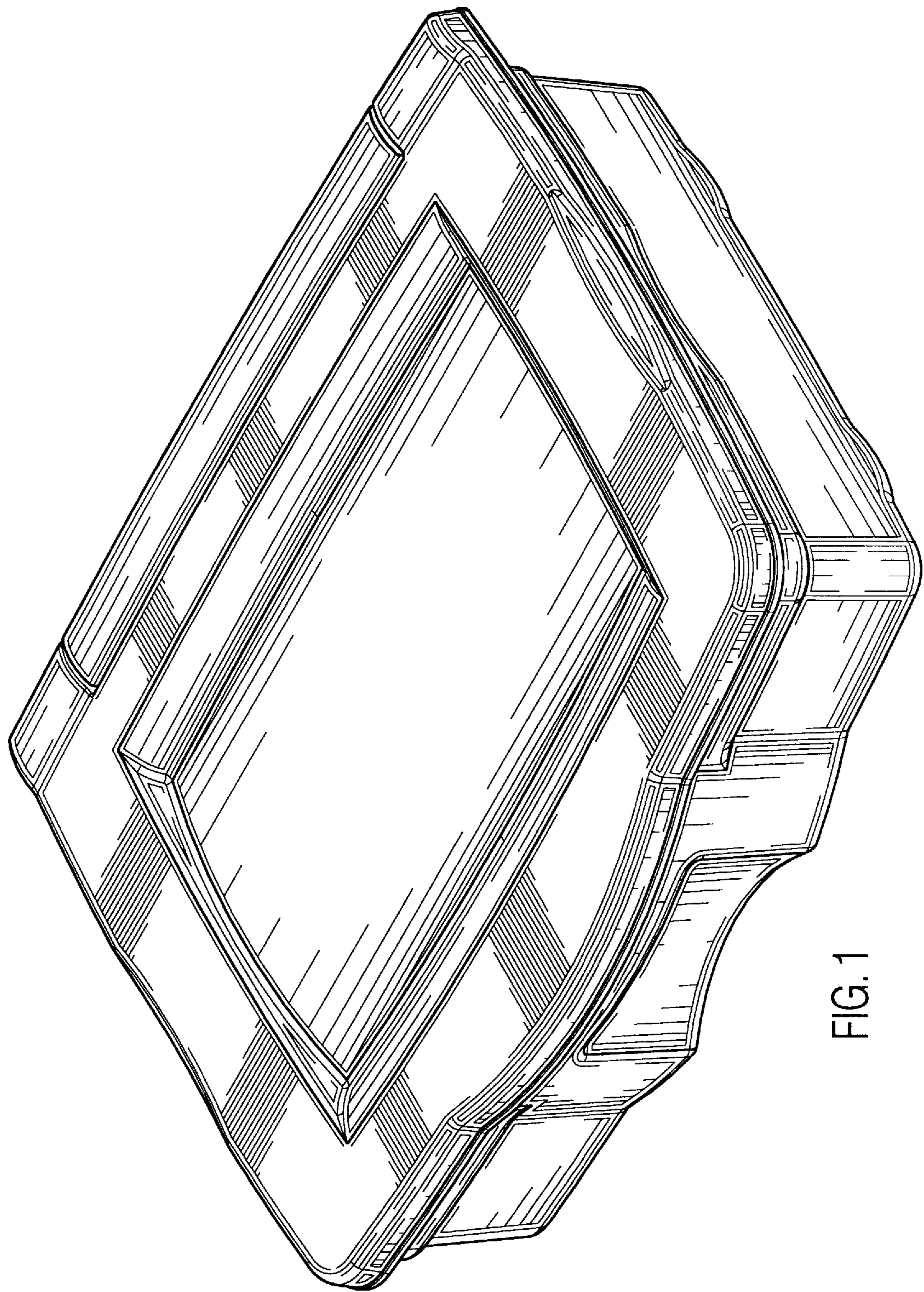
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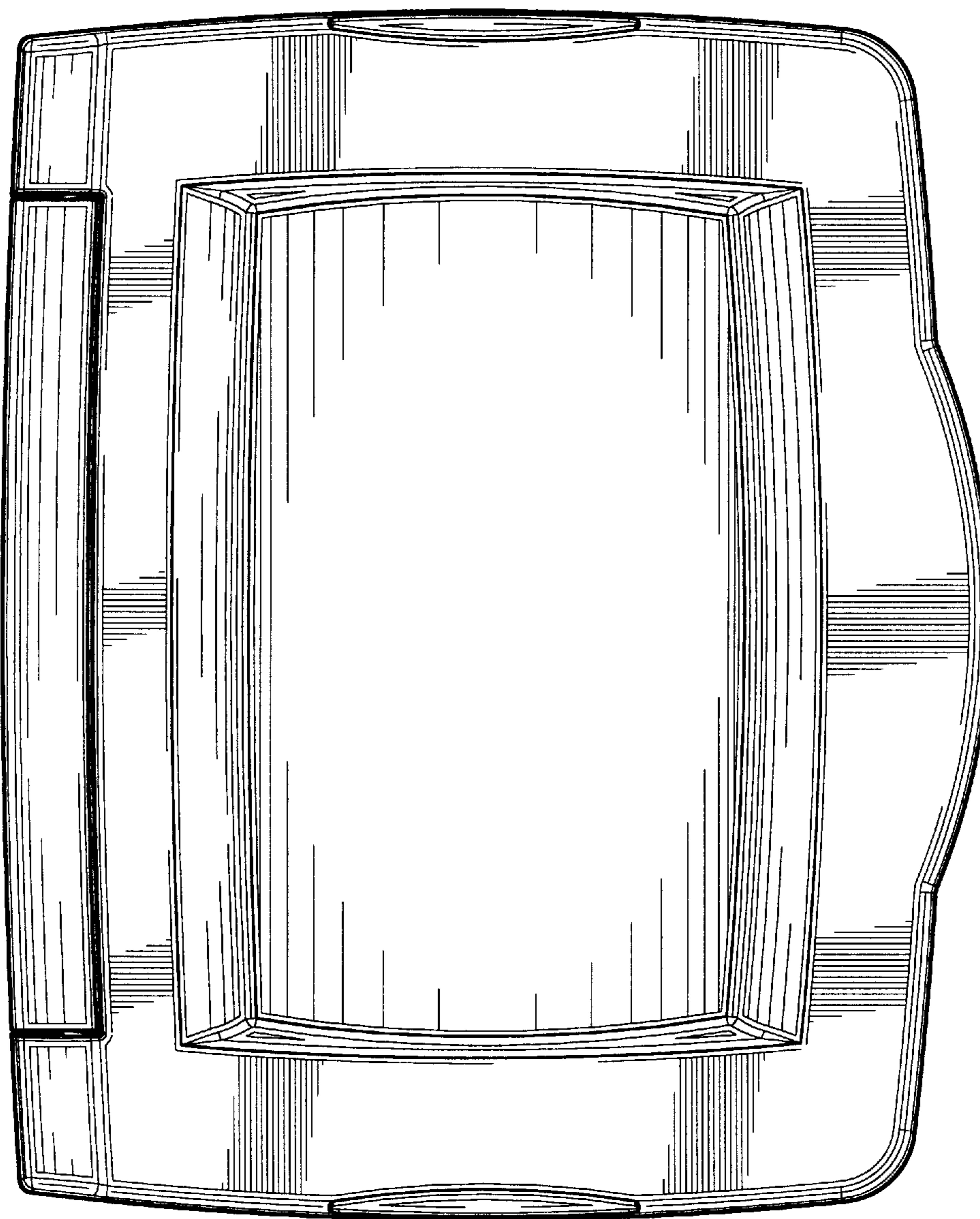
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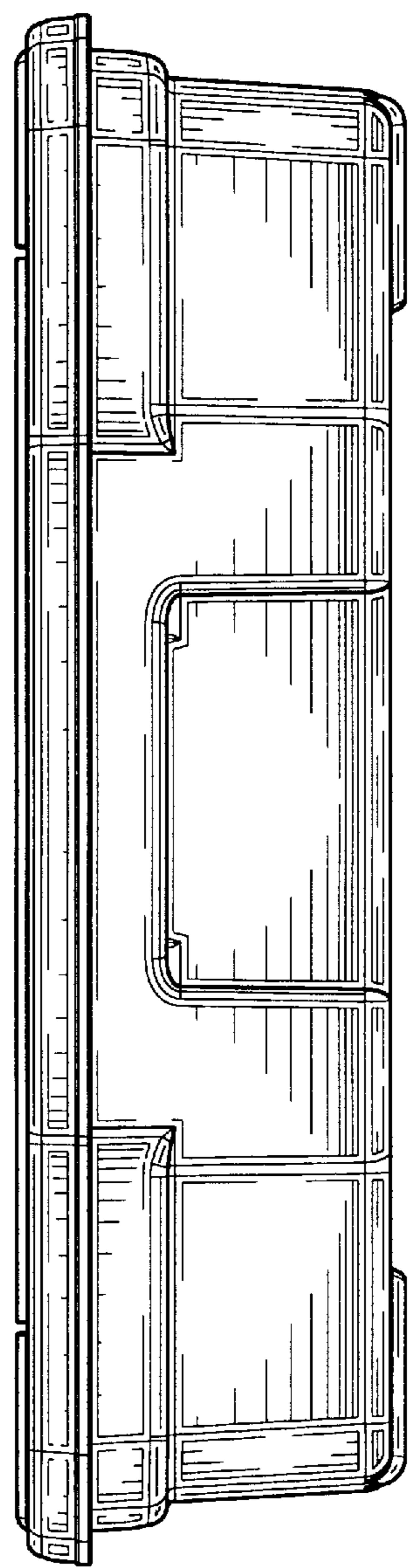
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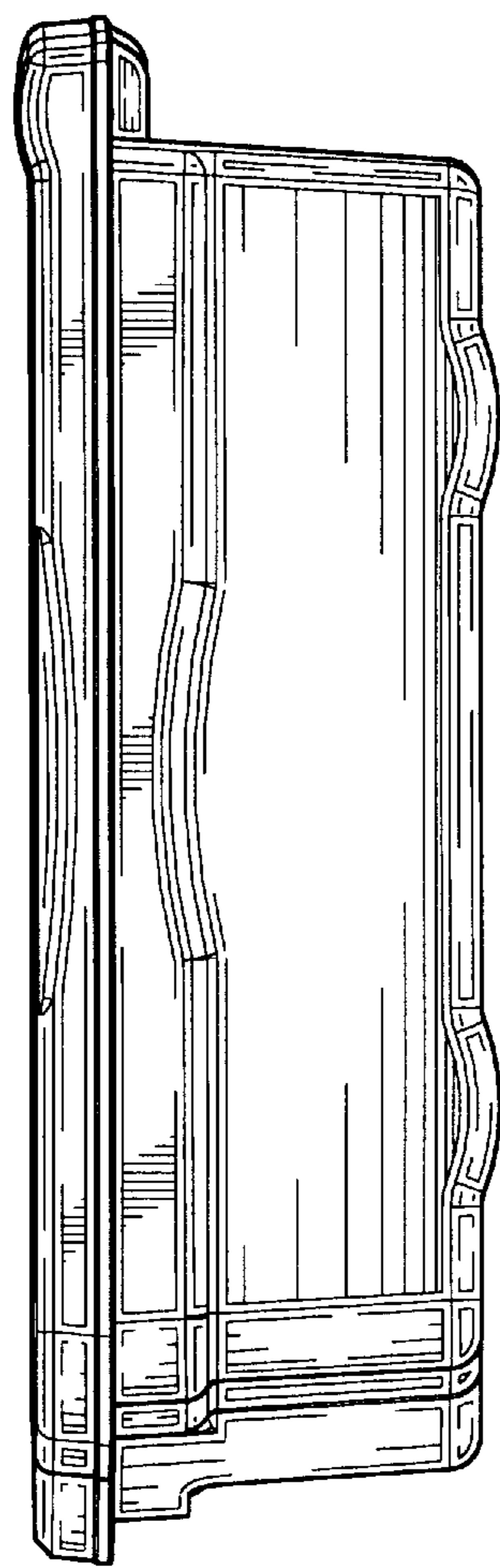
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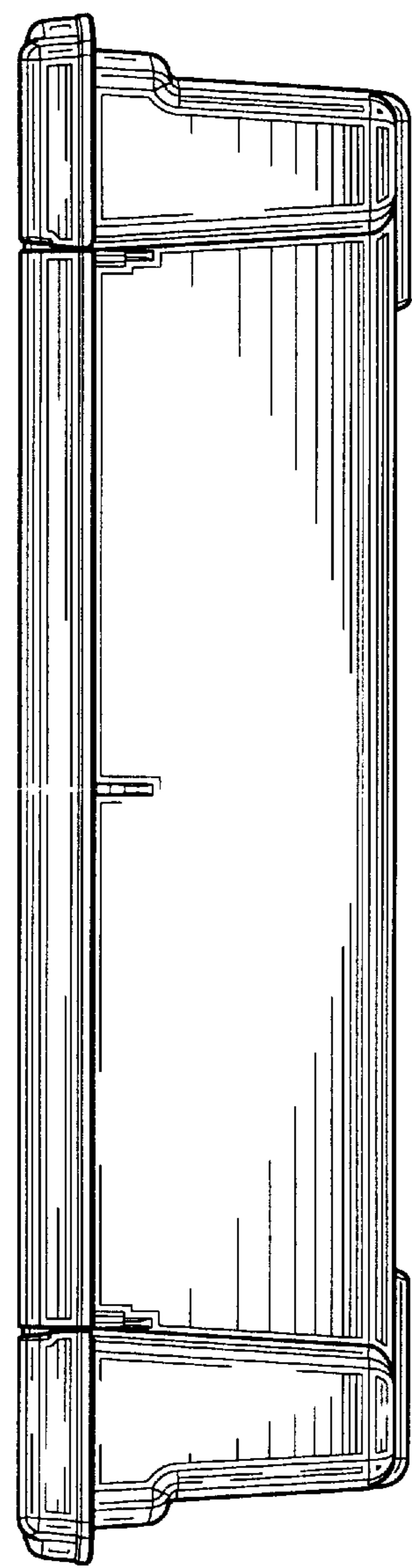
**FIG. 2**



**FIG. 3**



**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**