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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.

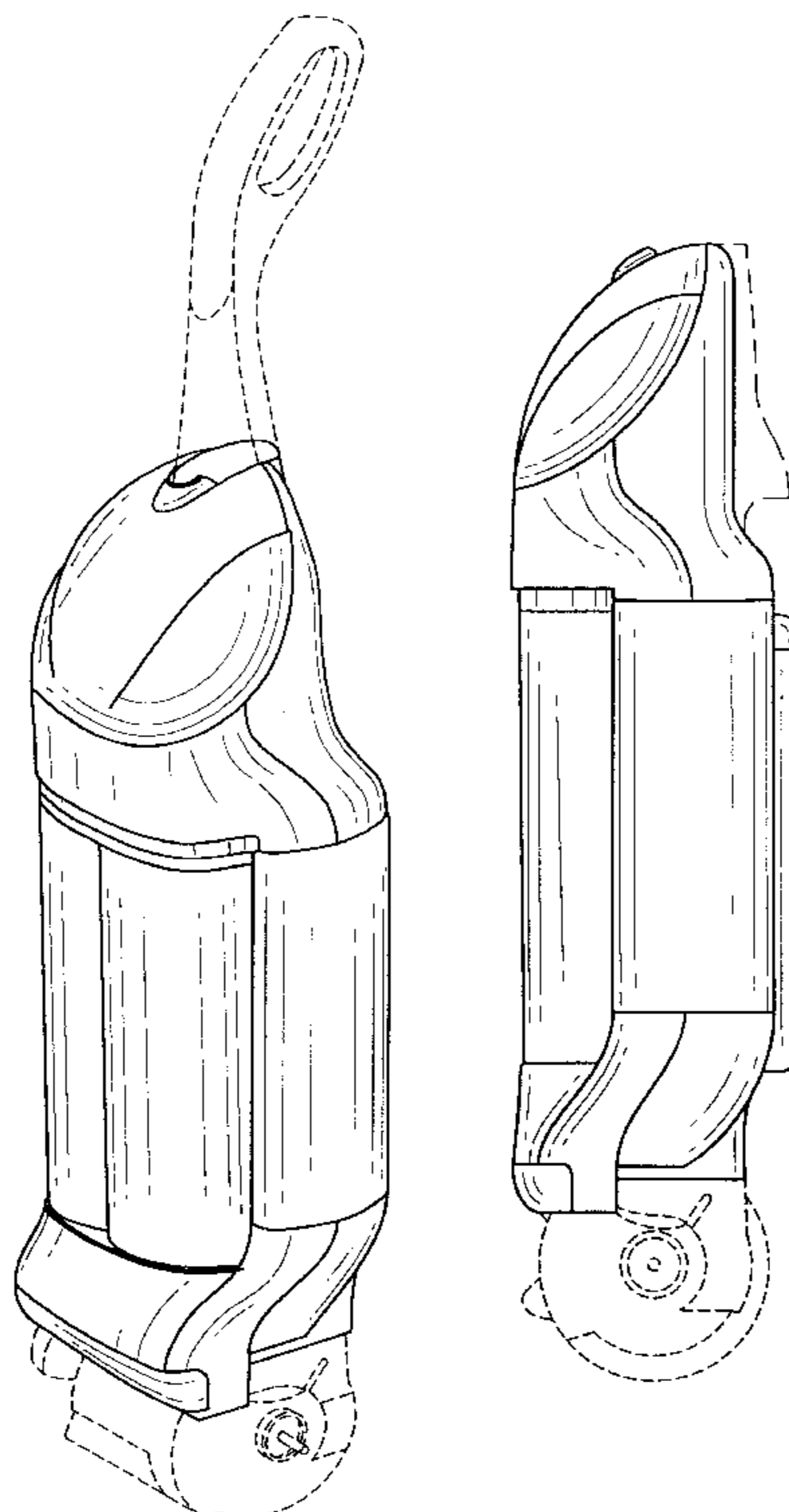
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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a vacuum cleaner upper portion showing my new design;  
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof; and,  
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof.  
The details shown in broken lines are shown for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**



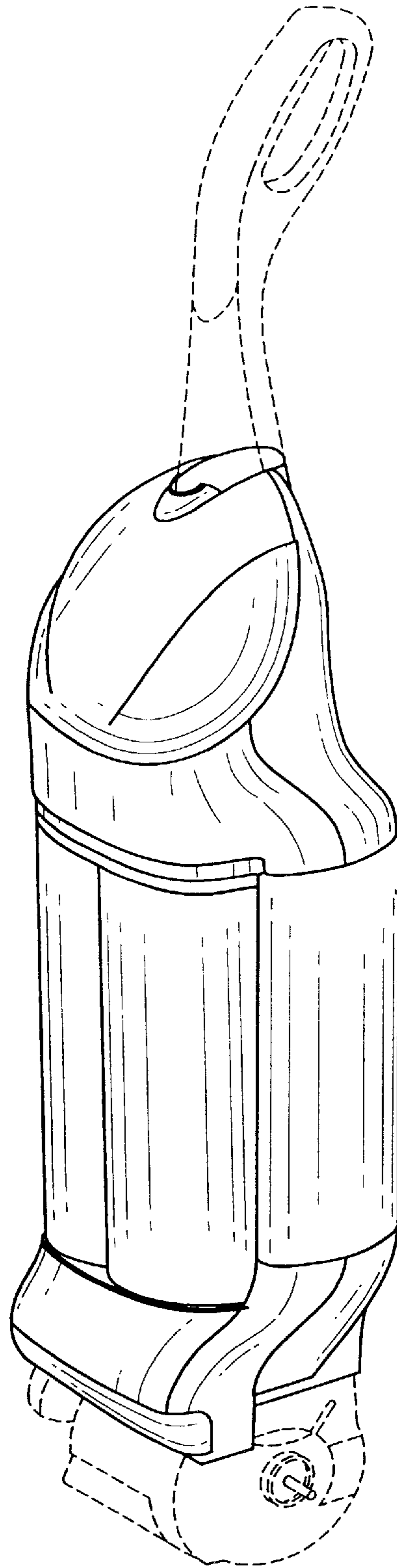


FIG-1

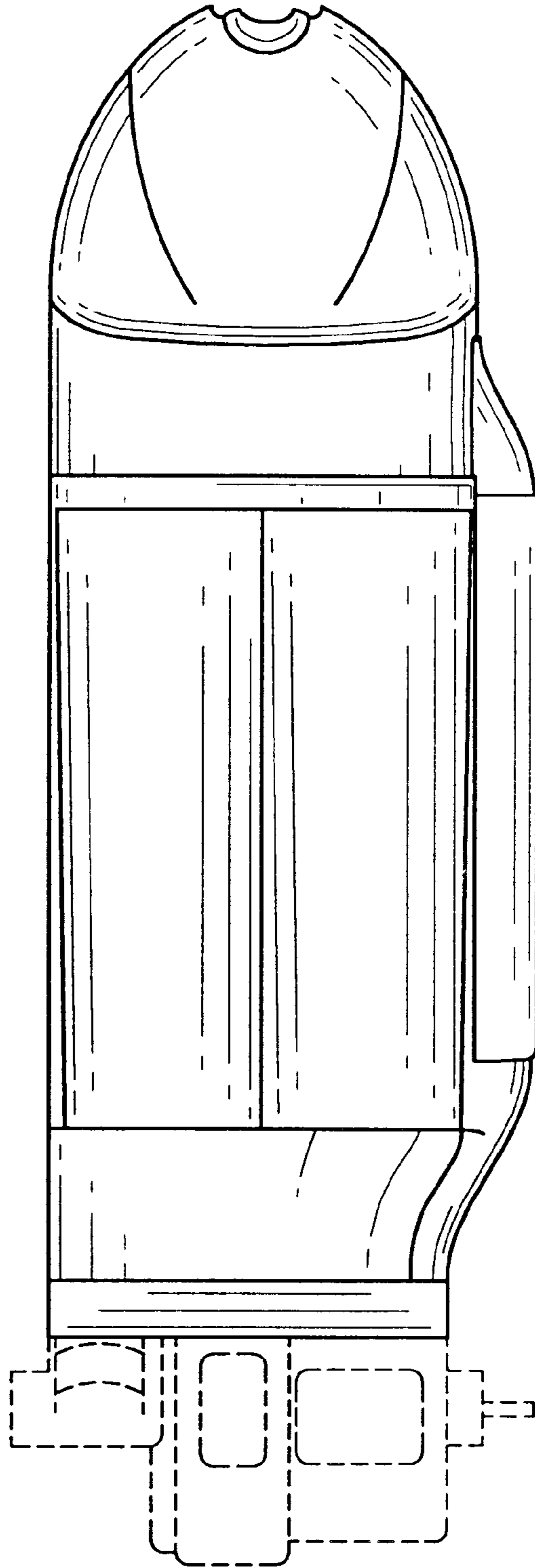


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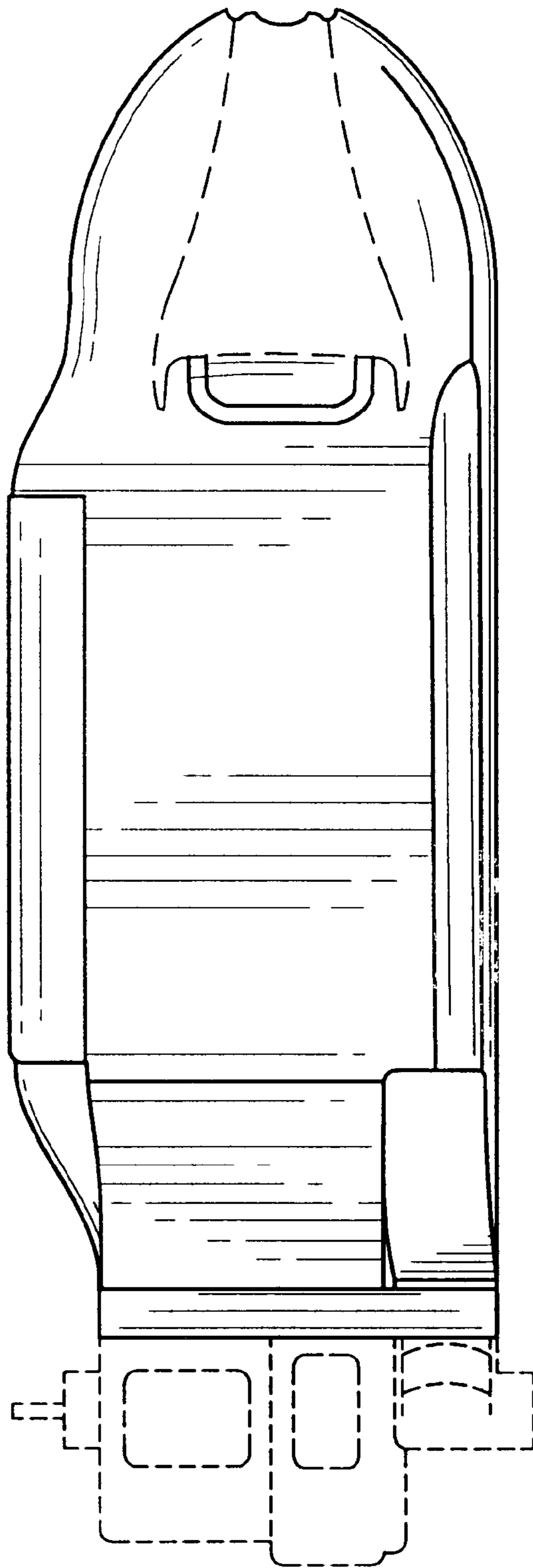


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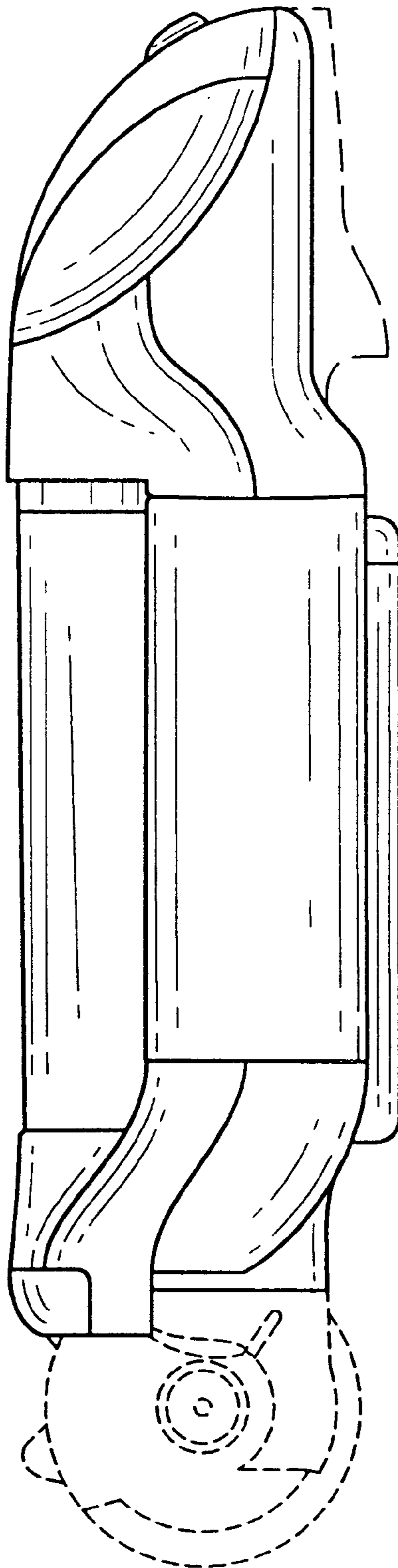


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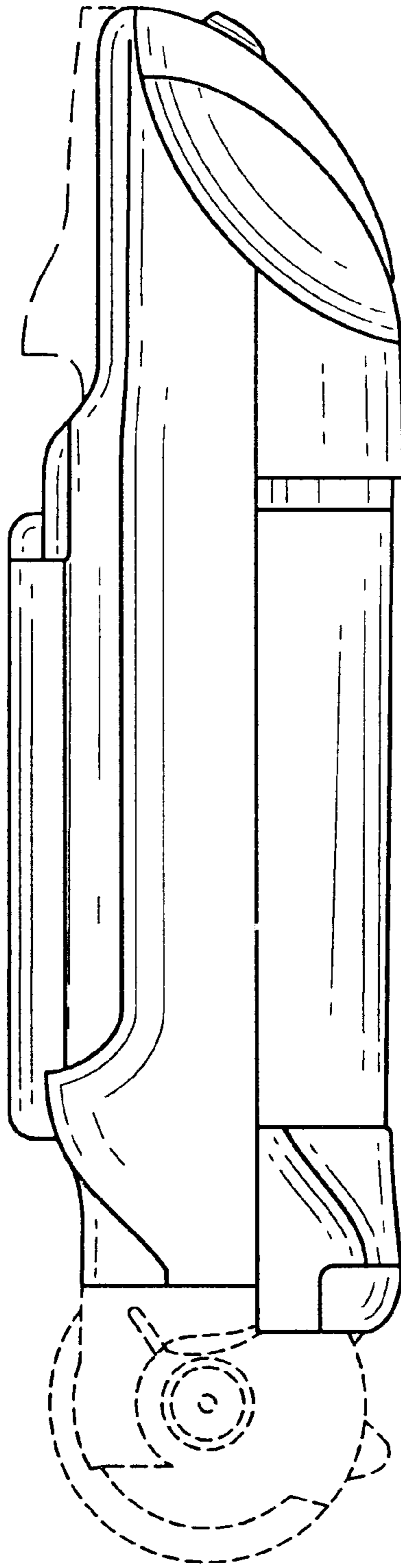


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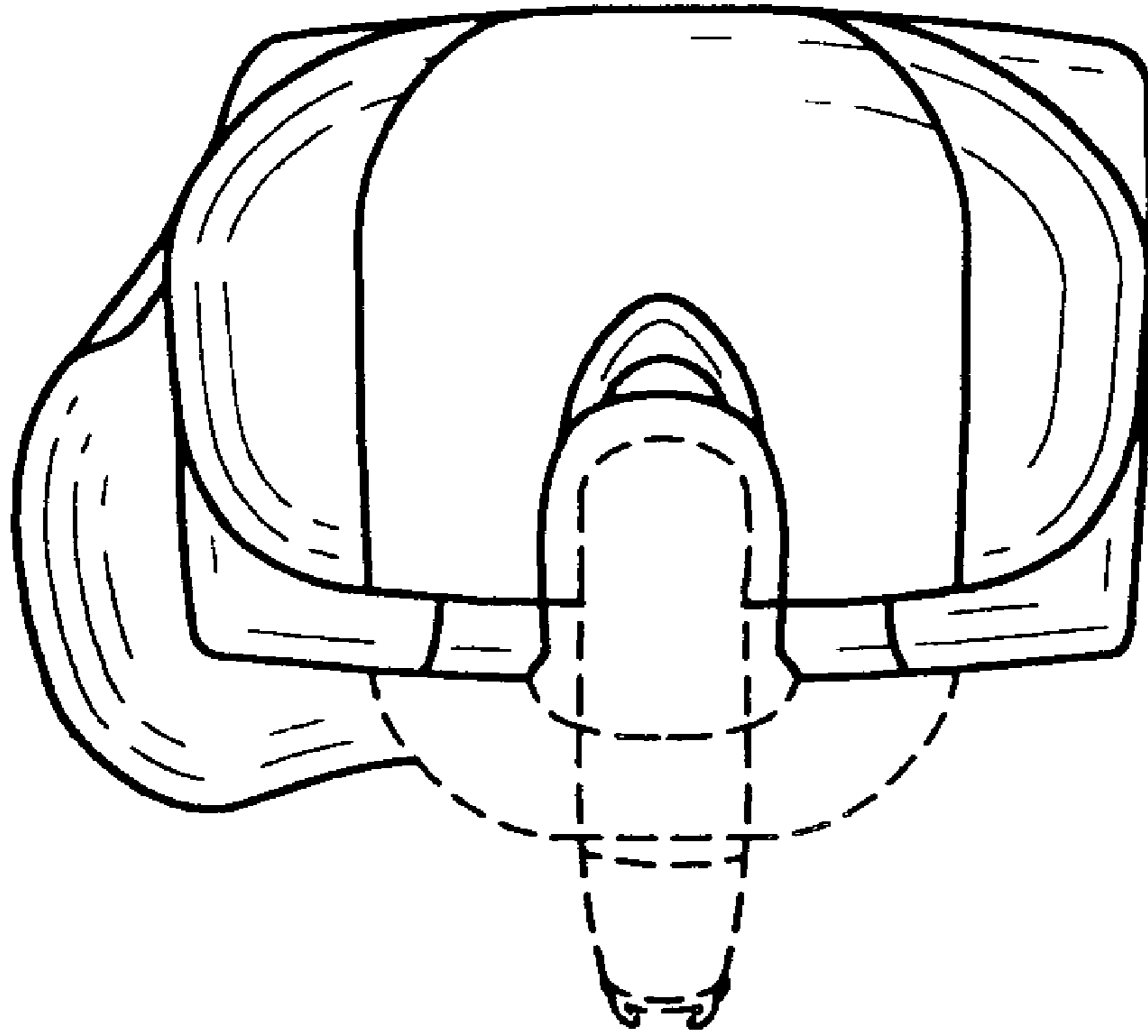


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