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(54) **FILTER ELEMENT**

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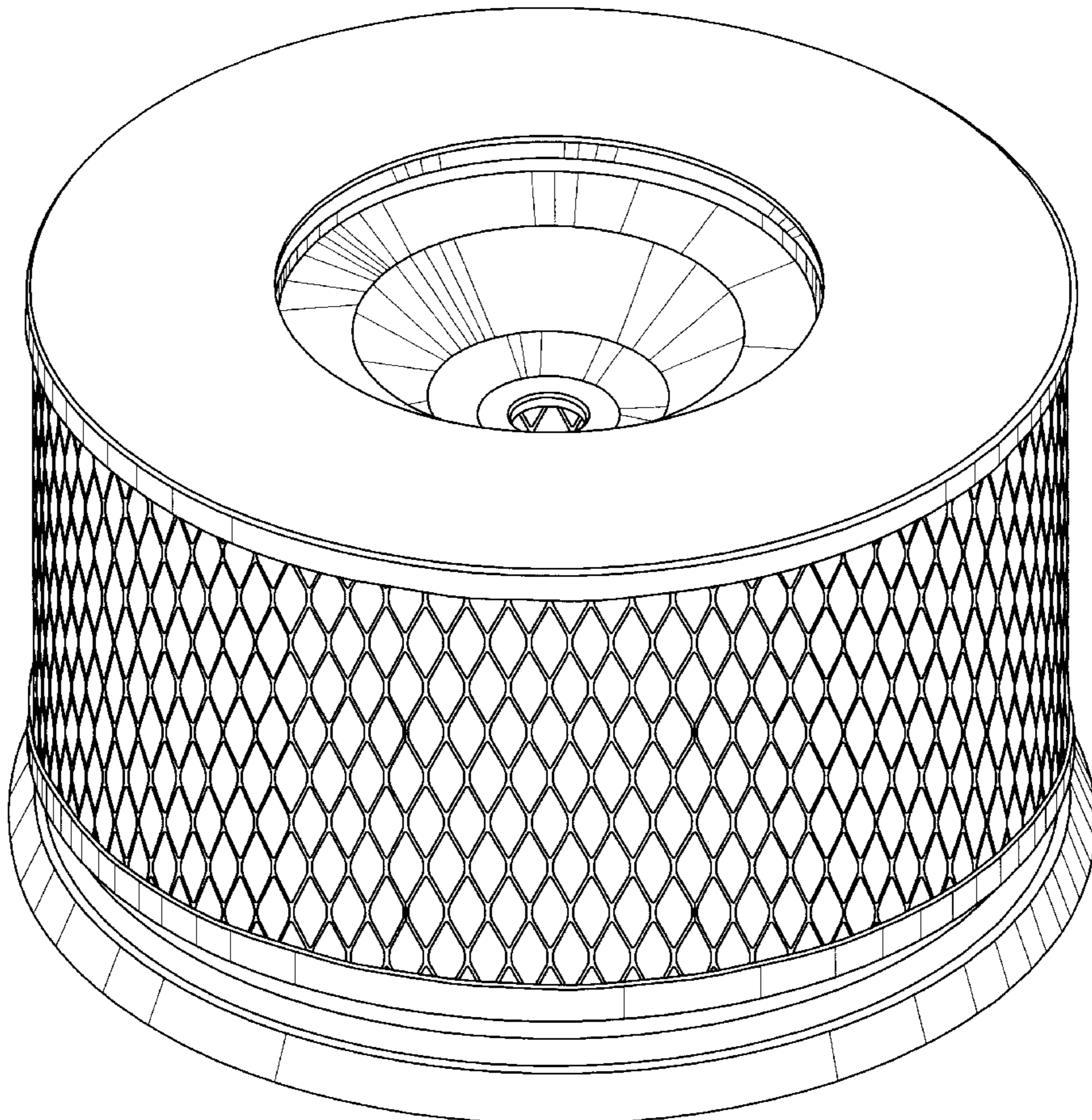
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for filter element, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top, front, perspective view of a filter element embodying our new design;  
 FIG. 2 is a bottom, front, perspective view of the filter element depicted in FIG. 1;  
 FIG. 3 is a front elevational view of the filter element depicted in FIG. 2, all other elevational views having an identical appearance thereto;  
 FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the filter element depicted in FIG. 2; and,  
 FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the filter element depicted in FIG. 2.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**



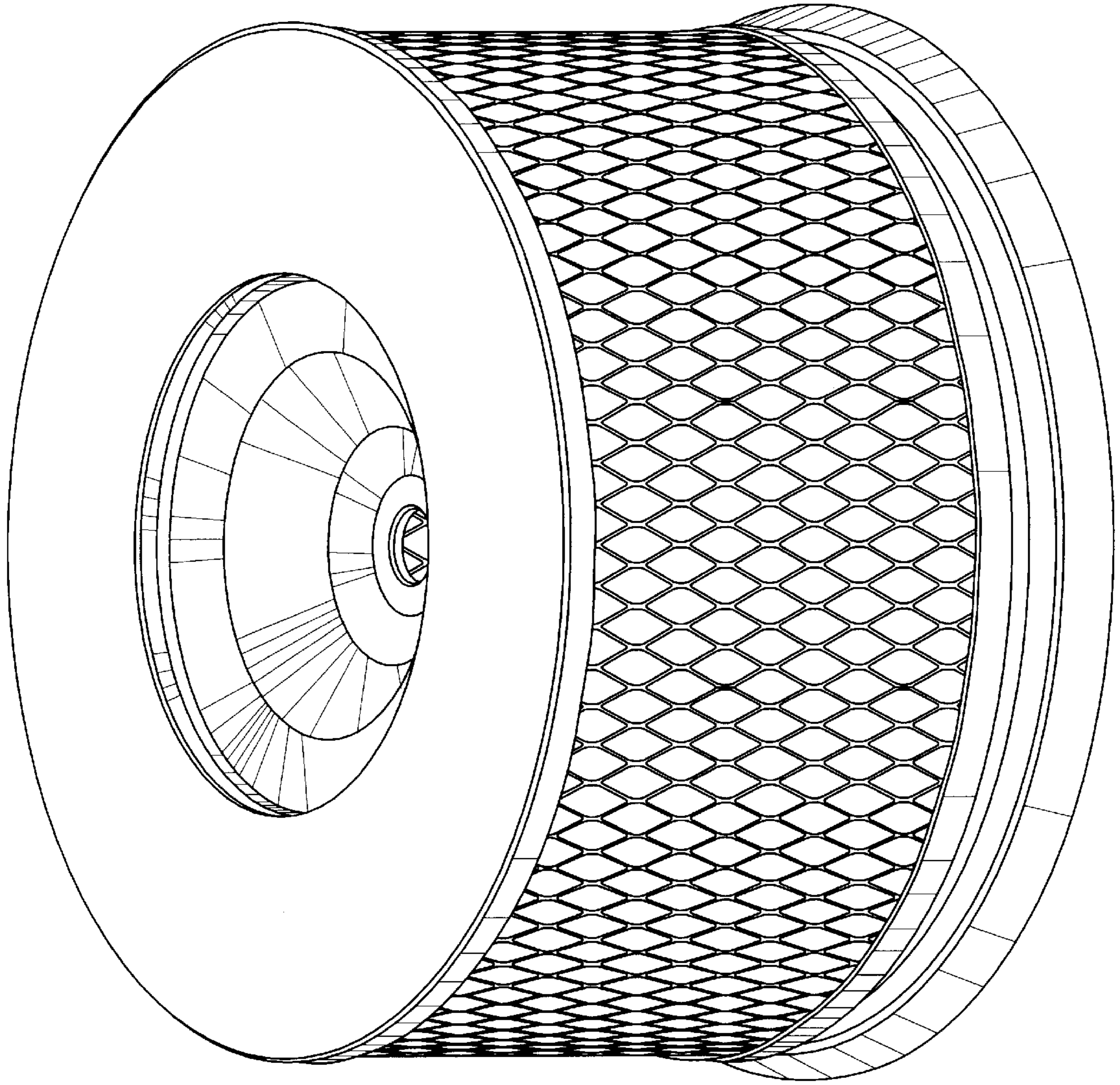


FIG. 1

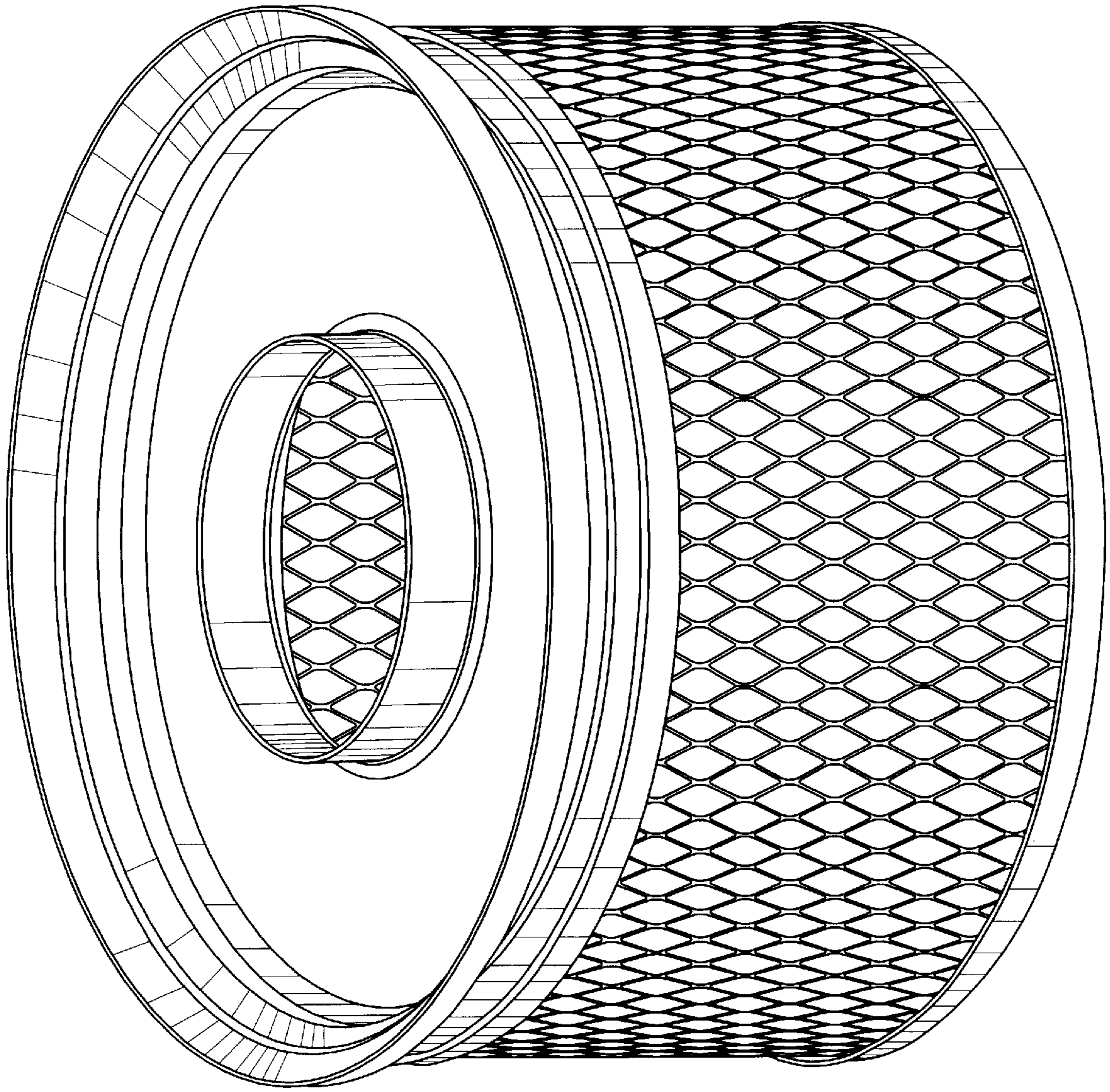


FIG. 2

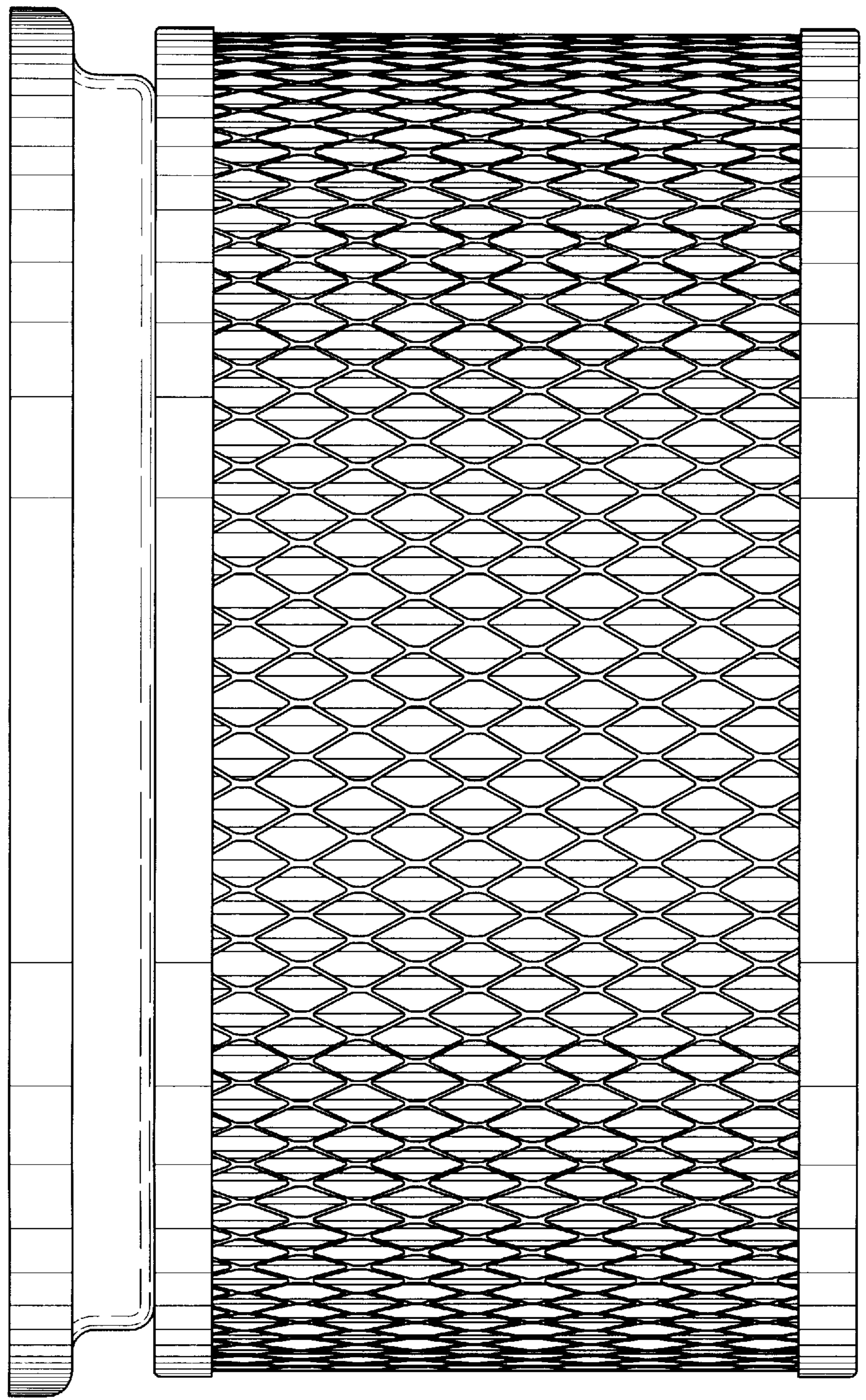


FIG. 3

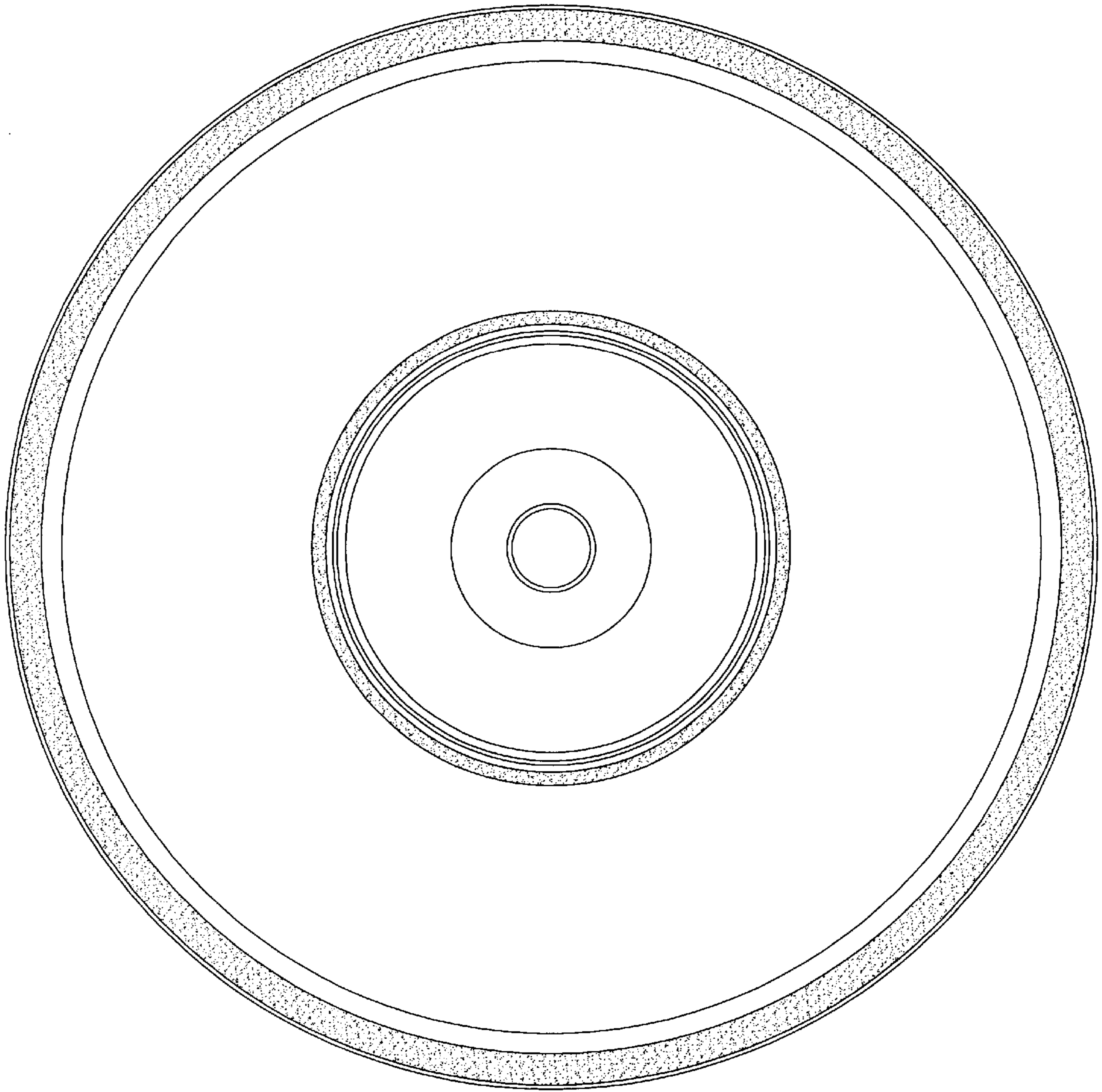


FIG. 4

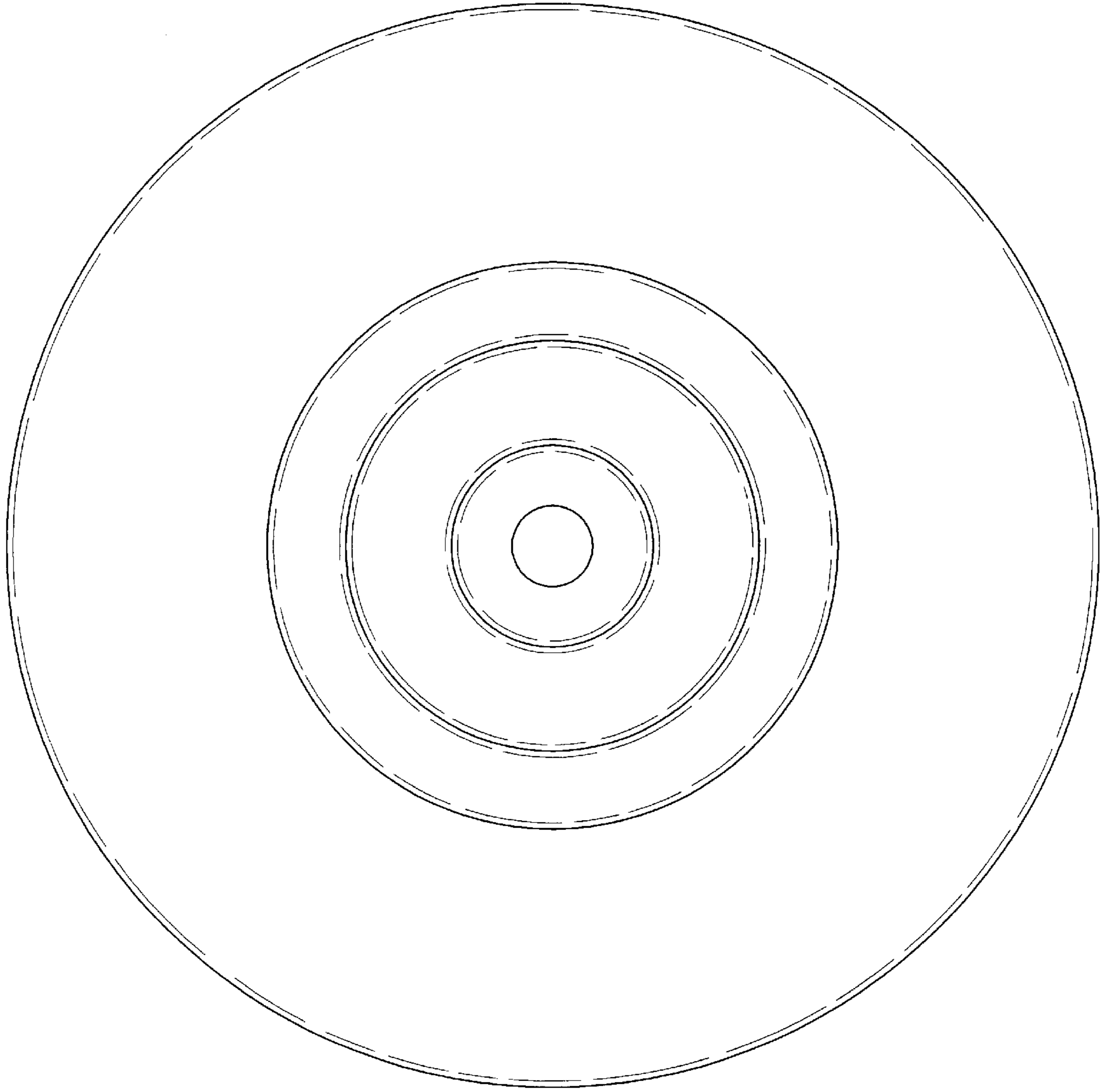


FIG. 5