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[54] **VACUUM CLEANER UPPER PORTION**

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### [57] CLAIM

The ornamental design of a vacuum cleaner upper portion, as shown and described.

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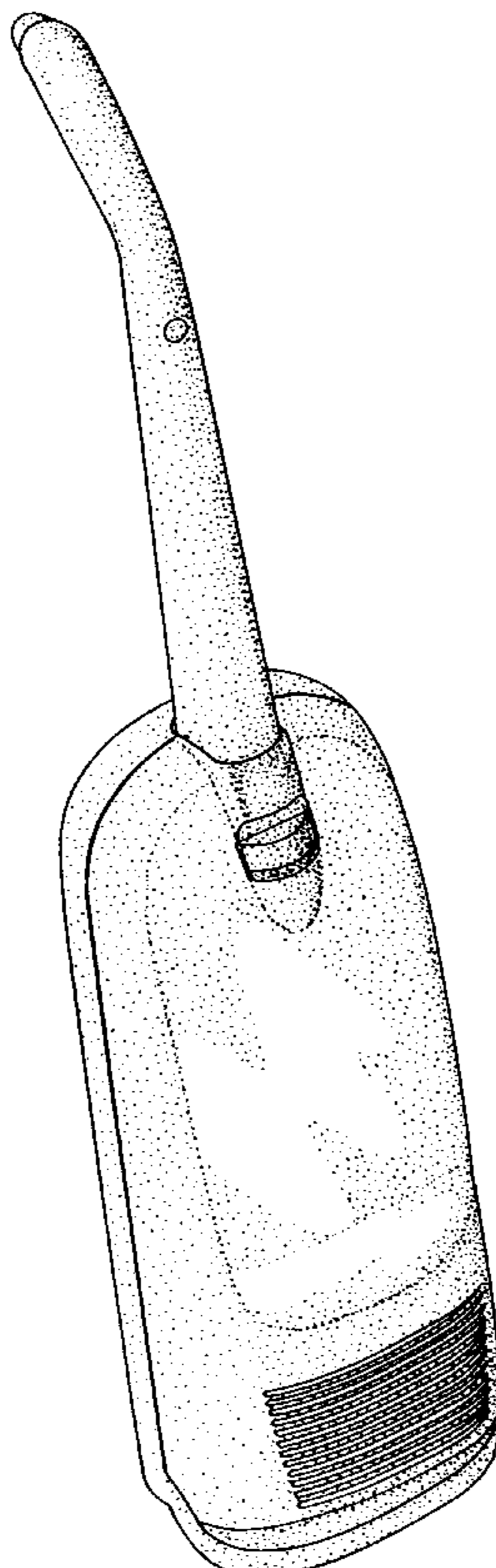
### DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a vacuum cleaner upper portion showing our new design;  
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof; and,  
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**



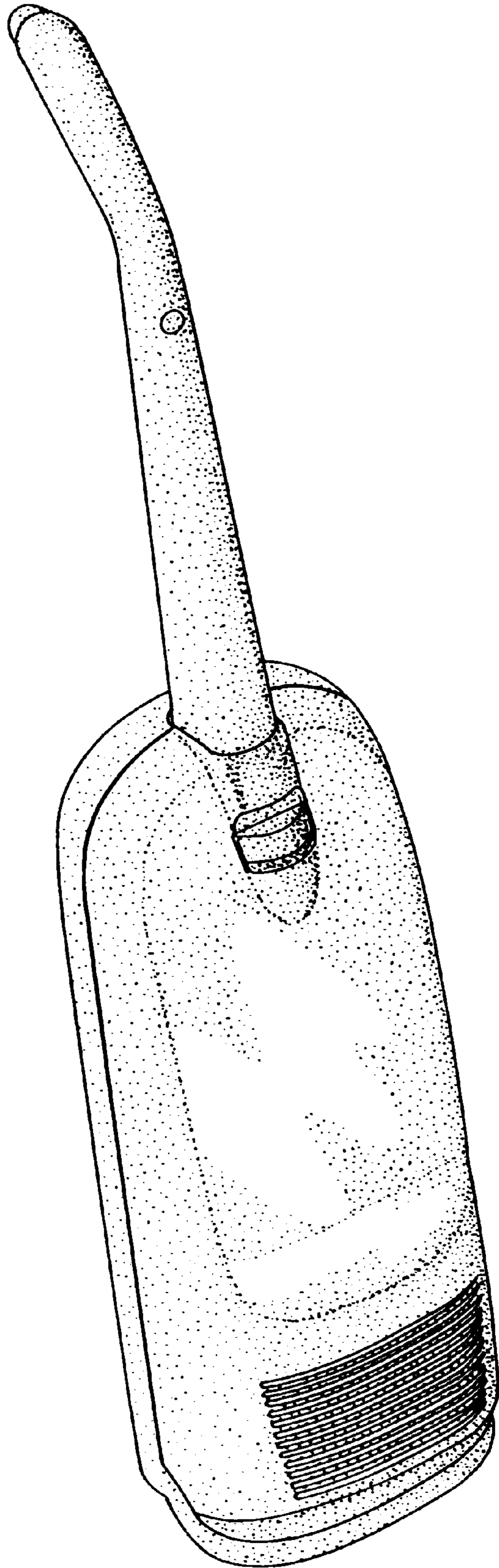


FIG.- 1

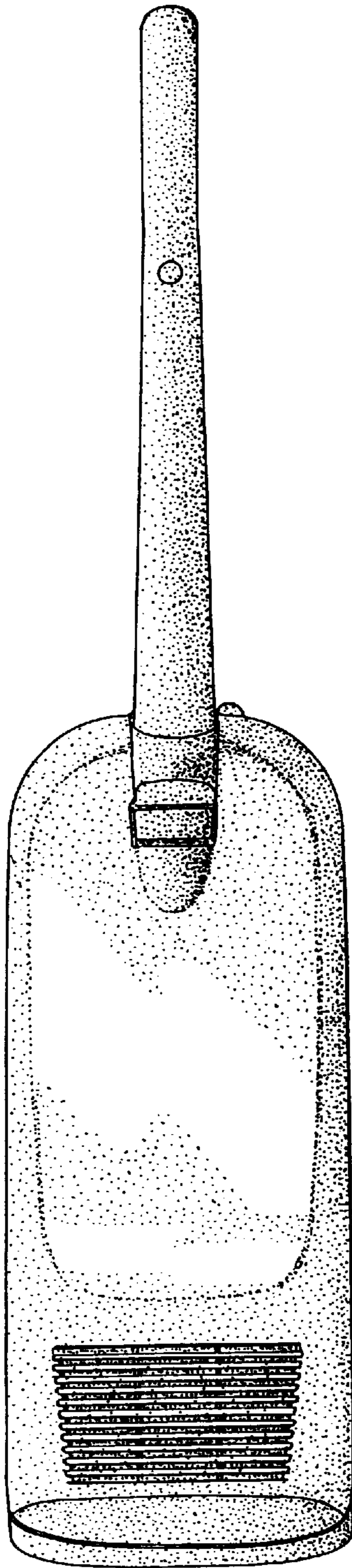


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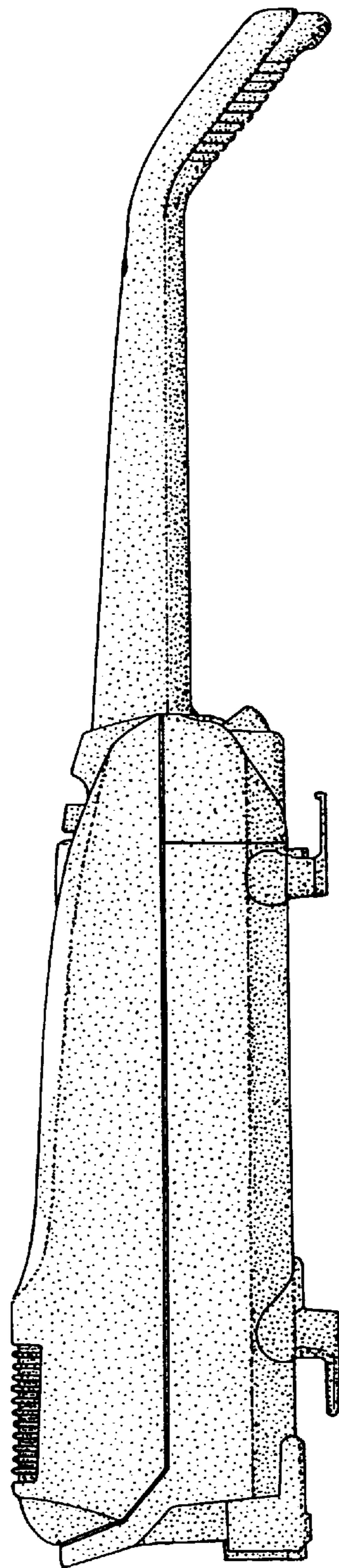


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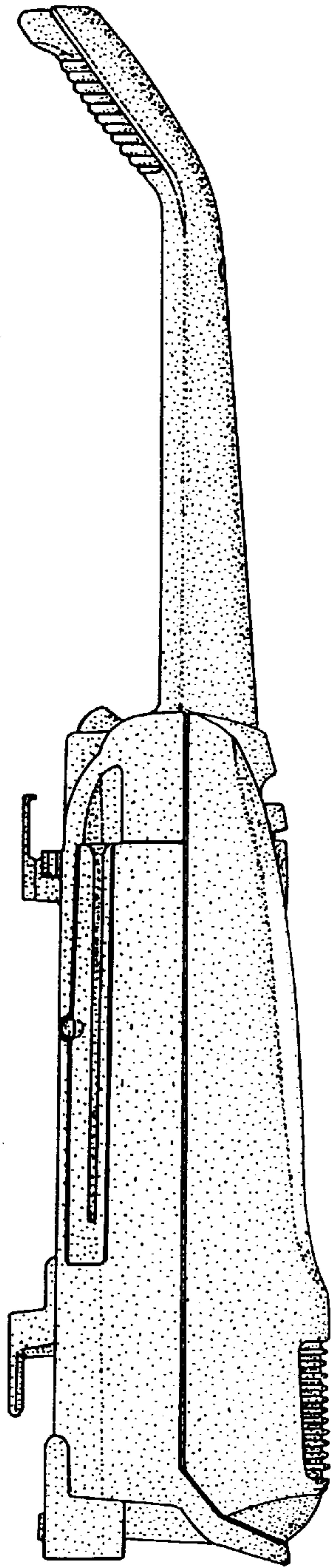


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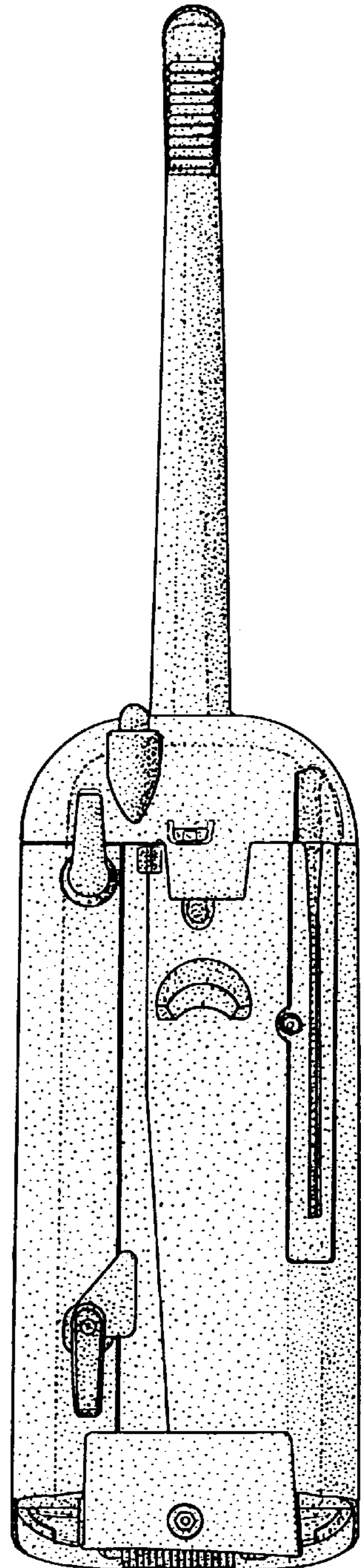


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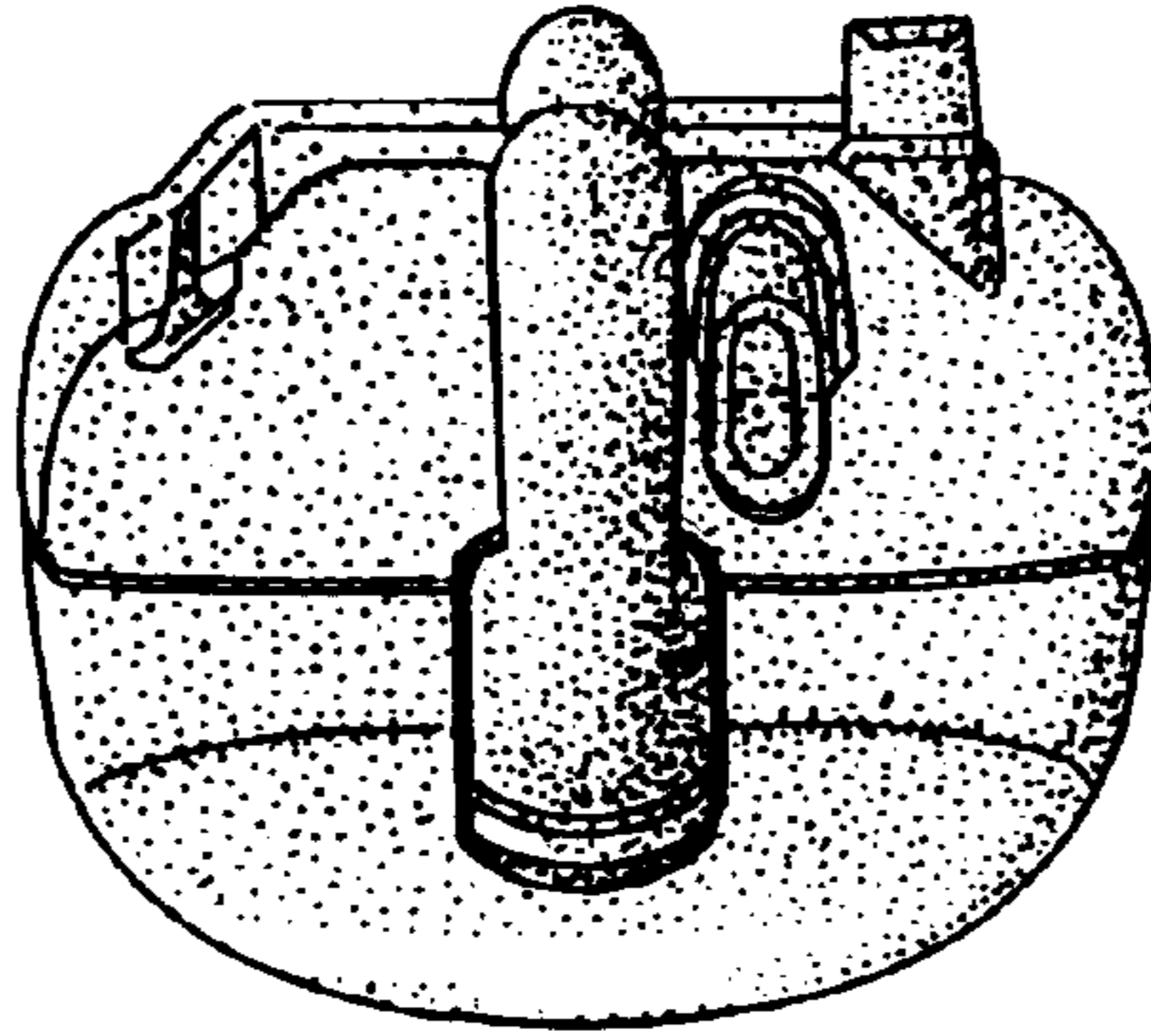


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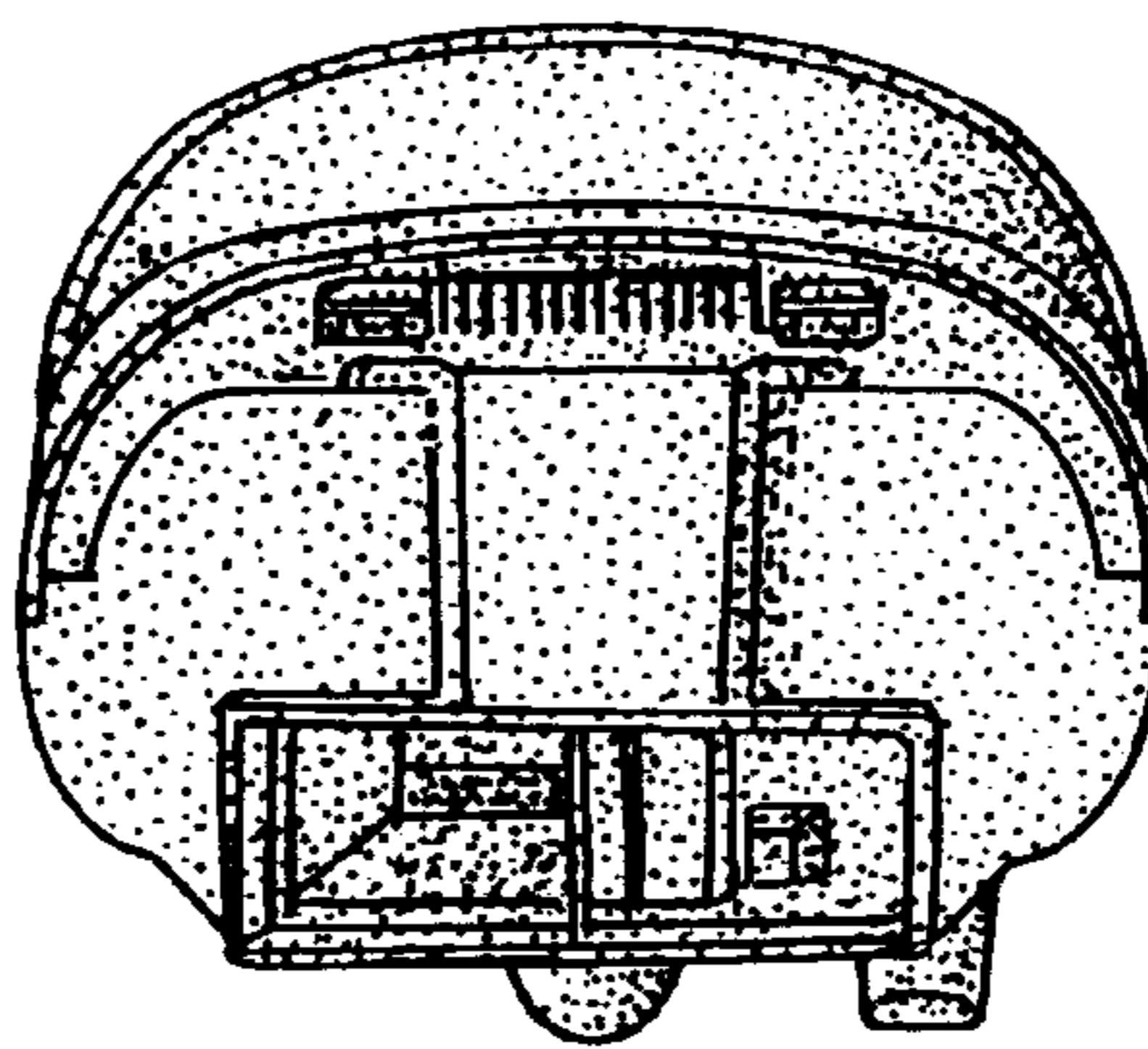


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