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[54] **TOP OR BOTTOM RAIL FOR OUTDOOR RAILING SYSTEMS**

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[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design of a top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top view of a top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems in accordance with the invention.

FIG. 2 is a side view of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a view of the inwardly disposed face of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1 illustrating spindle recess configurations in dashed lines for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

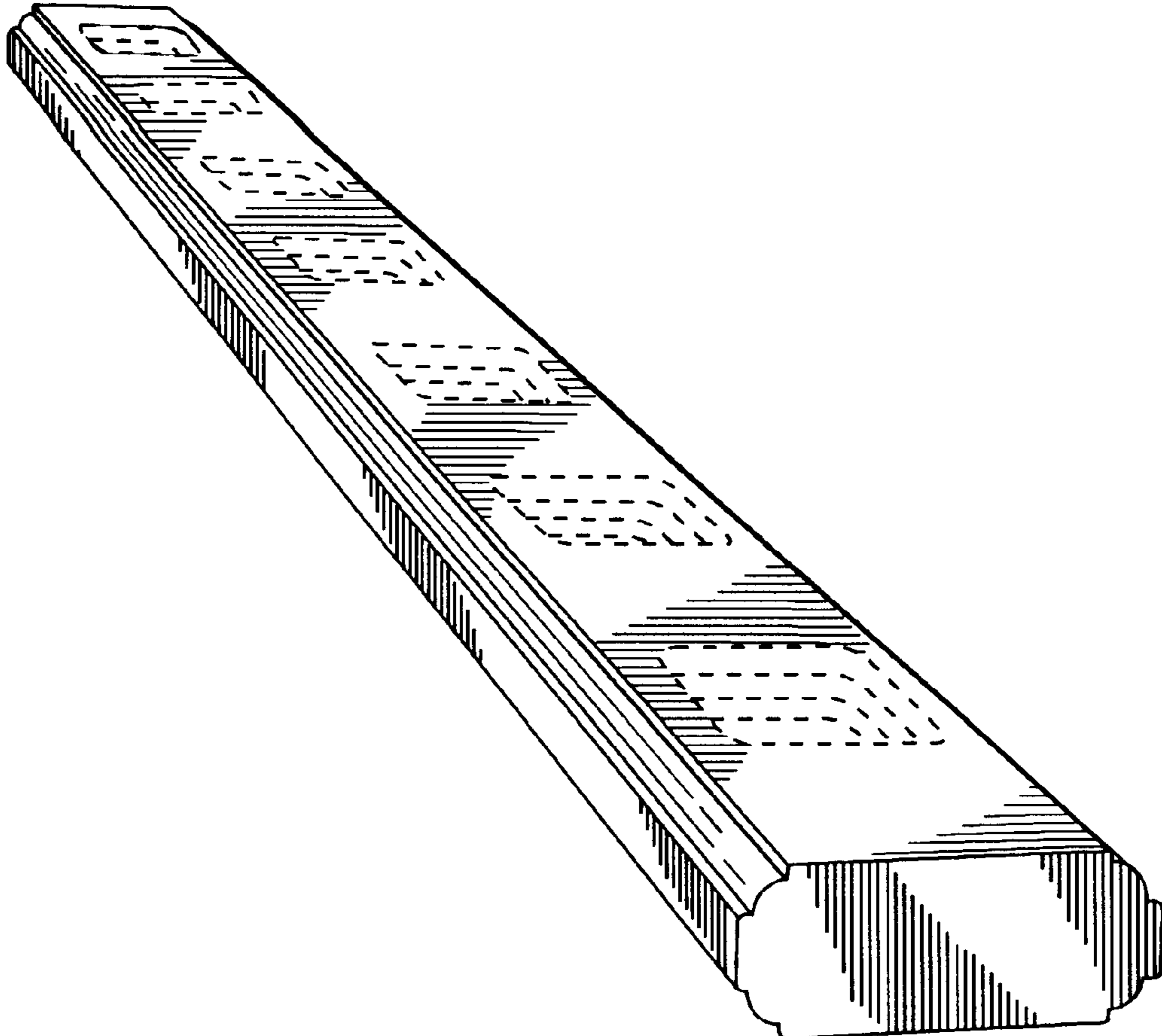
FIG. 4 is an end view of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1.

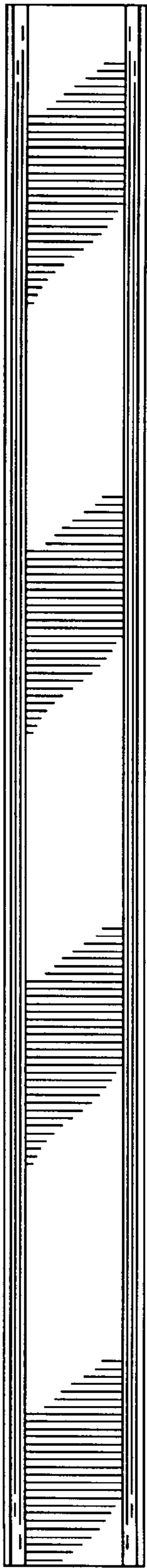
FIG. 5 is an enlarged end view of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1 particularly illustrating the profile and inwardly disposed face thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the top or bottom rail for outdoor railing systems illustrated in FIG. 1 particularly illustrating the profile and upper surface thereof.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**

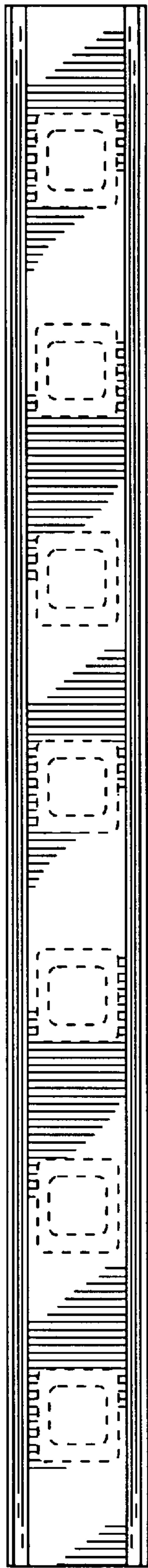




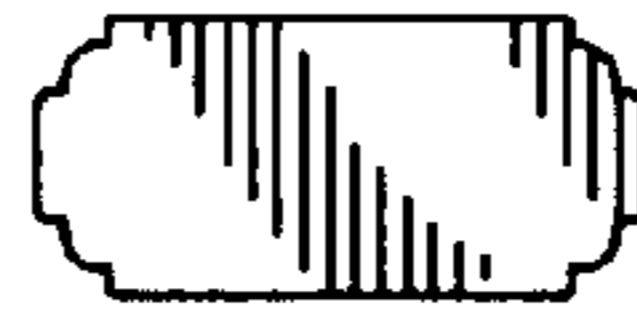
**FIG. 1**



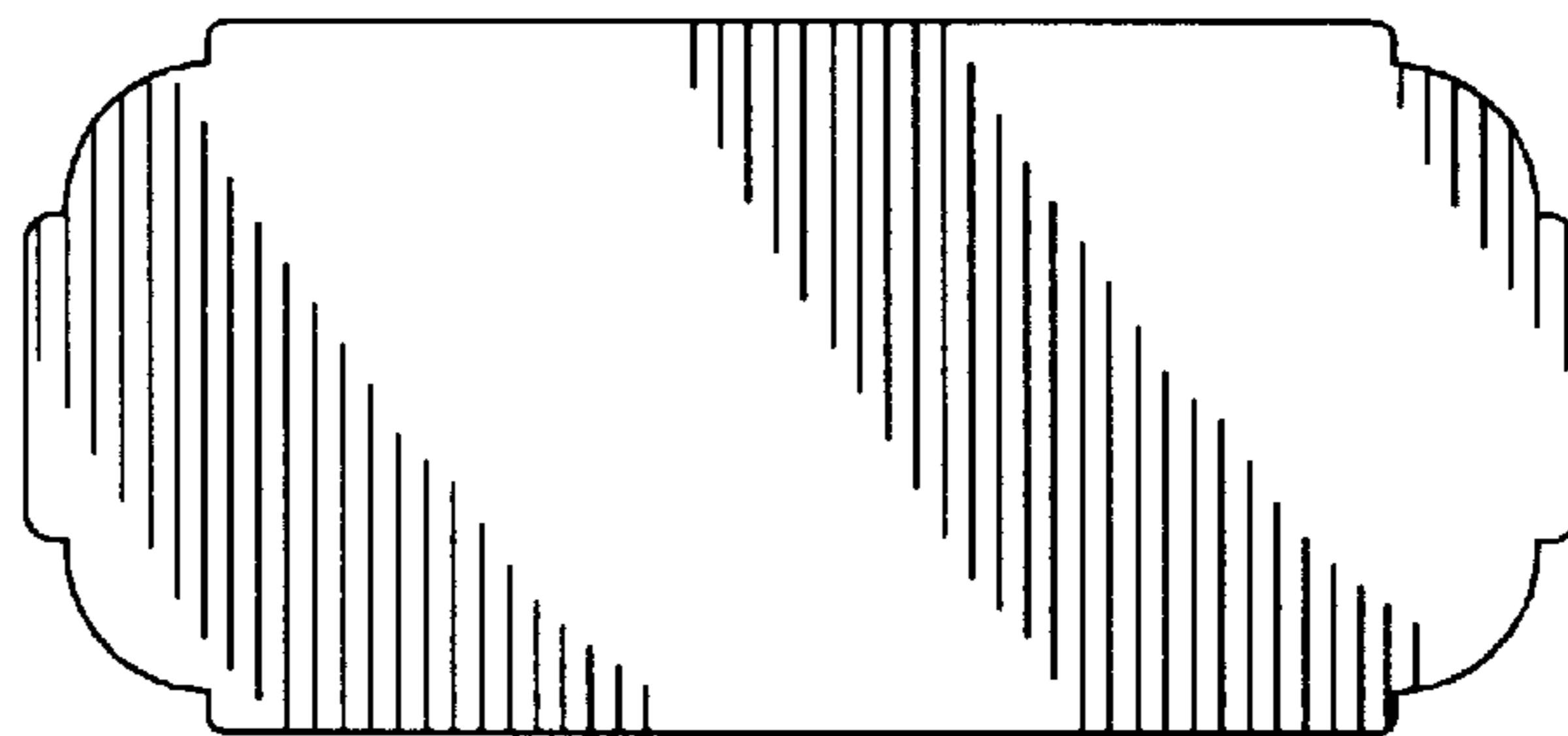
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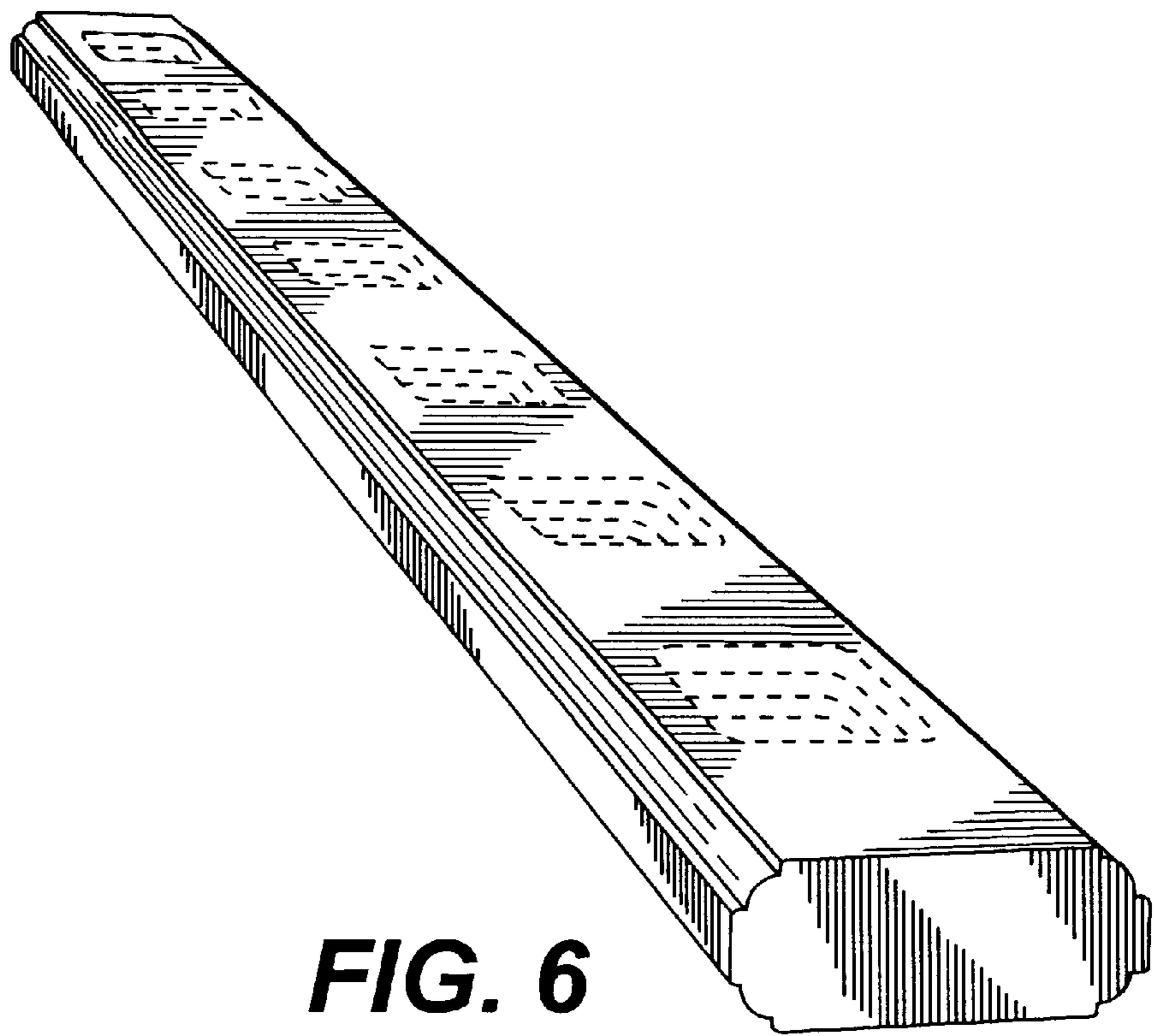
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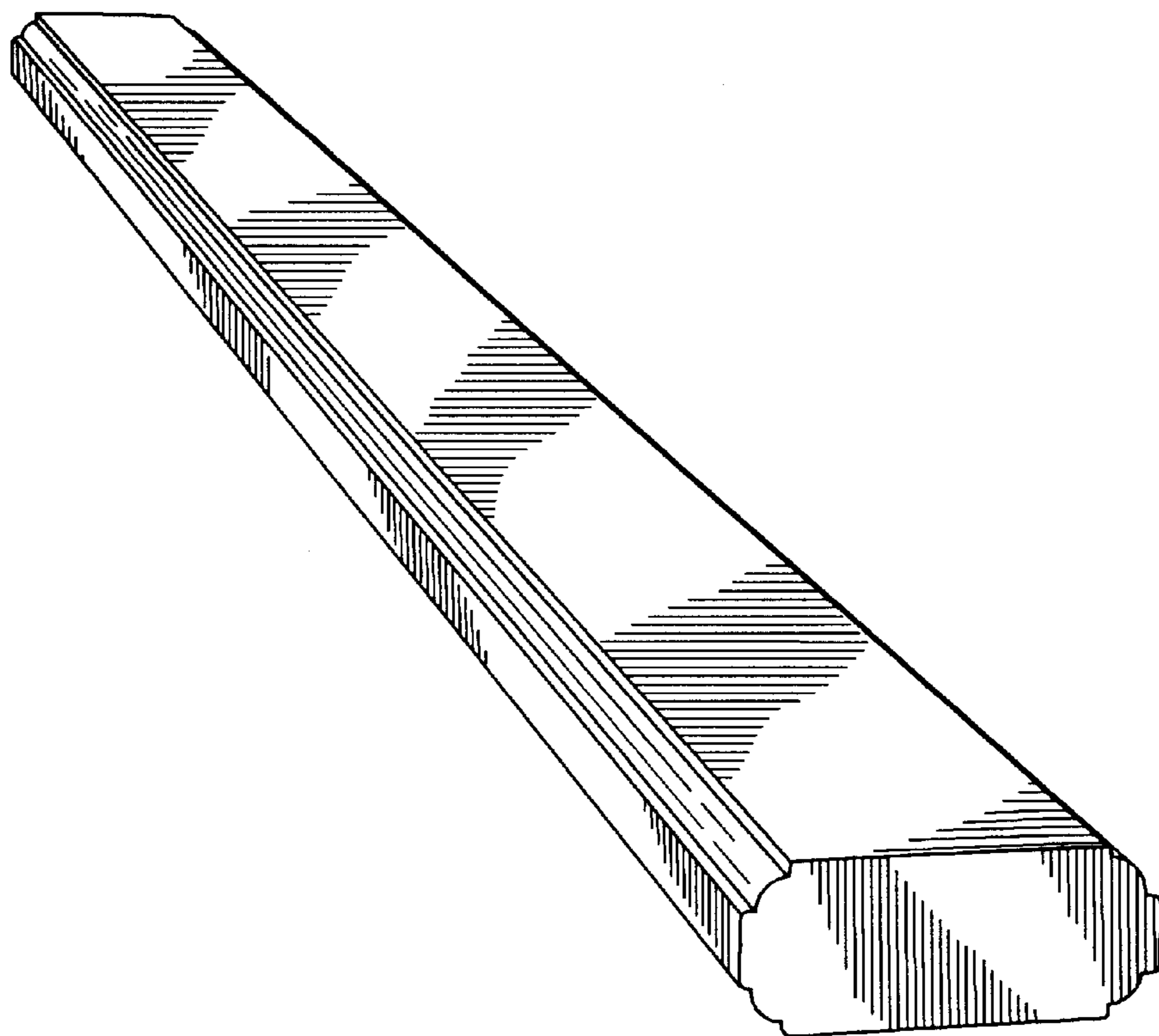
**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**



**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 7**