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(54) **FRONT EXTERIOR PORTION OF A LATCH OR LOCK HOUSING WITH PUSH BUTTON OPERATOR**

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(57) **CLAIM**

**Related U.S. Application Data**

We claim the ornamental design for a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a front and right side perspective view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing one embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

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FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof;

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

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a front and right side perspective view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing a second embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 8 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 9 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being identical but a mirror image reversal thereof;

FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 11 is a front and right side perspective view of the first embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing;

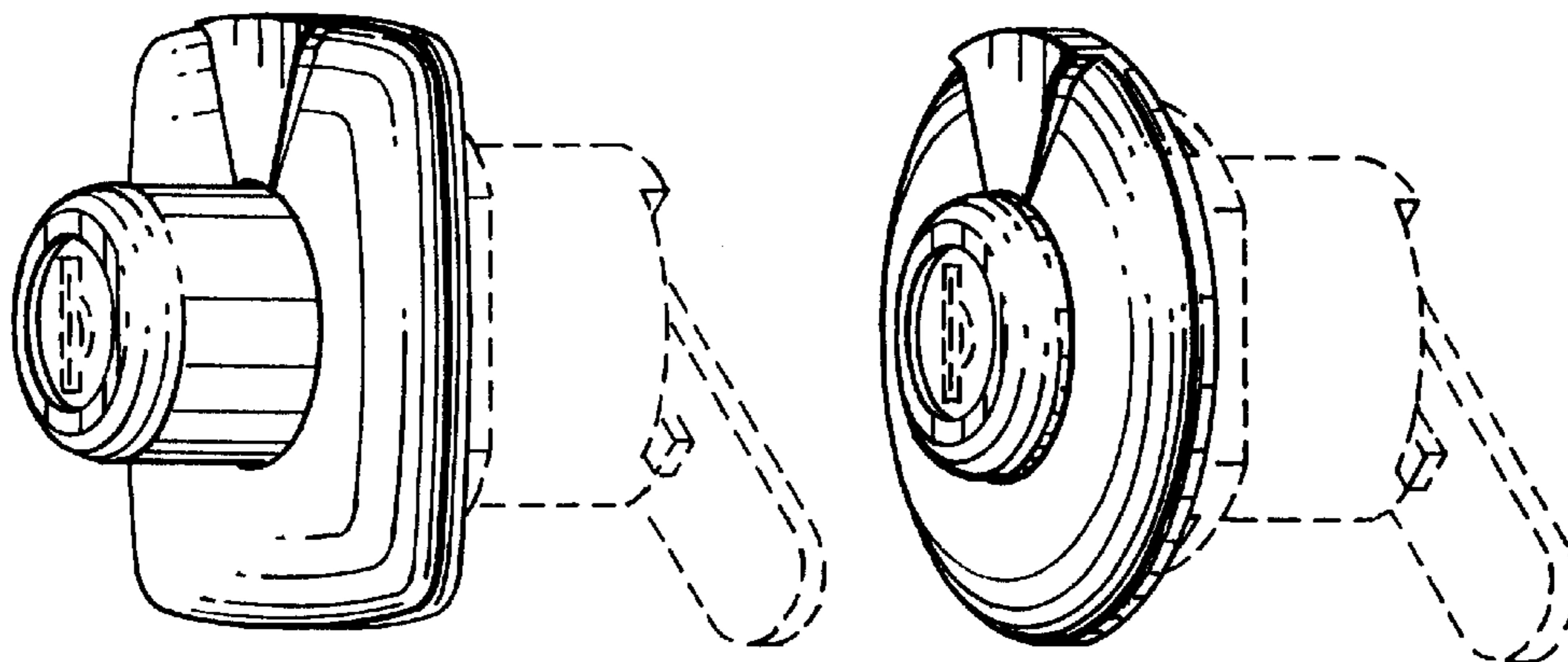


FIG. 12 is a front and right side perspective view of the second embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing;

FIG. 13 is a front and right side perspective view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing a third embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

FIG. 14 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 15 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 16 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being identical but a mirror image reversal thereof;

FIG. 17 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 18 is a front and right side perspective view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing a fourth embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

FIG. 19 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 20 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 21 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being identical but a mirror image reversal thereof;

FIG. 22 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 23 is a front and right side perspective view of the third embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing;

FIG. 24 is a front and right side perspective view of the fourth embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing;

FIG. 25 is a front elevational view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing a fifth embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

FIG. 26 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 27 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 28 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being identical but a mirror image reversal thereof;

FIG. 29 is a right side elevational view of the fifth embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing;

FIG. 30 is a front elevational view of a front exterior portion of a latch or lock housing with push button operator showing a sixth embodiment of our new design, with the push button operator in its normal projected position relative to the housing;

FIG. 31 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 32 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 33 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side being identical but a mirror image reversal thereof; and,

FIG. 34 is a right side elevational view of the sixth embodiment showing the push button operator in its operated depressed position relative to the housing.

The broken line disclosure in FIGS. 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 30 is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 8 Drawing Sheets**

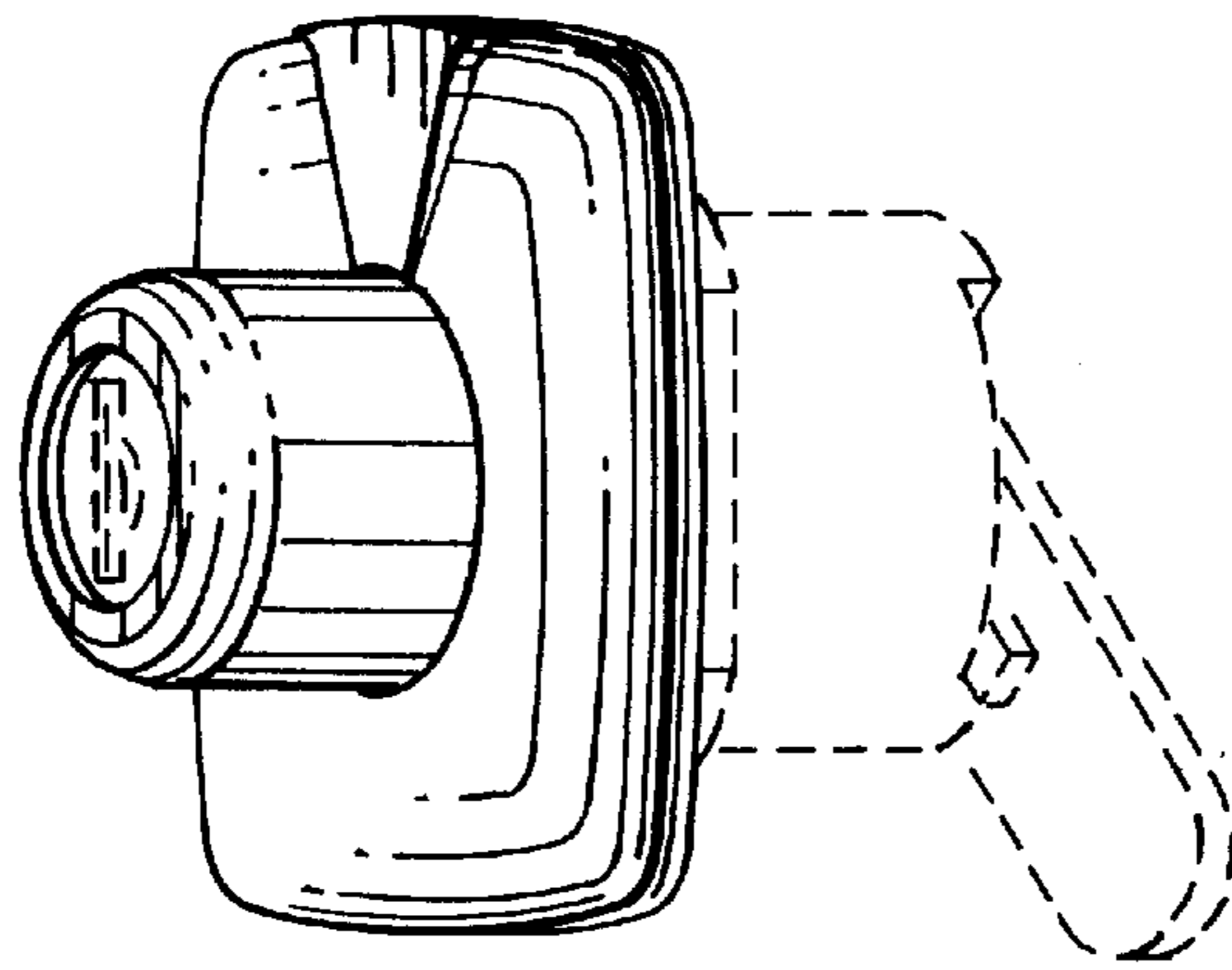


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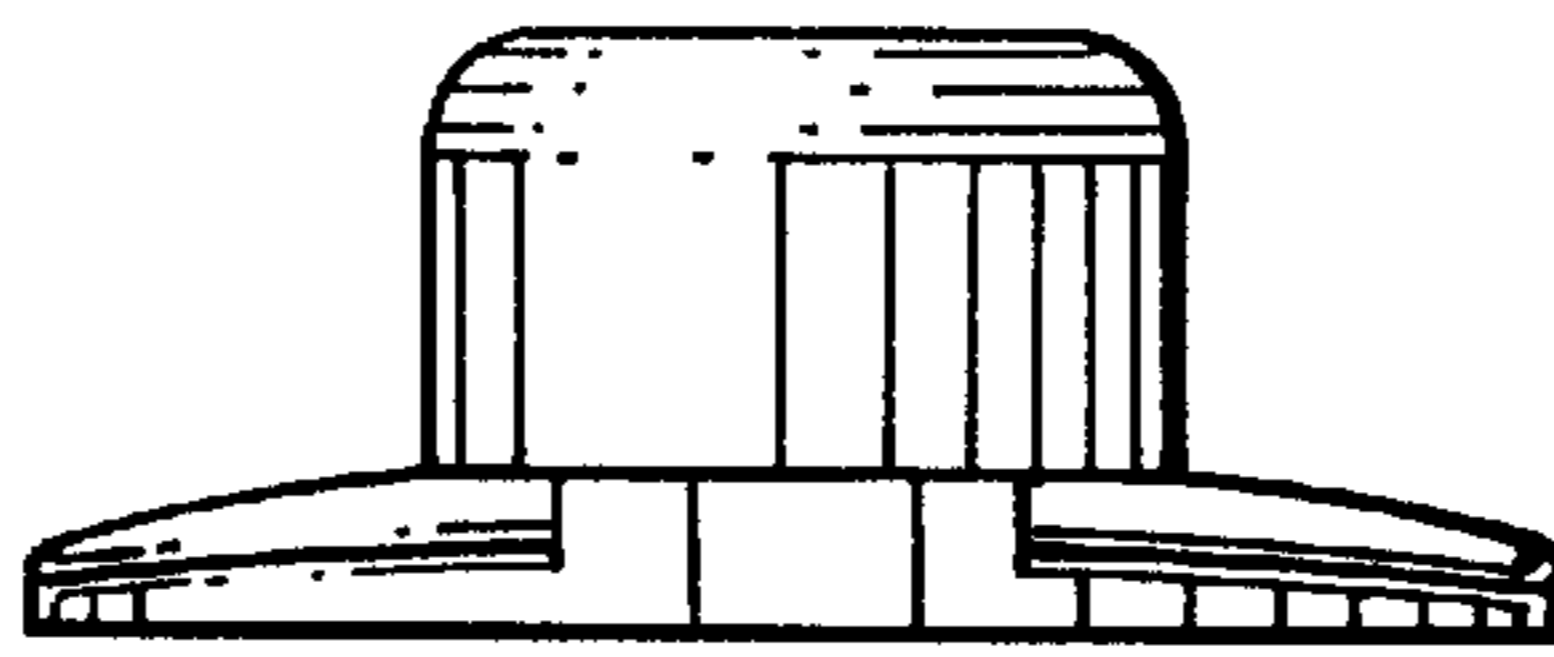


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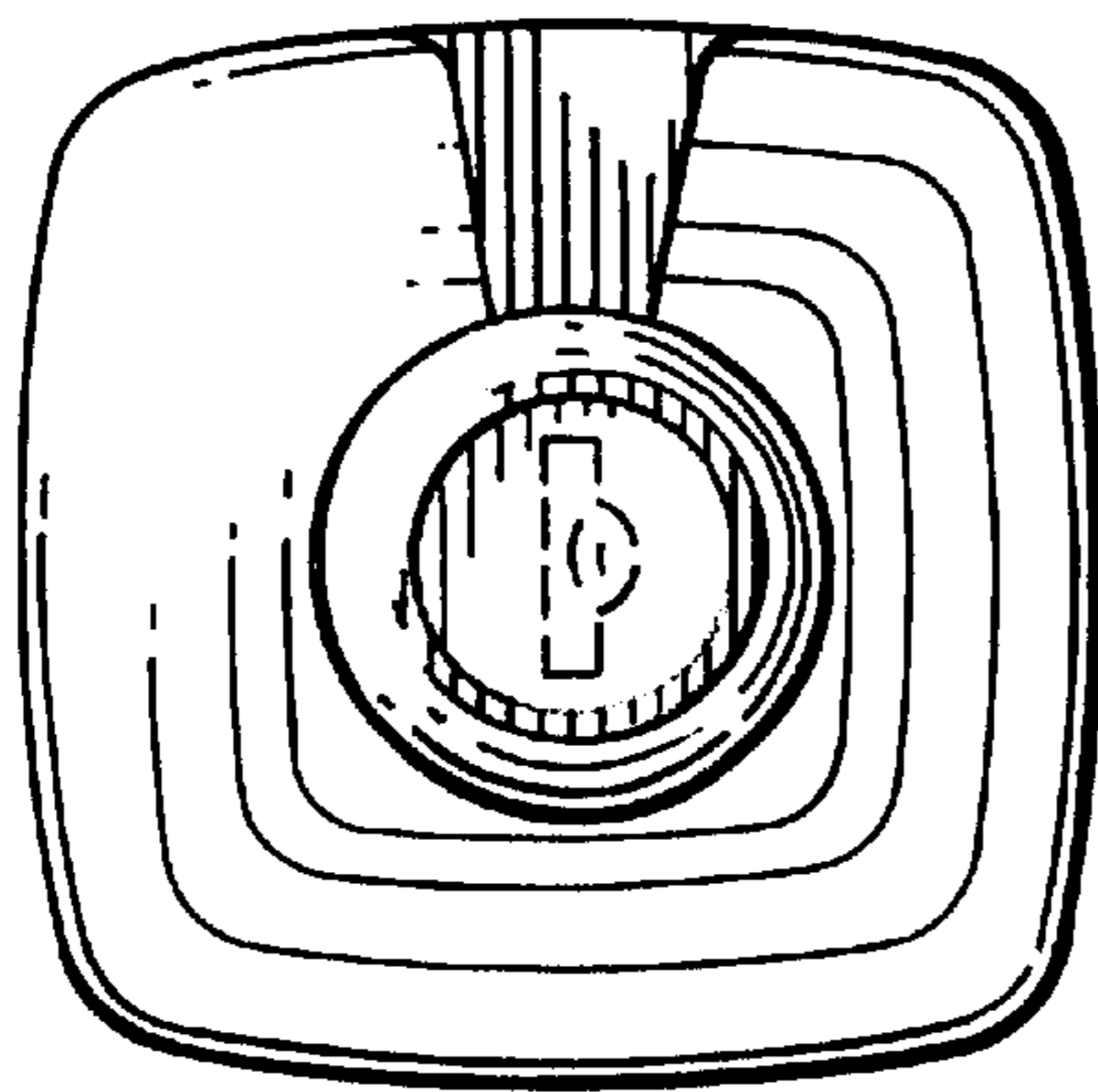


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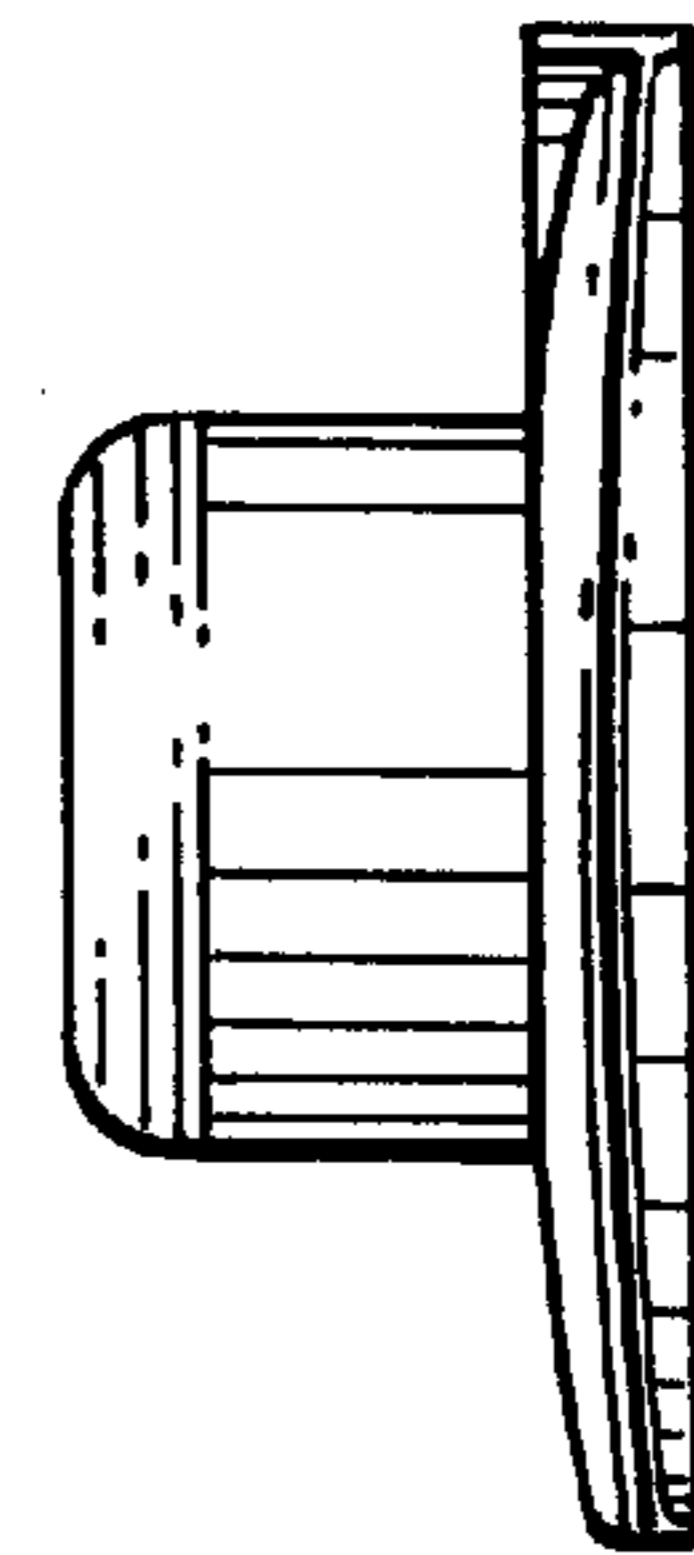


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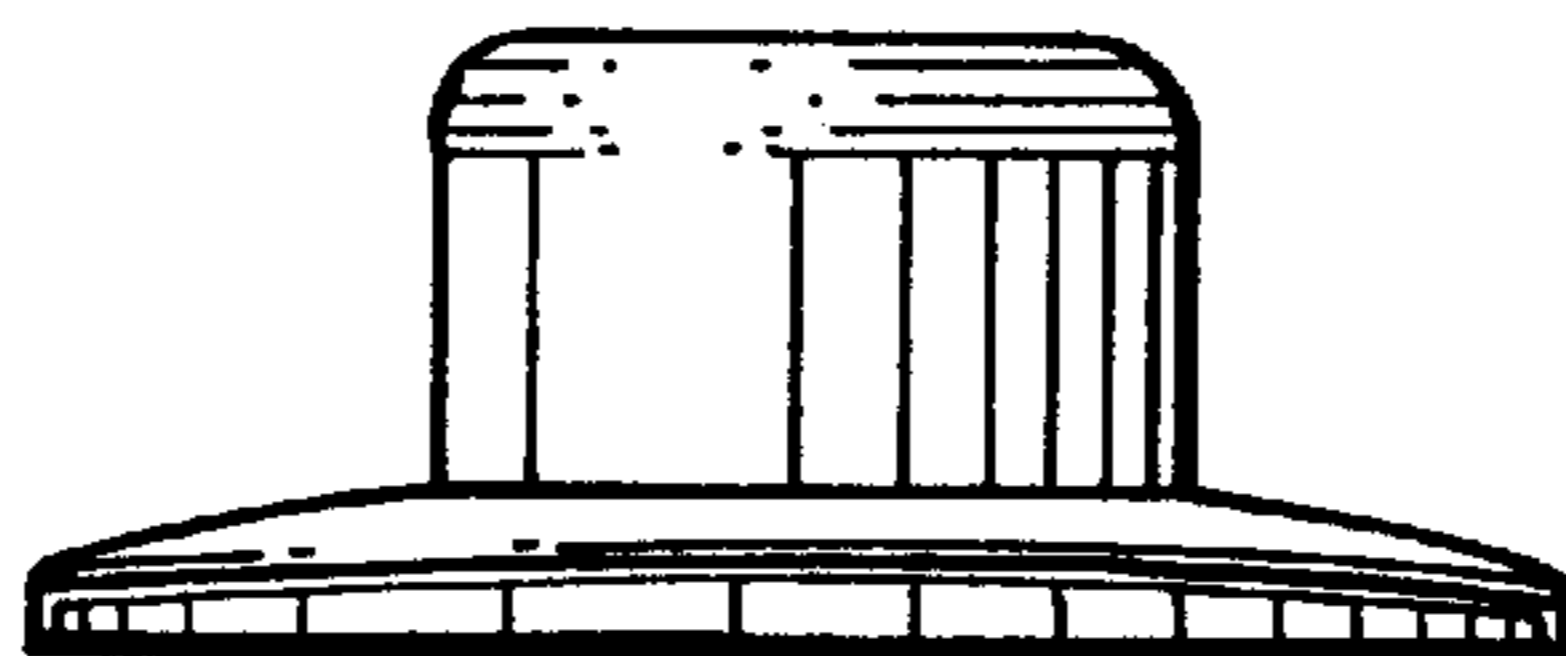


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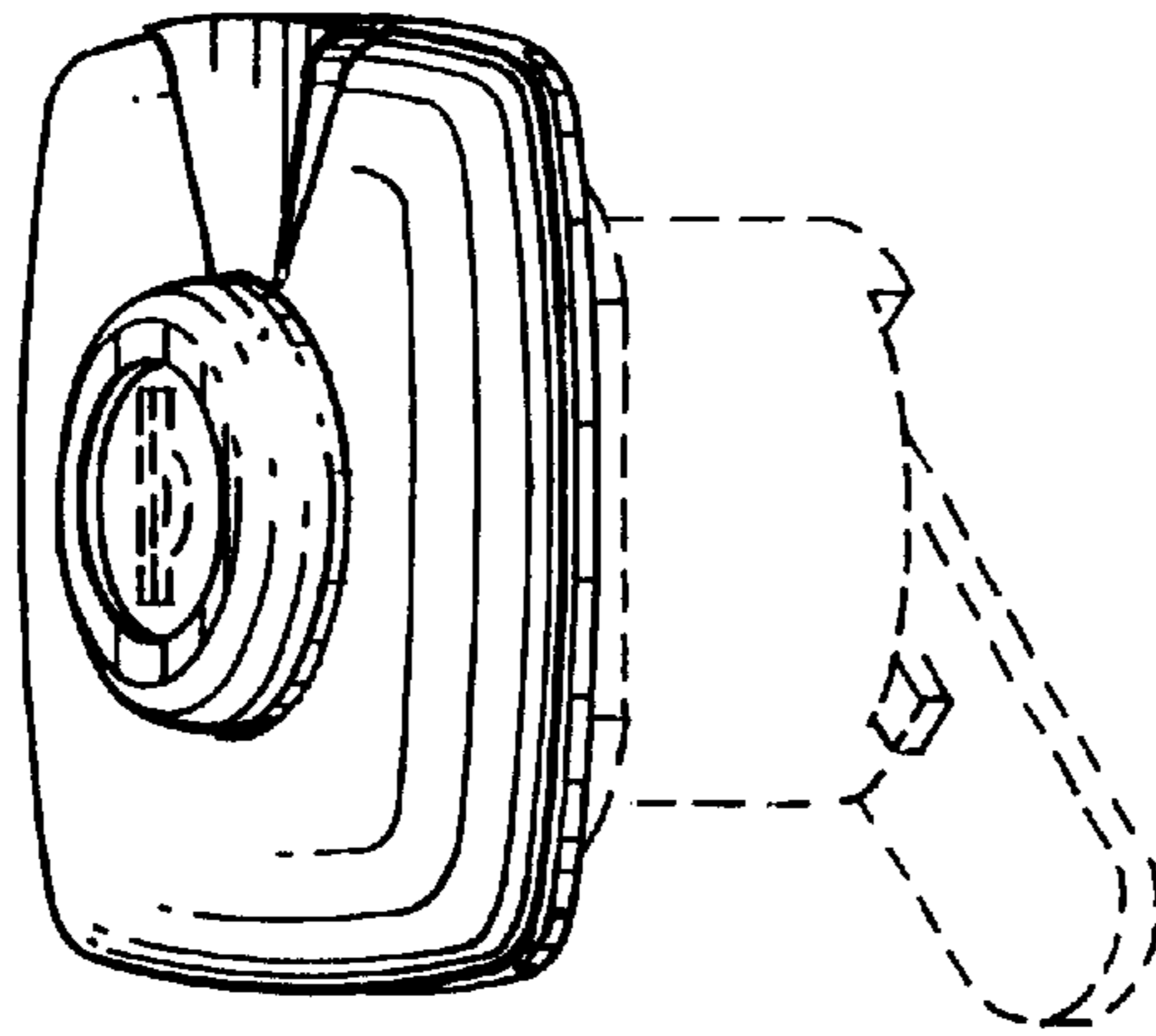


FIG. 6



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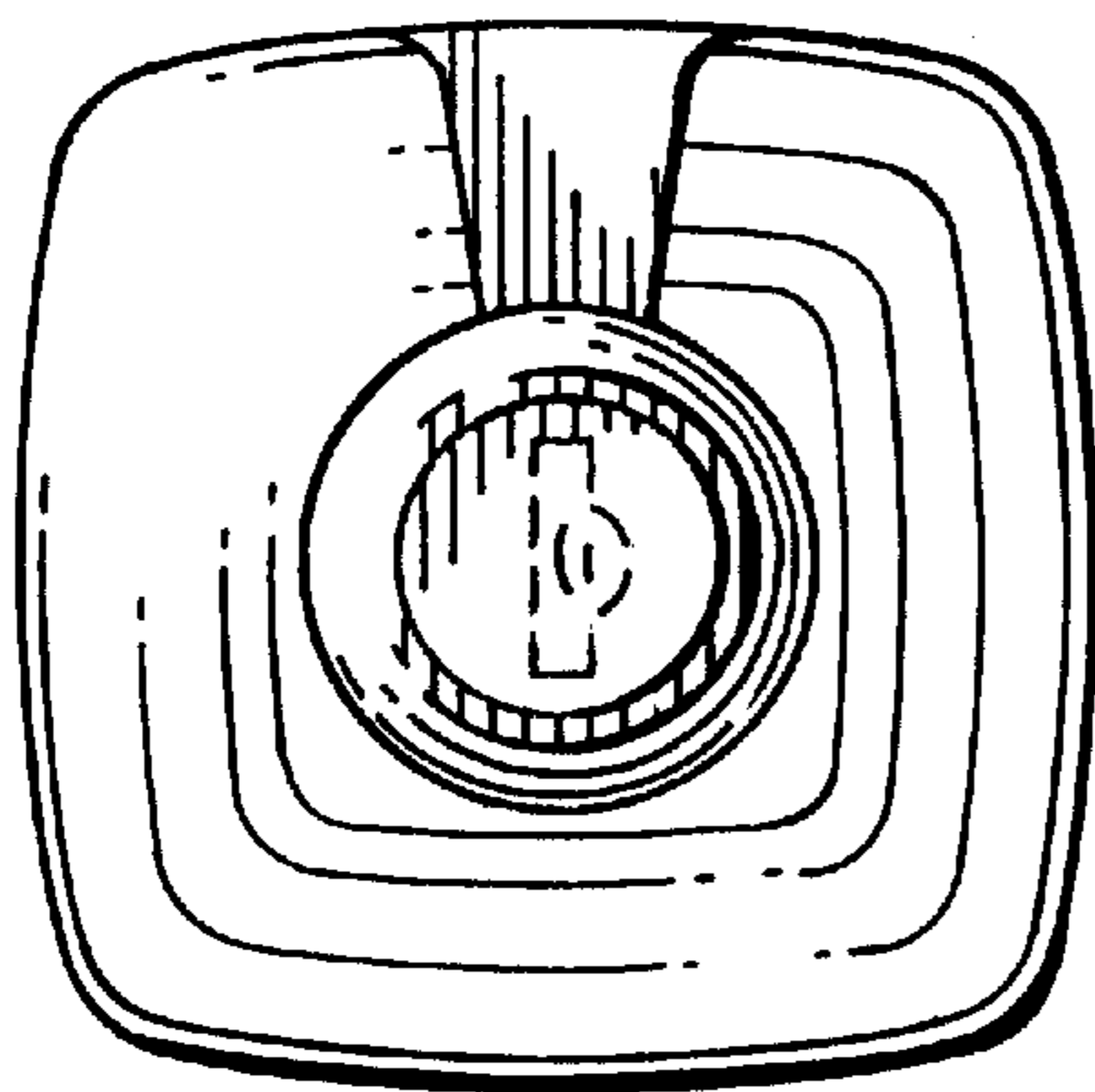


FIG. 8



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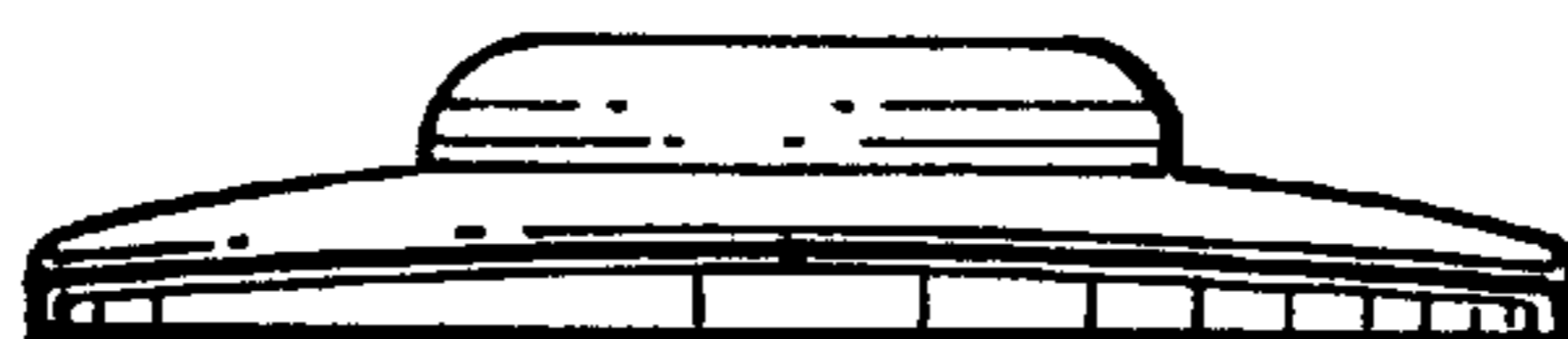


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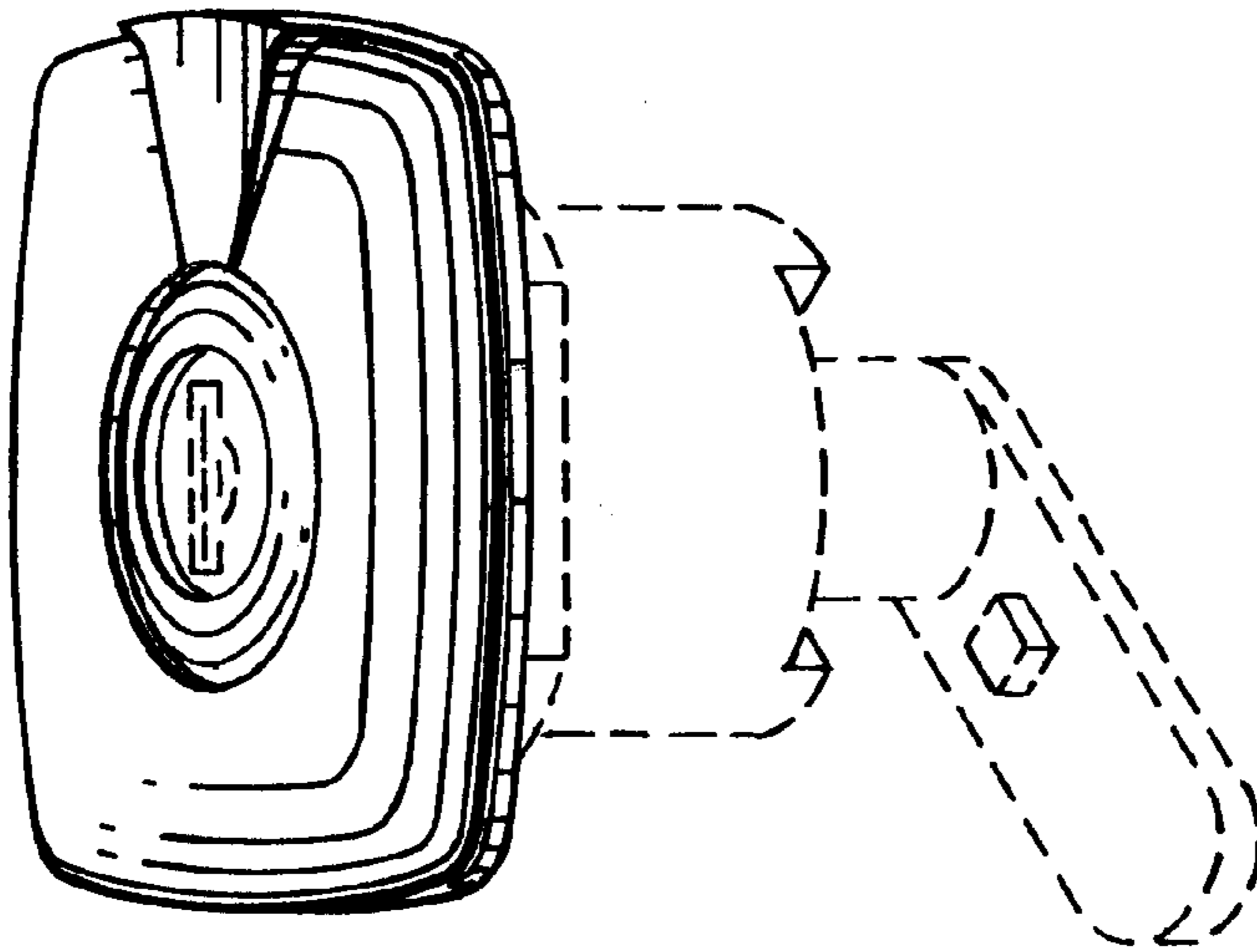


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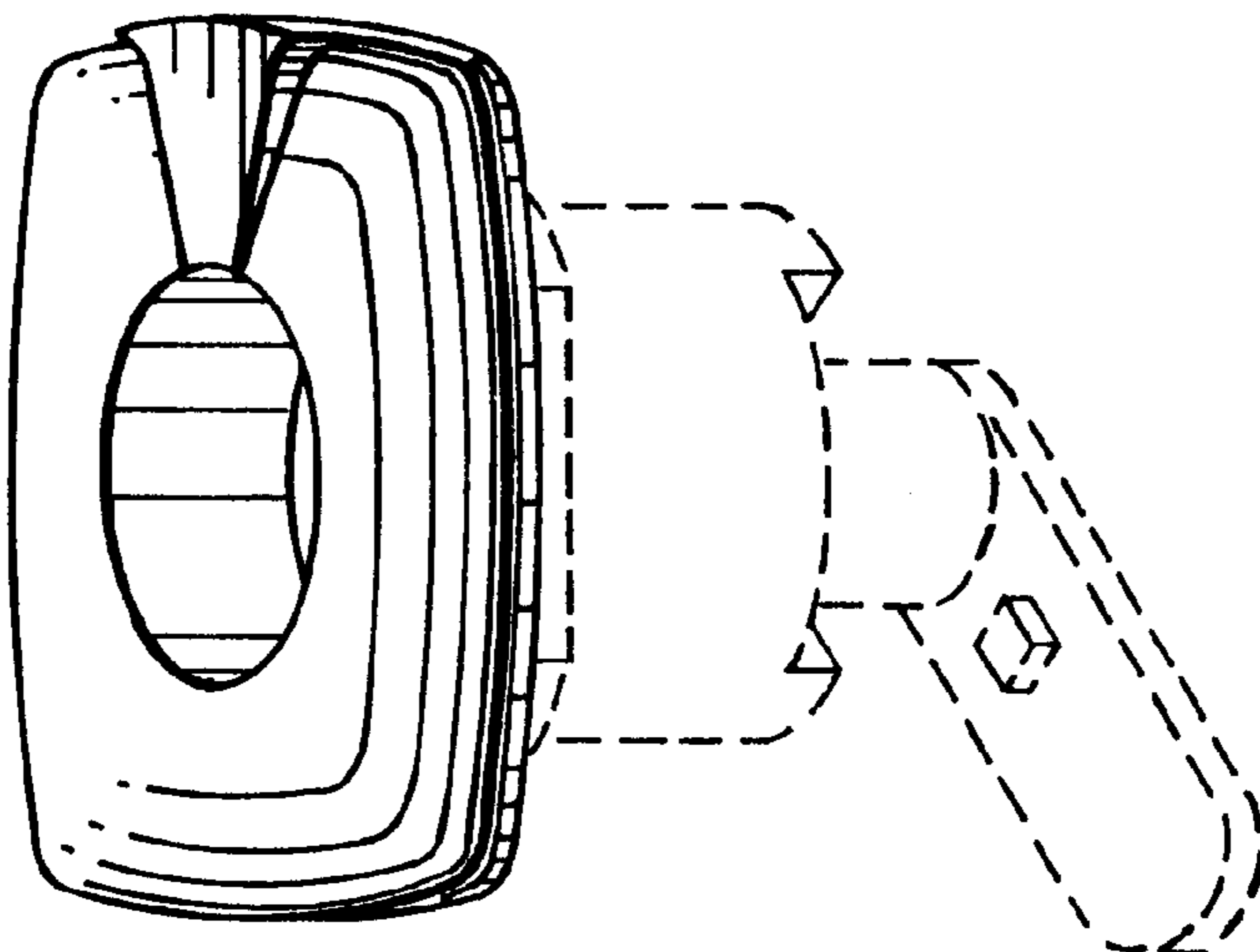


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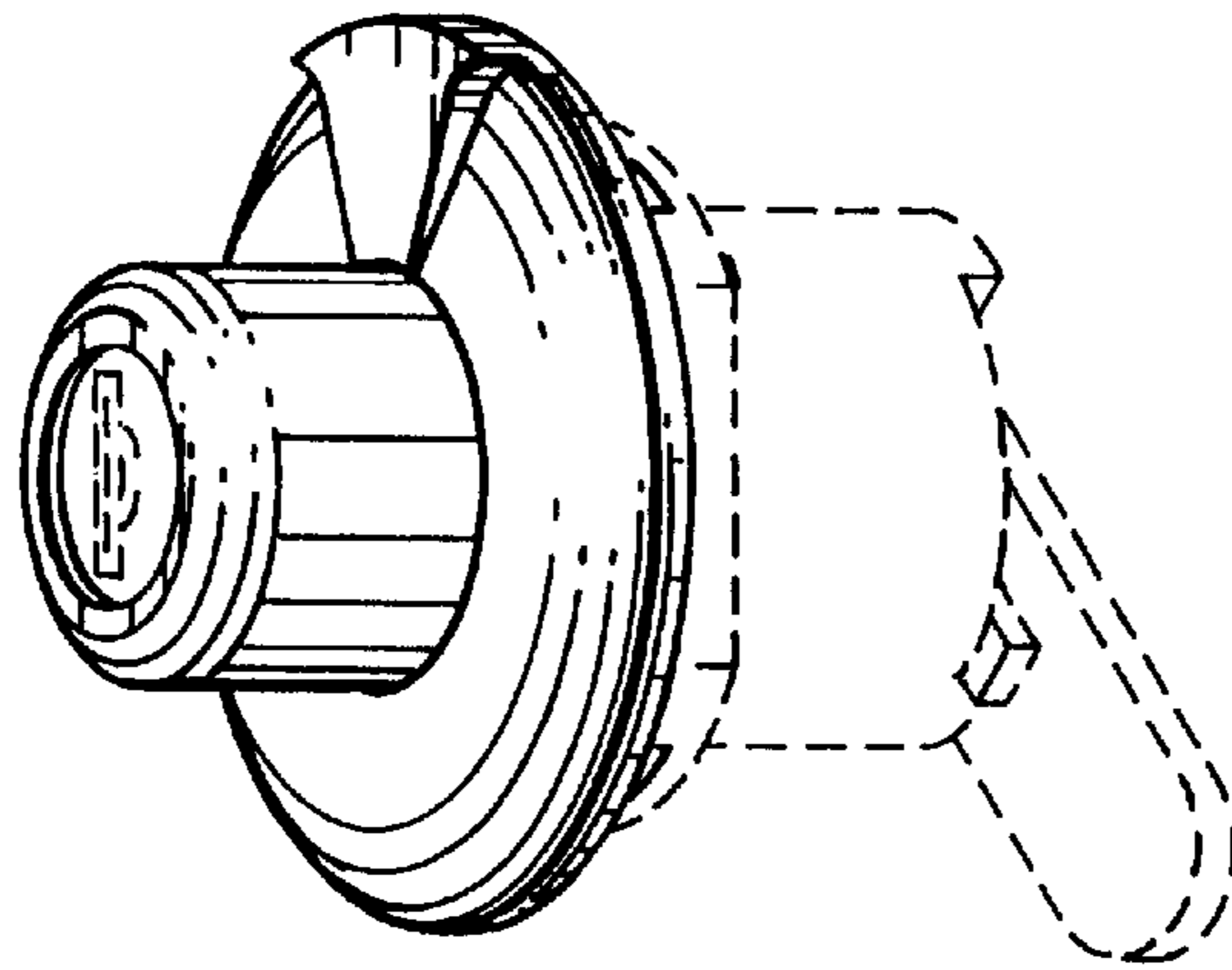


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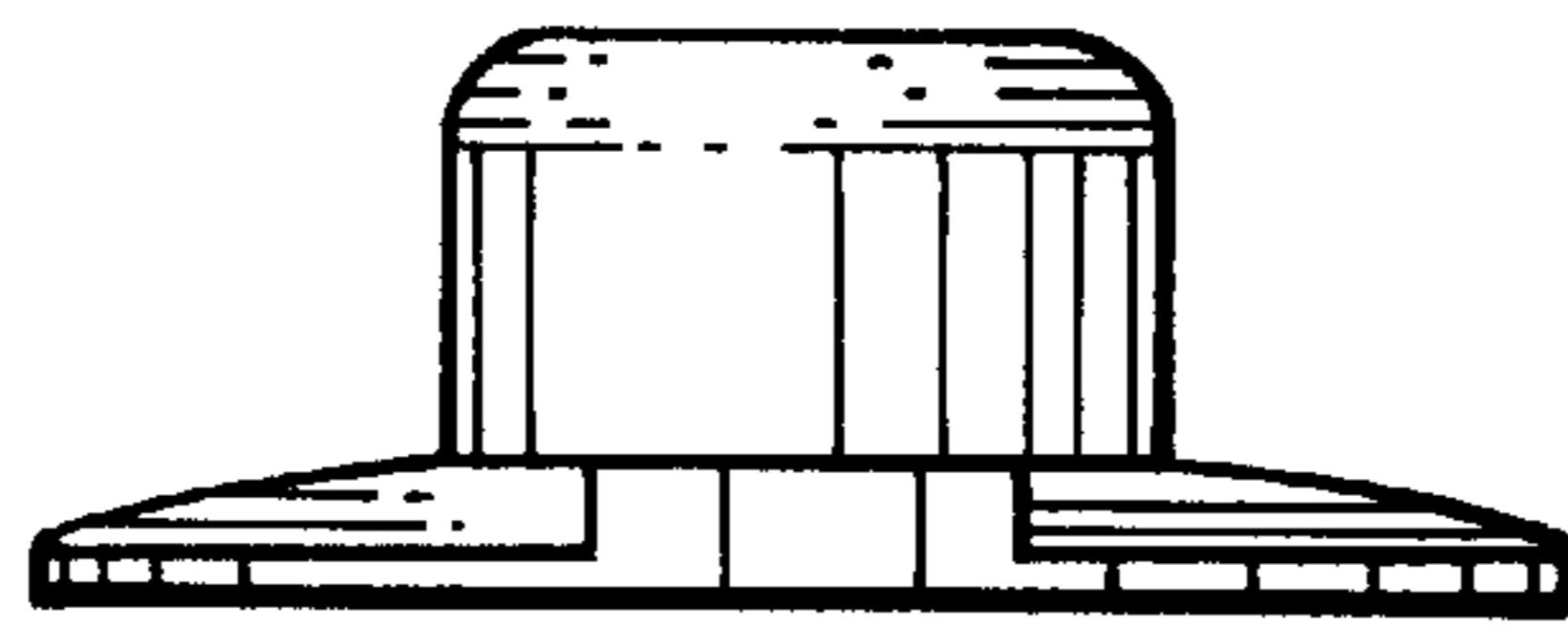


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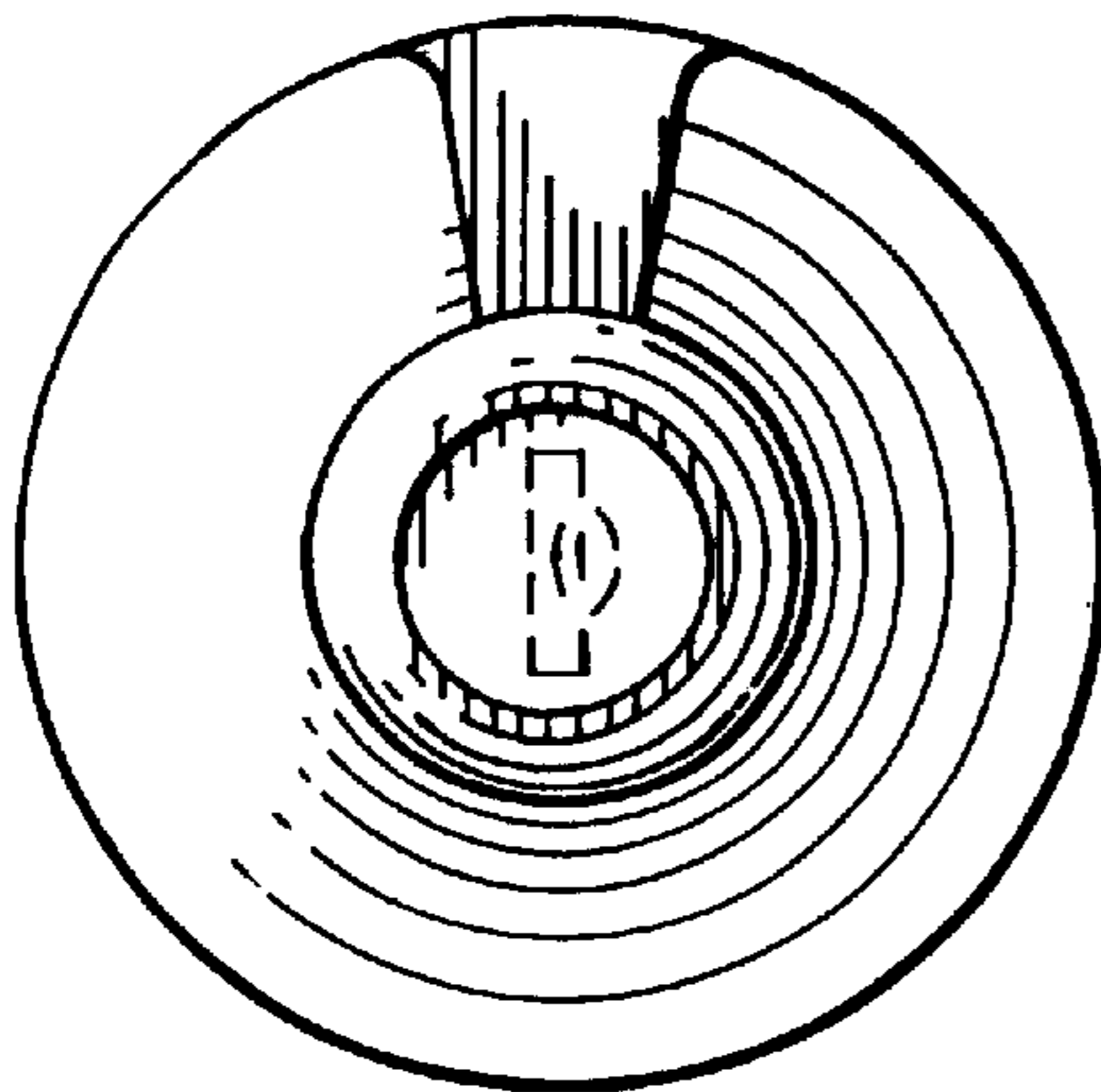


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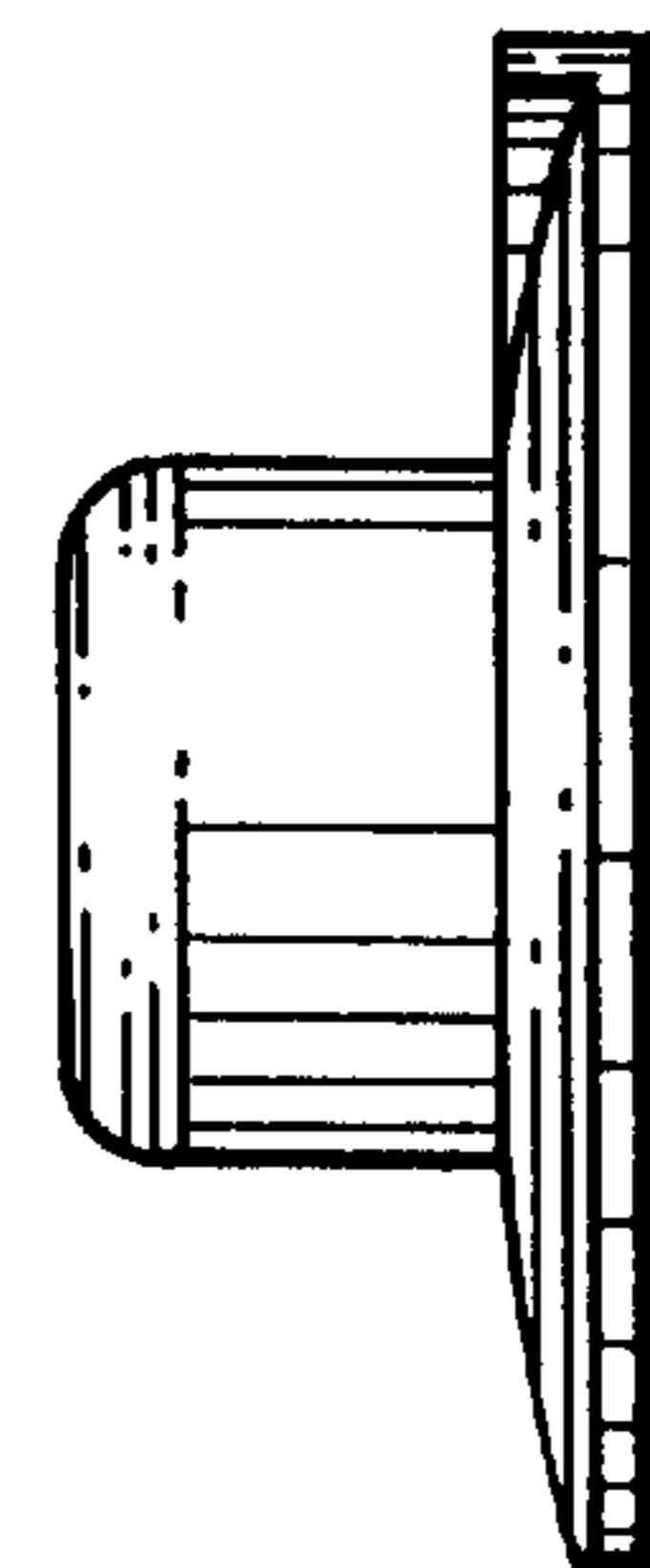


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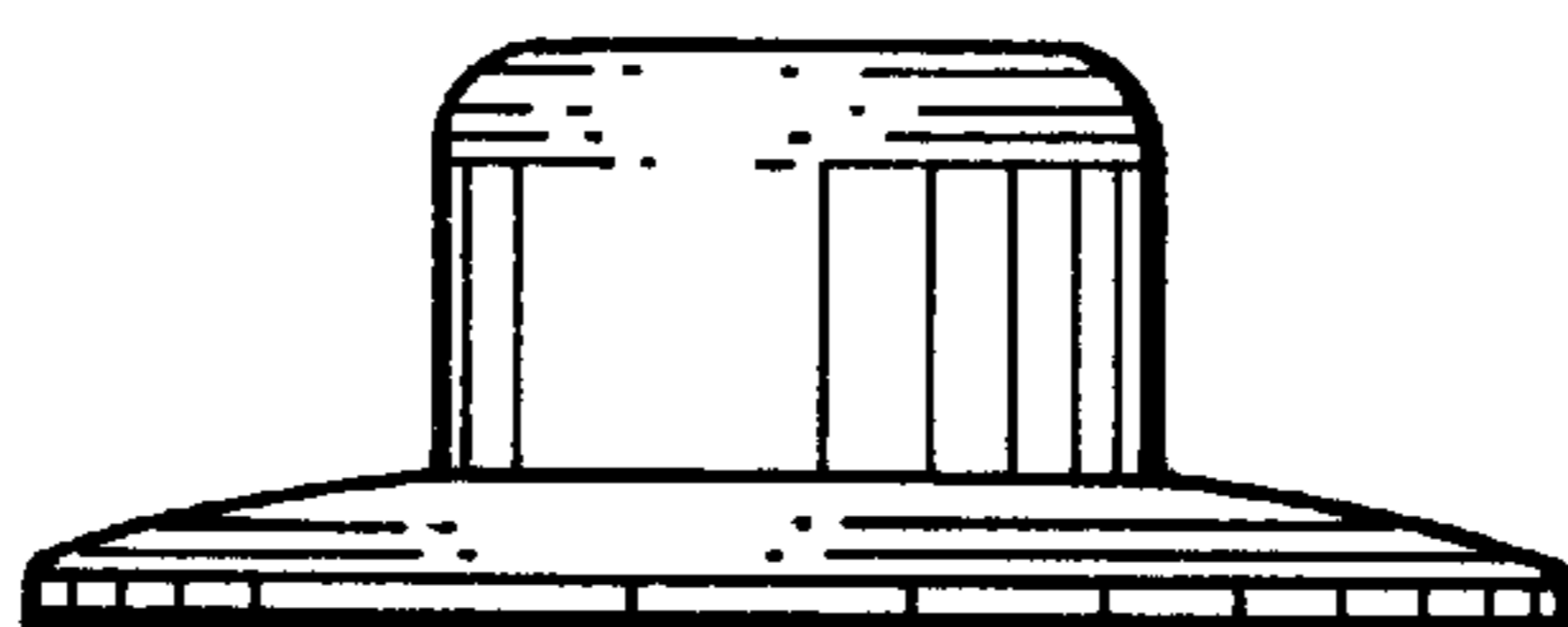


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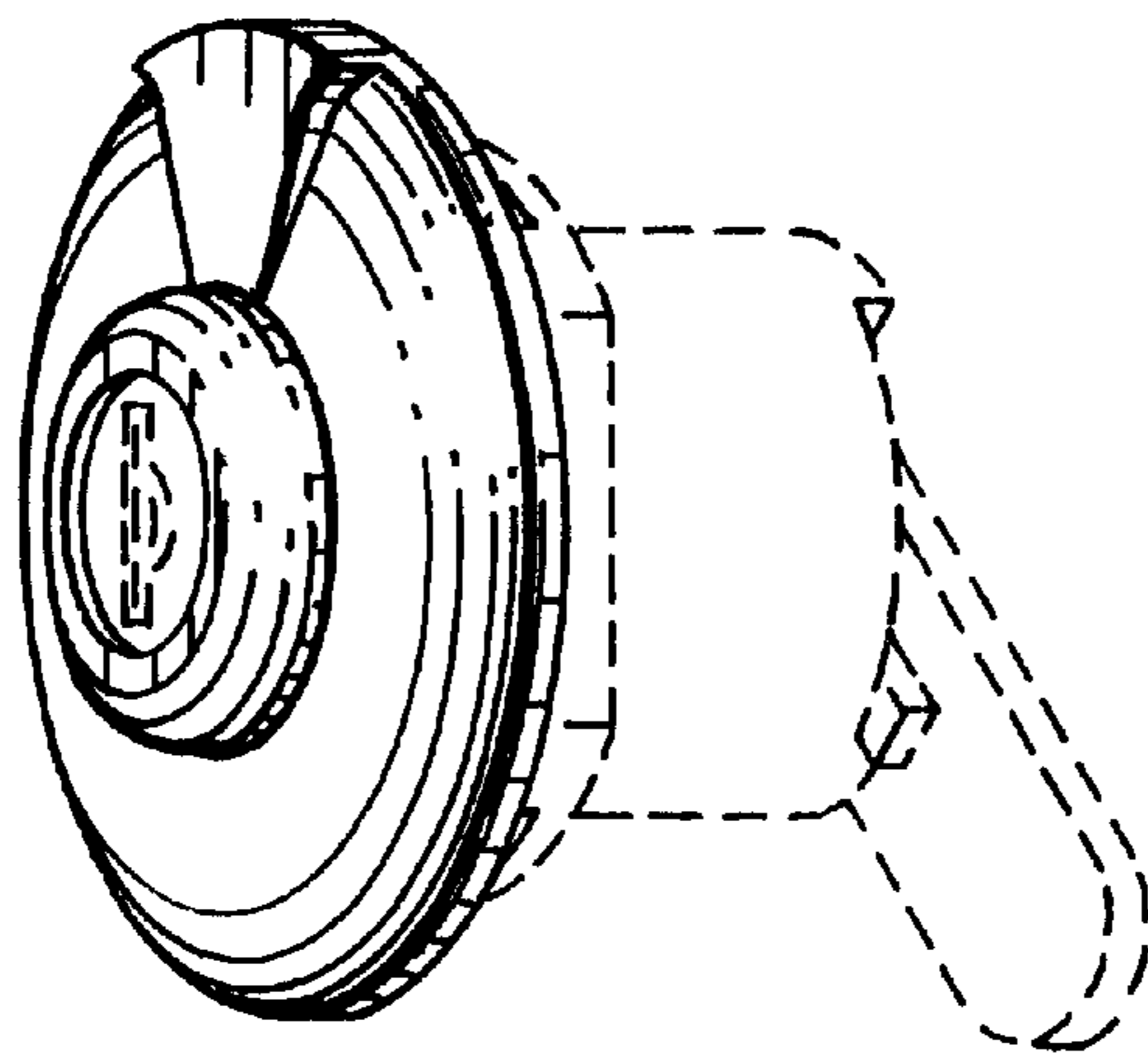


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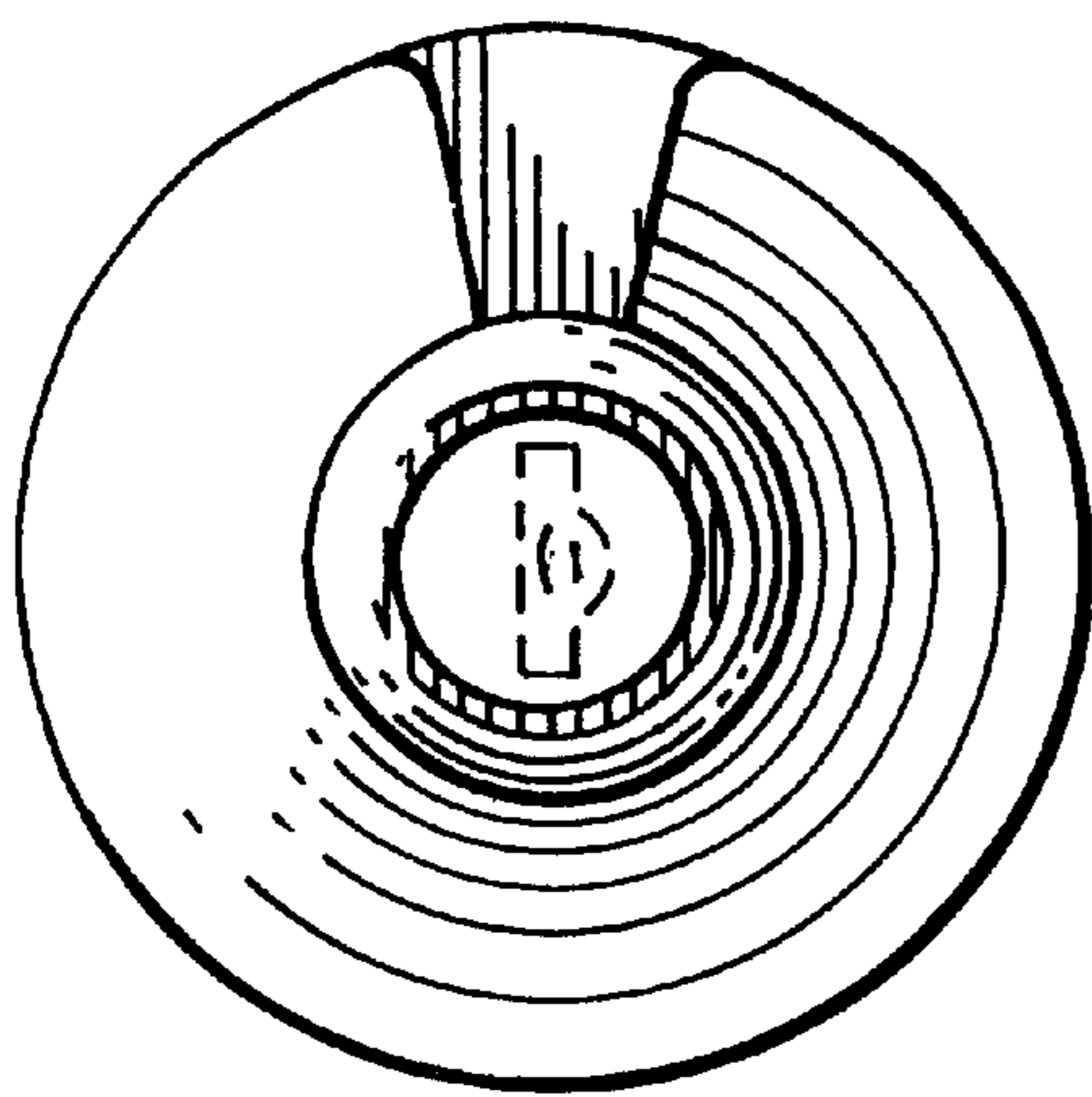


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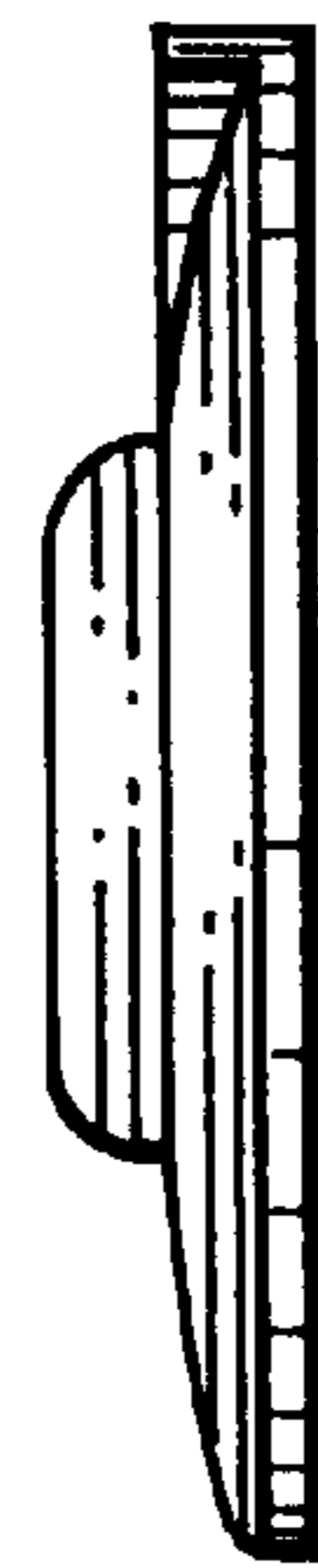


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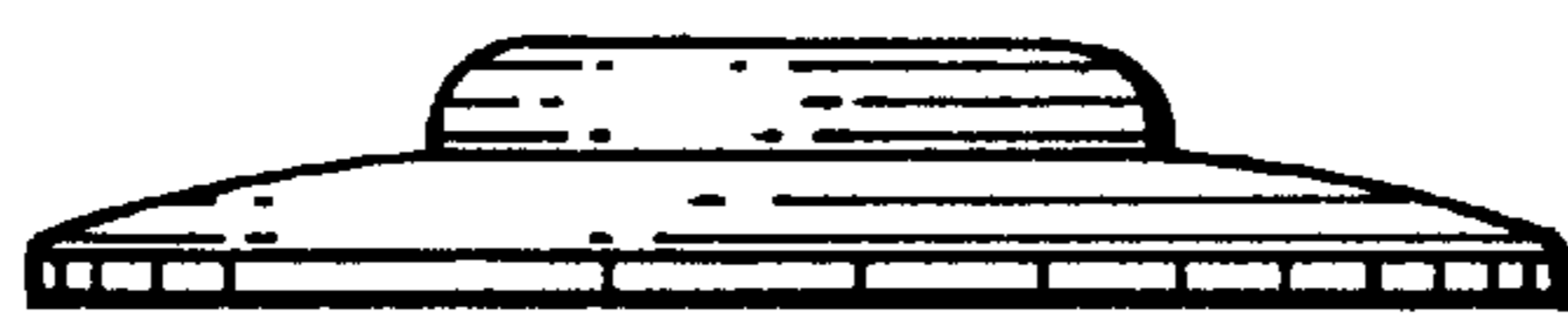


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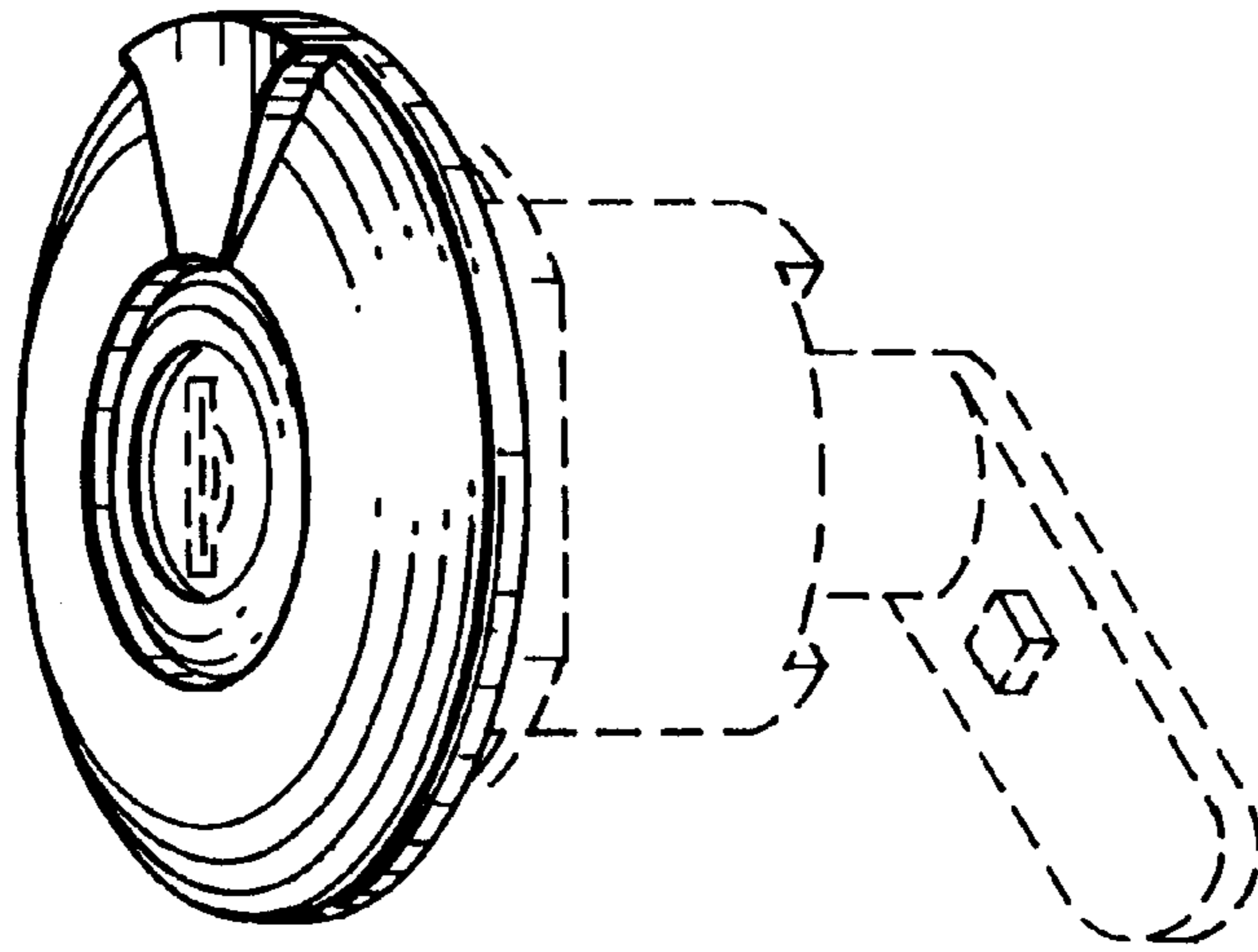


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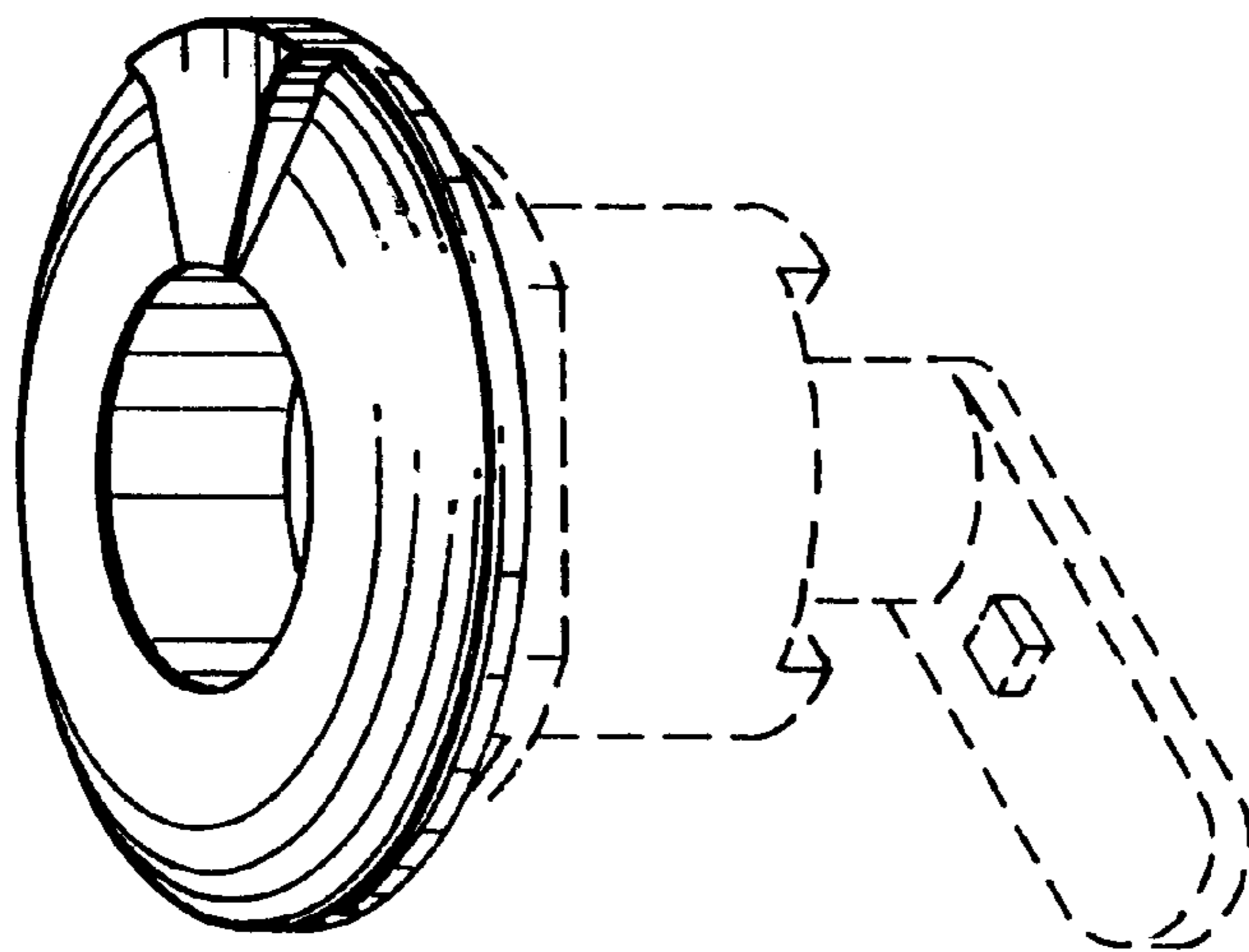


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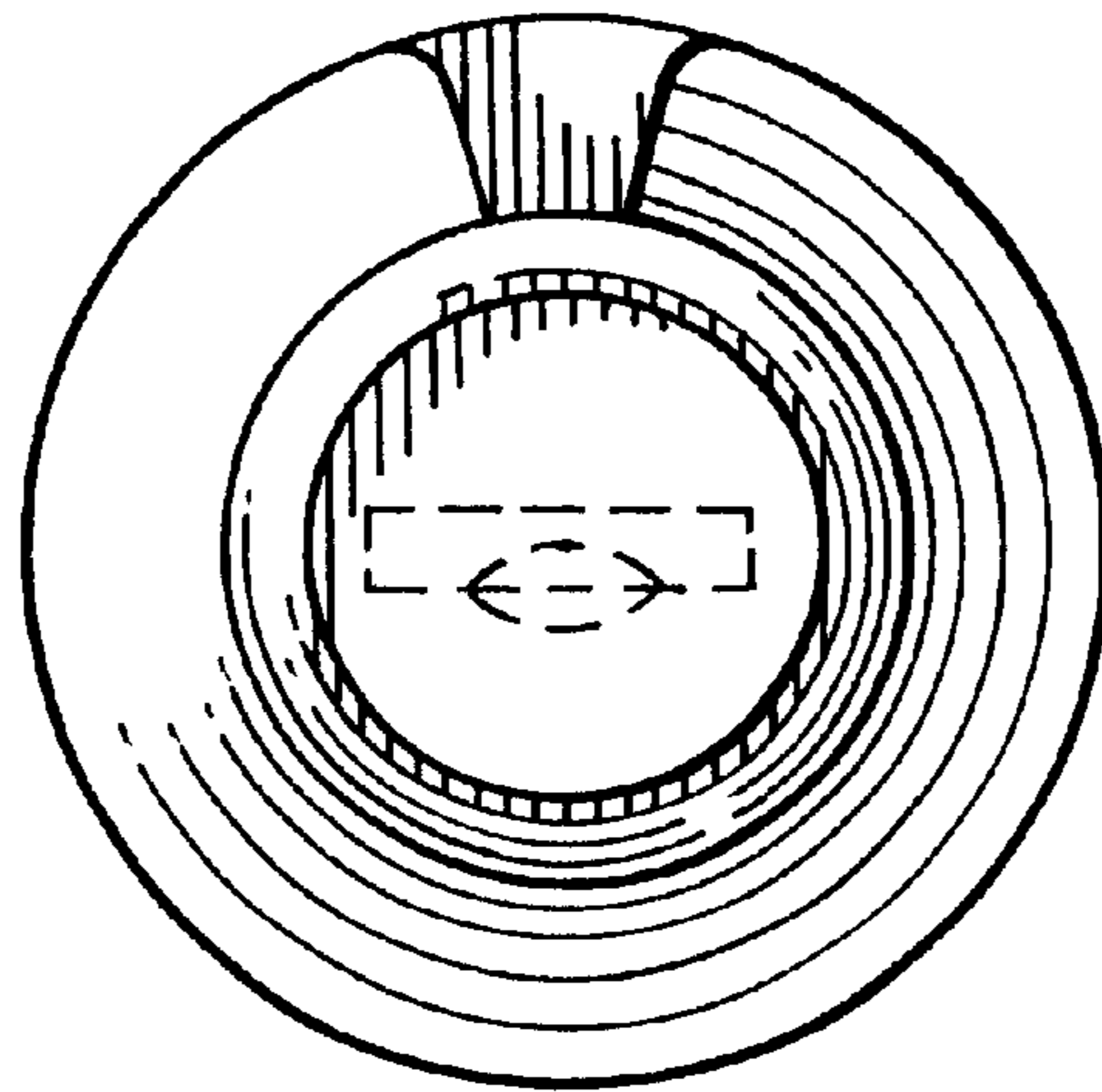


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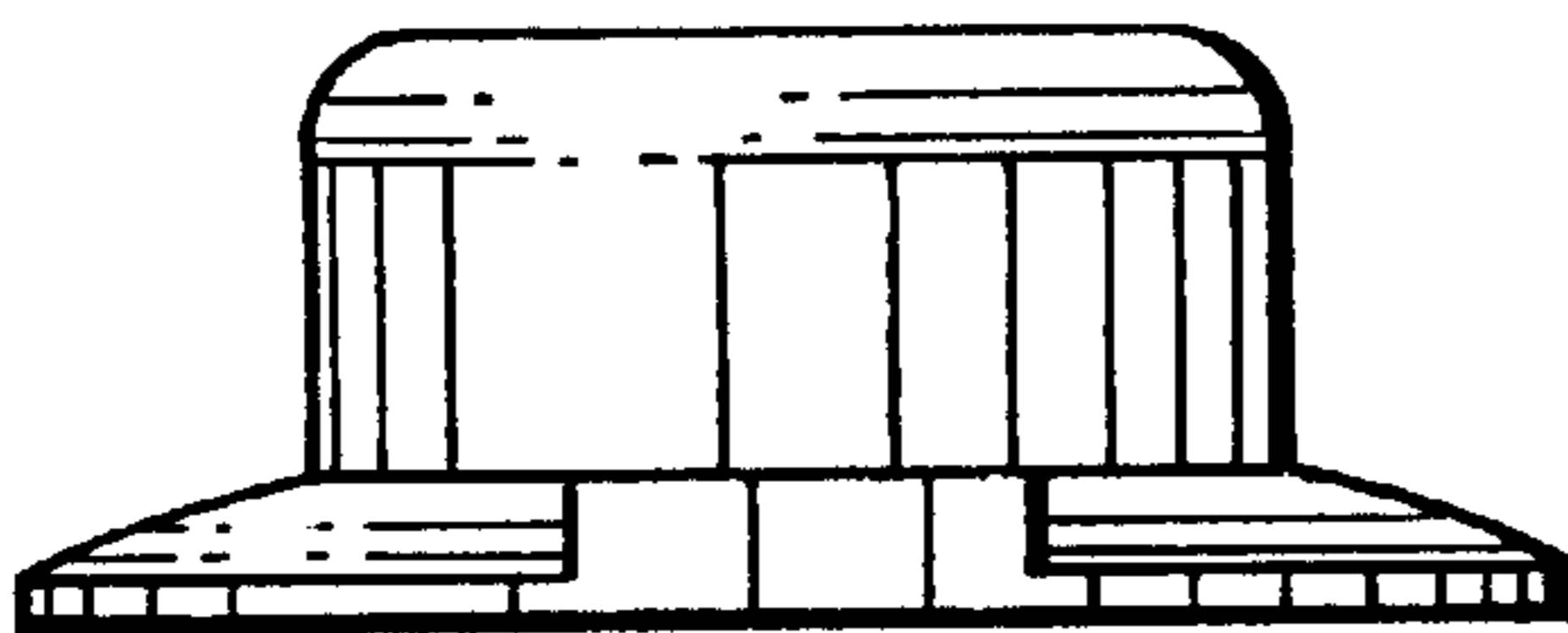


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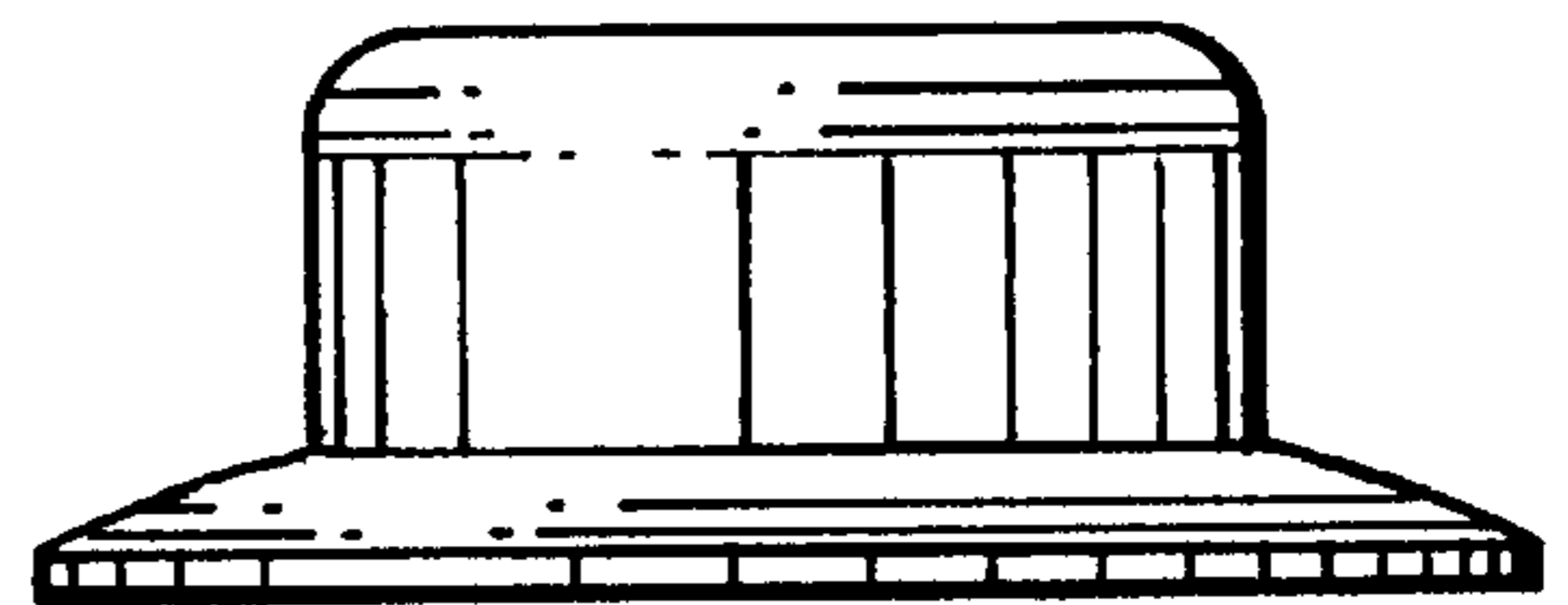


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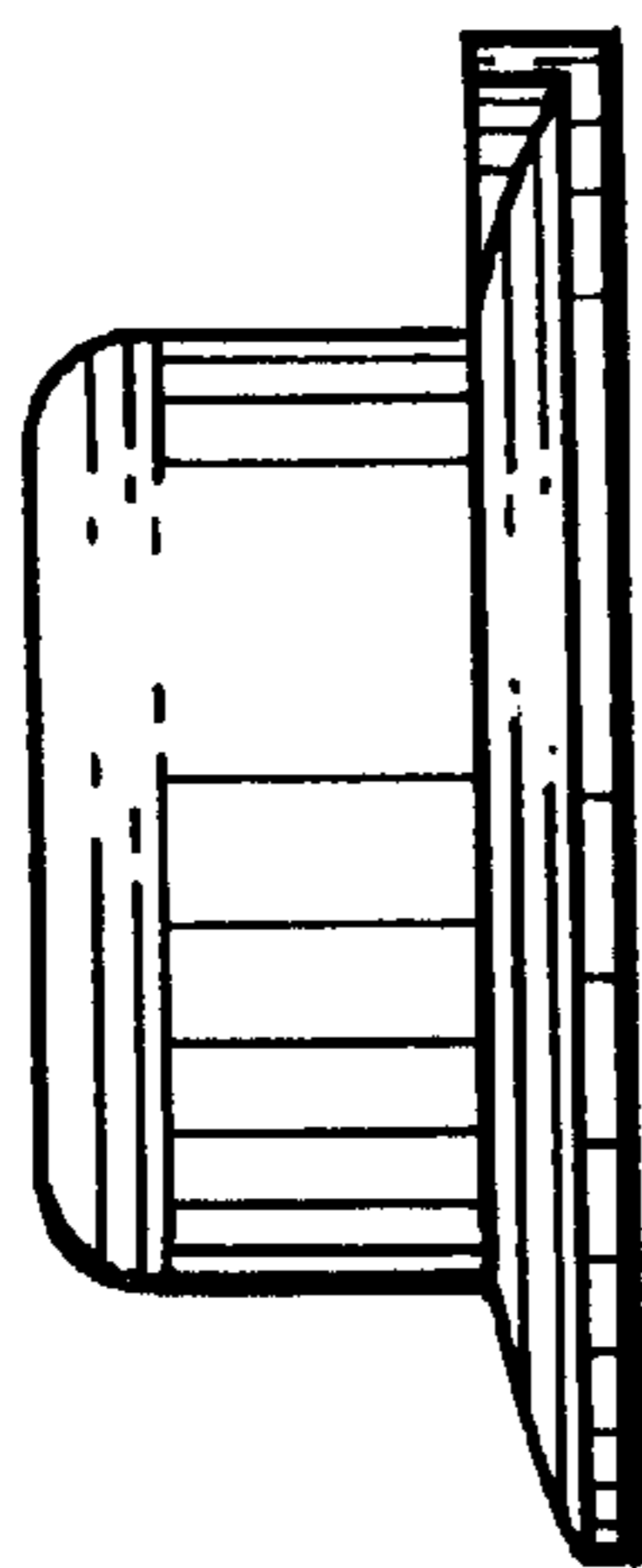


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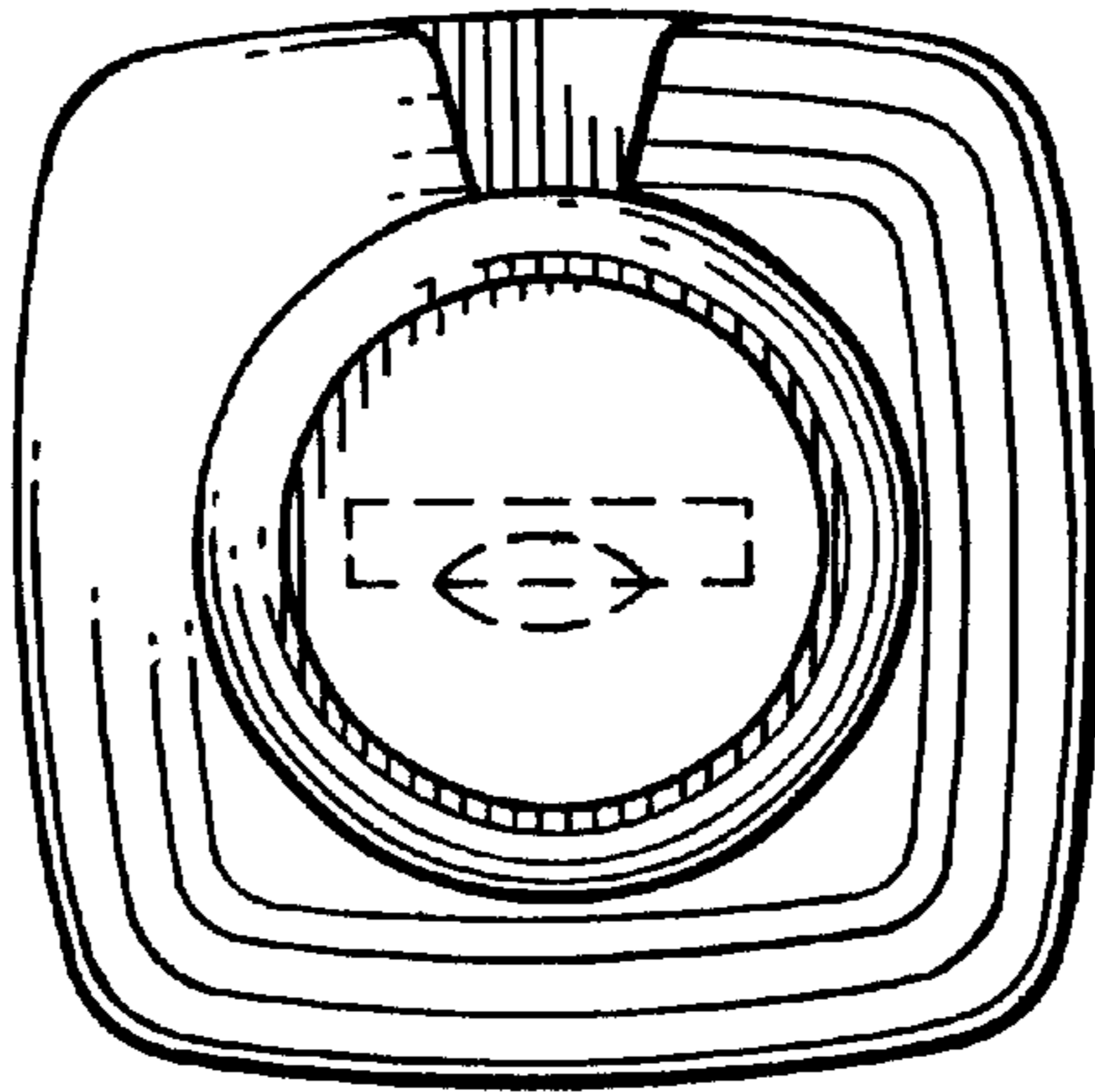


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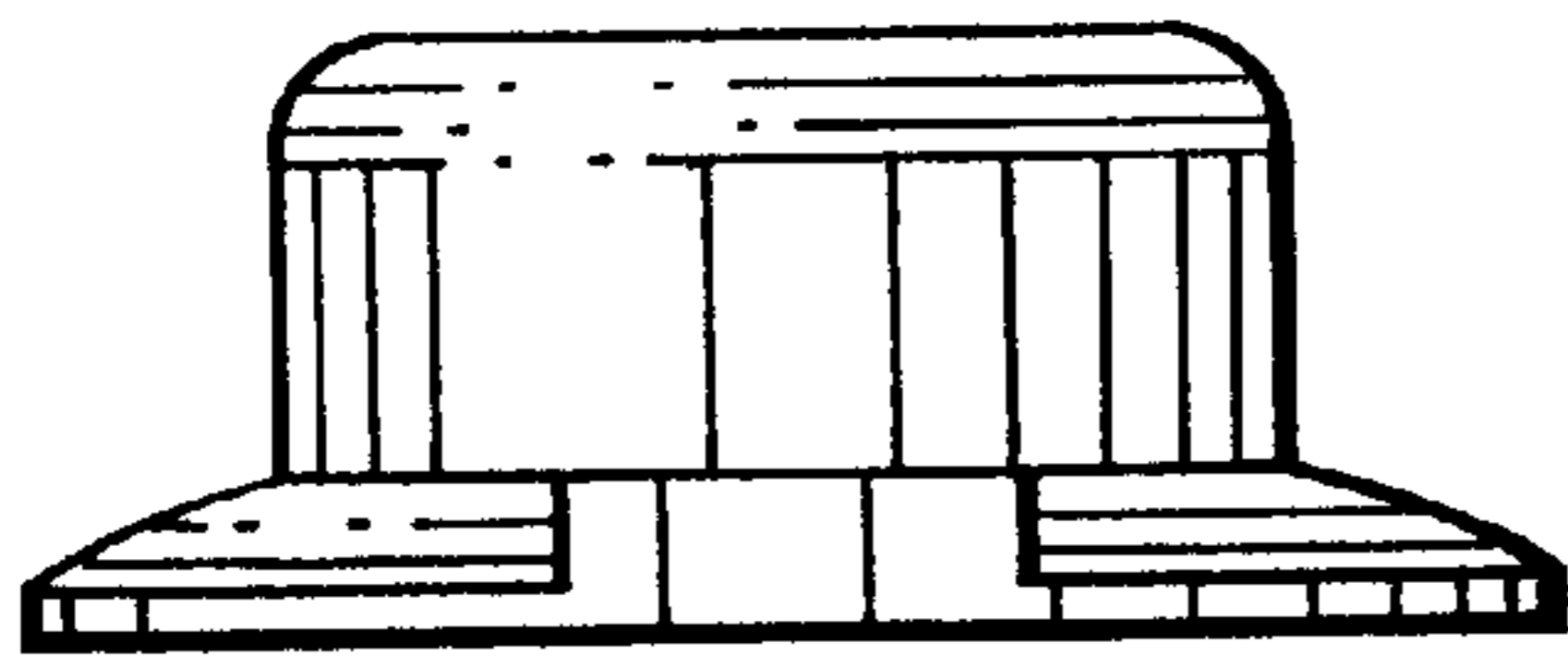


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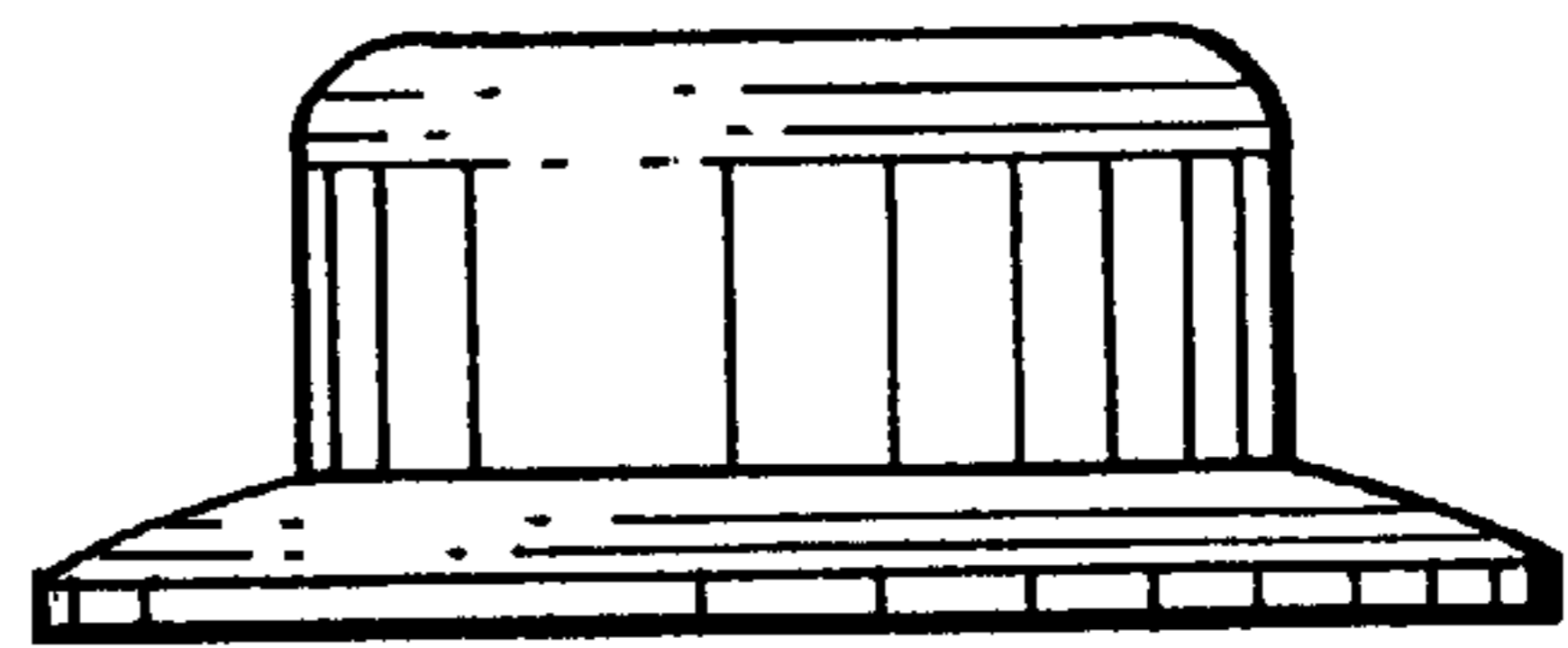


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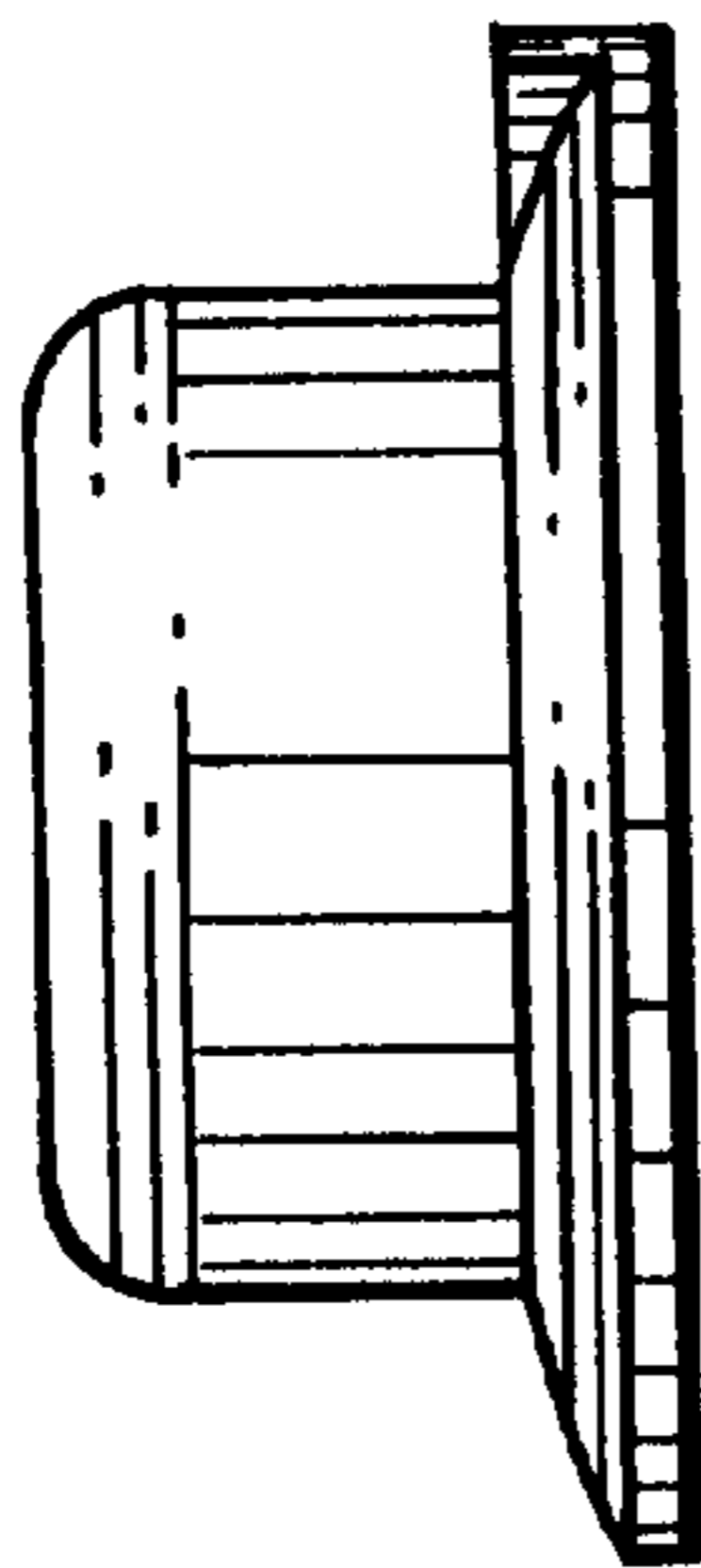


FIG. 33



FIG. 34