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#### (54) BUCKLE

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## (57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a buckle, as shown and described.

#### **DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front view of a male member of a buckle.

FIG. 2 is a rear view of the male member of FIG. 1.

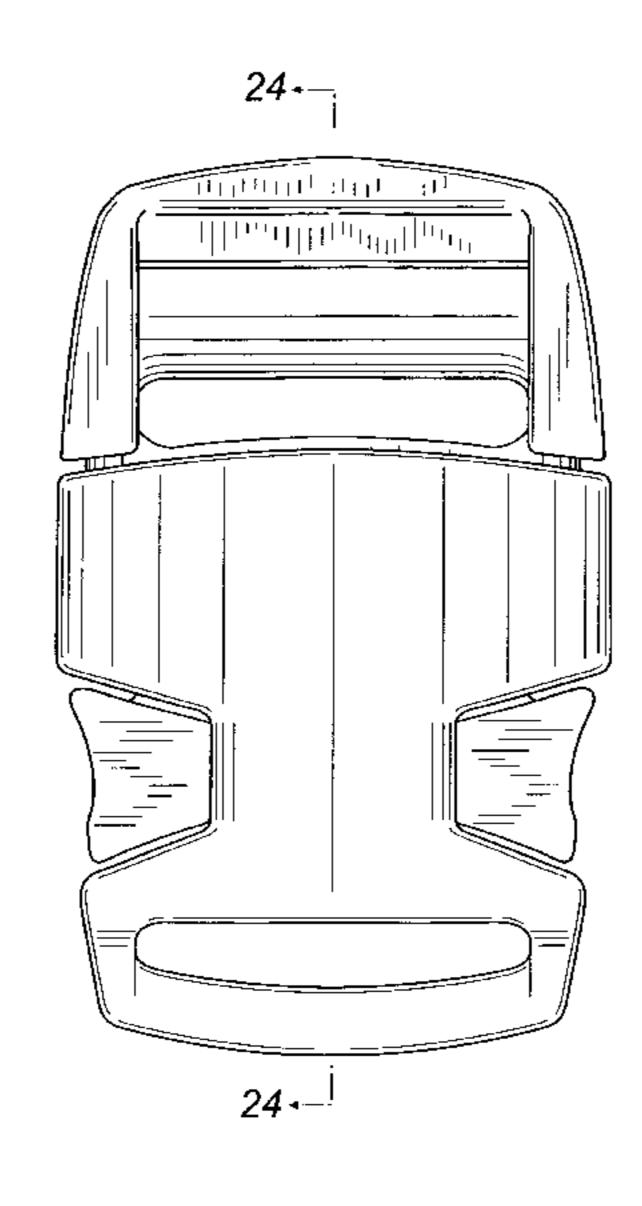
FIG. 3 is a plan view of the male member of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a base view of the male member of FIG. 1.

- FIG. 5 is a right side view of the male member of FIG. 1.
- FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 6—6 of FIG.
- FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 7—7 of FIG. 1
- FIG. 8 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 8—8 of FIG.
- FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 9—9 of FIG.
- FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 10—10 of FIG. 1.
- FIG. 11 is a front view of a female member of the buckle.
- FIG. 12 is a rear veiw of the female member of FIG. 11.
- FIG. 13 is a plan view of the female member of FIG. 11.
- FIG. 14 is a base view of the female member of FIG. 11.
- FIG. 15 is a right side view of the female member of FIG. 11.
- FIG. 16 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 16—16 of FIG. 11.
- FIG. 17 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 17—17 of
- FIG. 15.
  FIG. 18 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 18—18 of
- FIG. 11.
  FIG. 19 is a front view showing the buckle in coupled disposition.
- FIG. 20 is a rear view of the buckle of FIG. 19.
- FIG. 21 is a plan view of the buckle of FIG. 19.
- FIG. 22 is a base view of the buckle of FIG. 19.
- FIG. 23 is a right side view of the buckle of FIG. 19.
- FIG. 24 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 24—24 of FIG. 19.
- FIG. 25 is a front view showing the buckle of FIG. 19 in coupled disposition, with a front wall of the female member partly broken away; and,
- FIG. 26 is an explanatory view of the buckle of FIG. 19 showing disposition of the male and female member immediately before they are fully coupled.

It being understood that the broken lines are for illustrative purposes only.

# 1 Claim, 15 Drawing Sheets



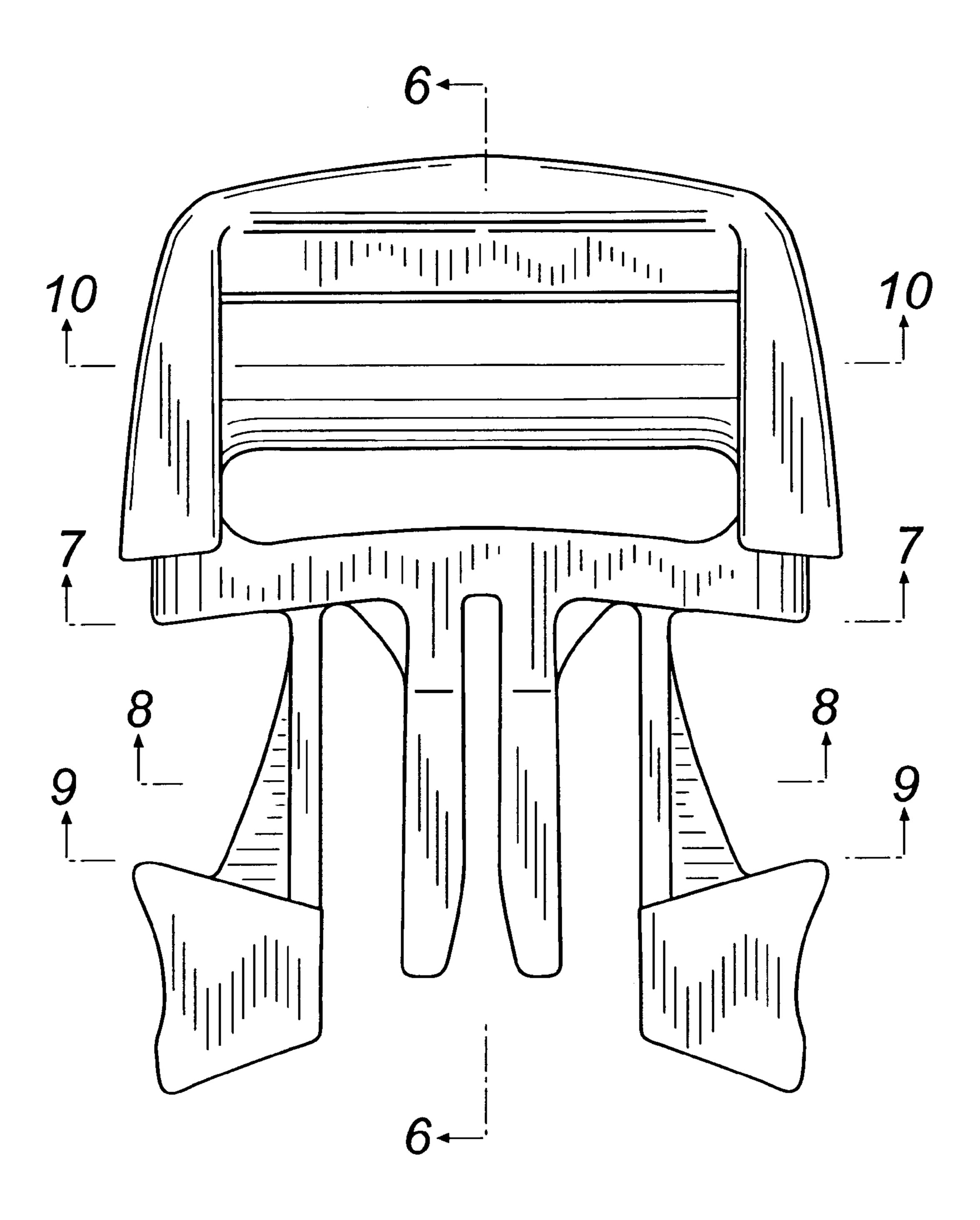


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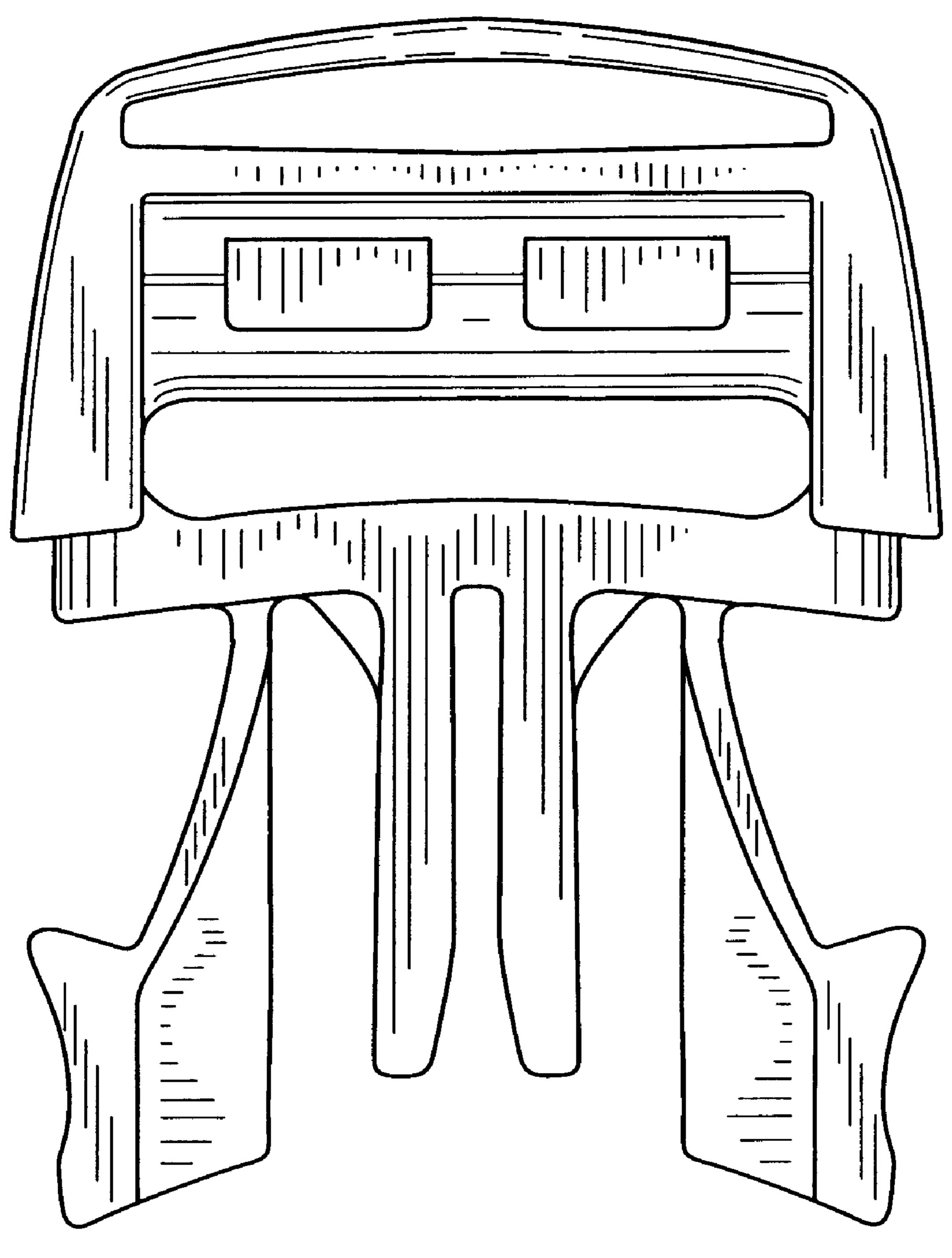
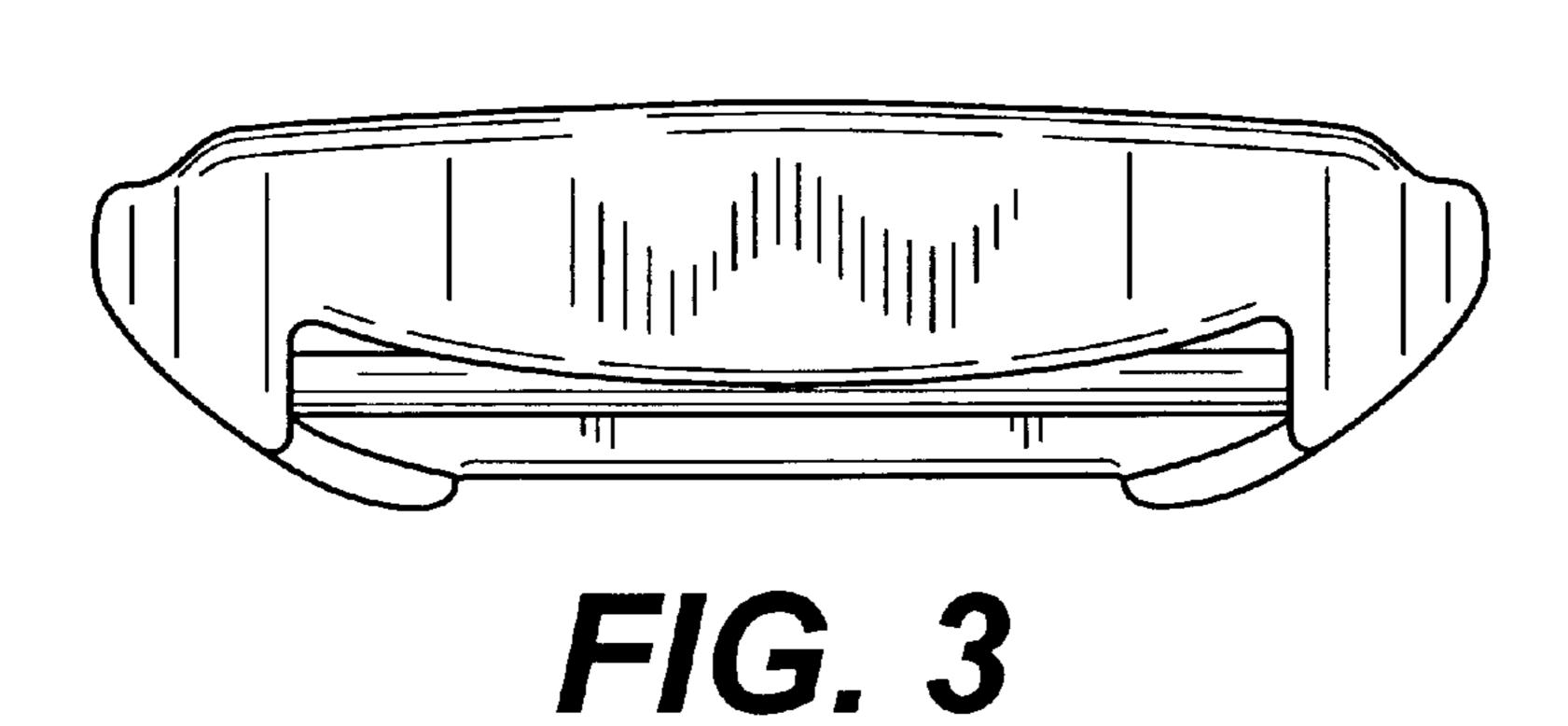
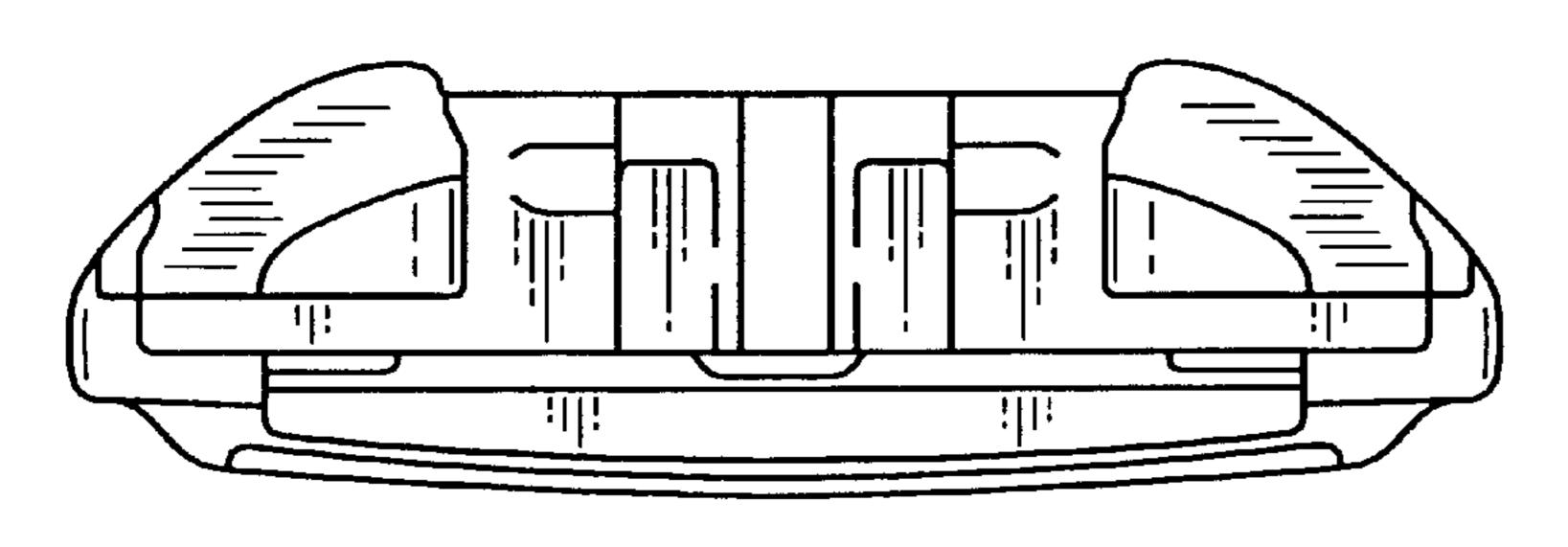
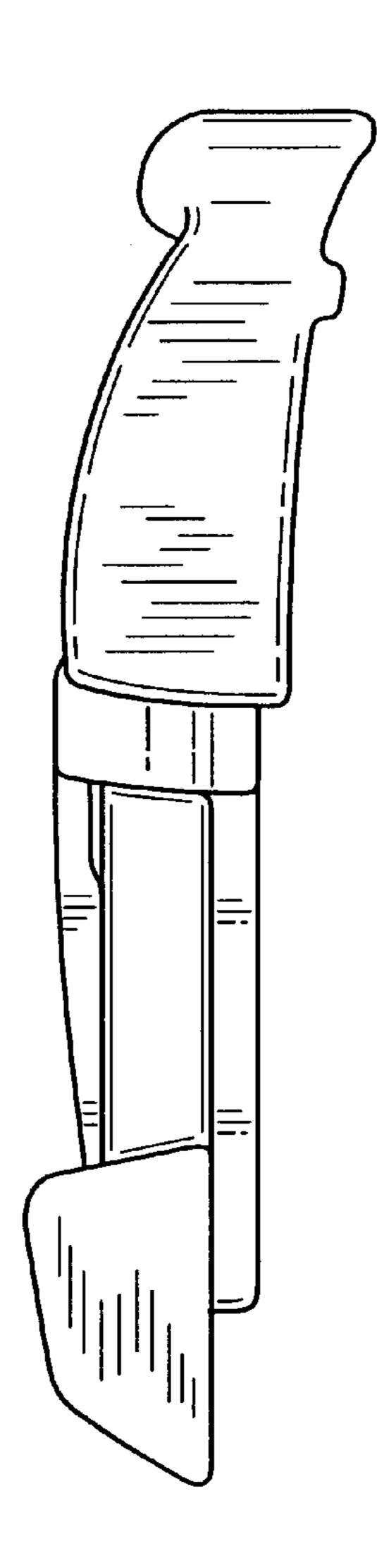


FIG. 2









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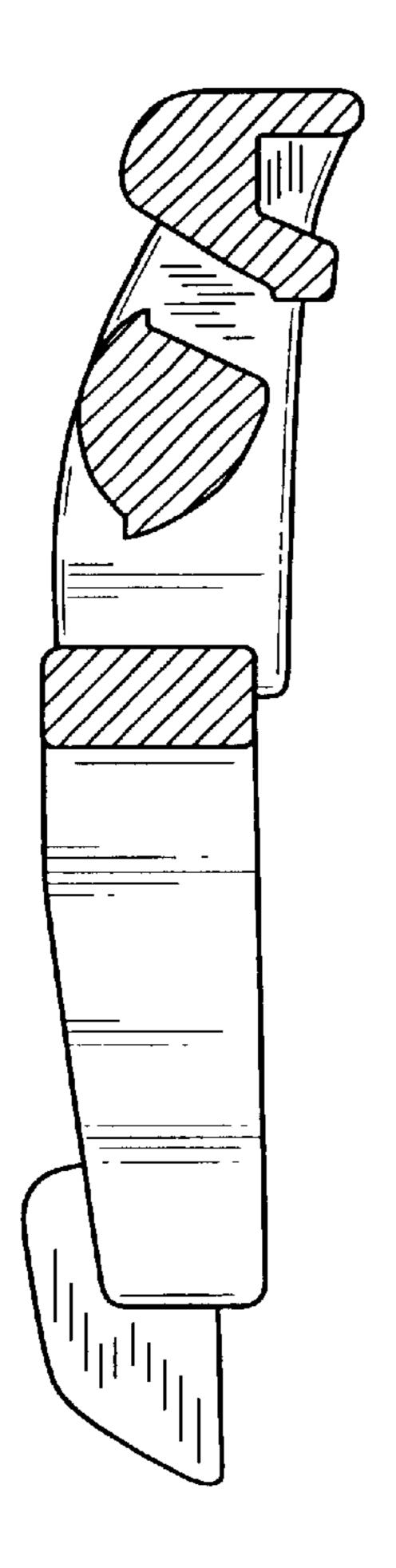


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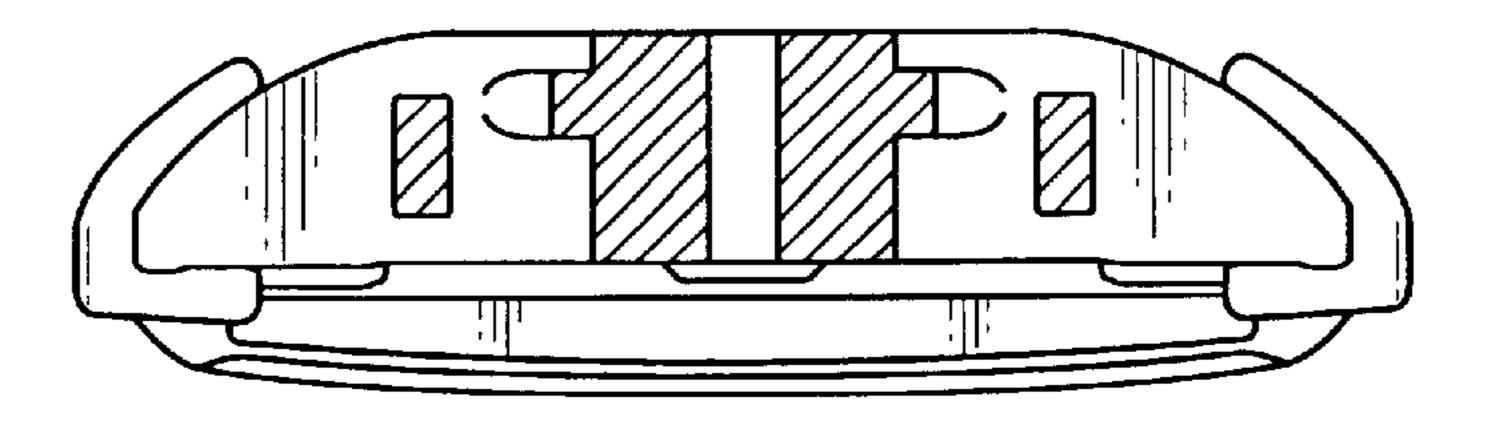


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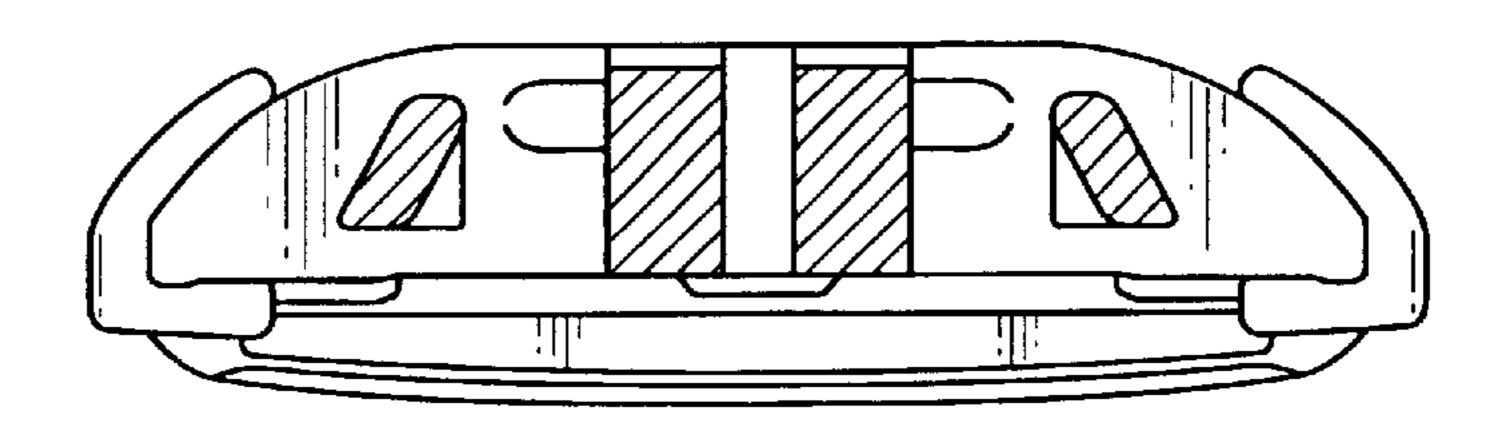
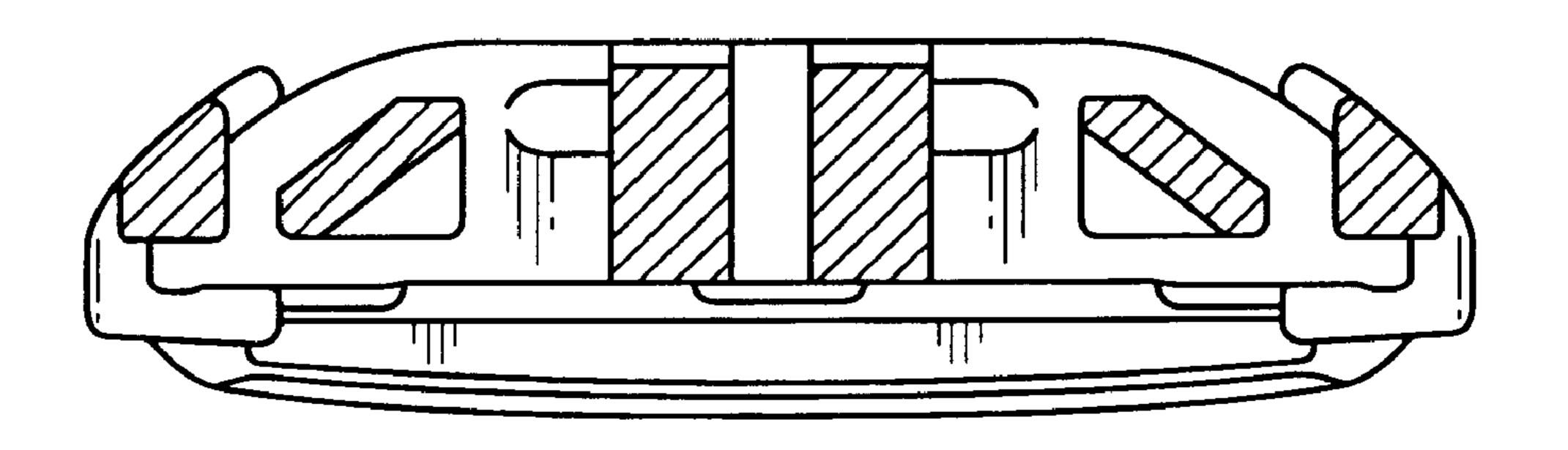
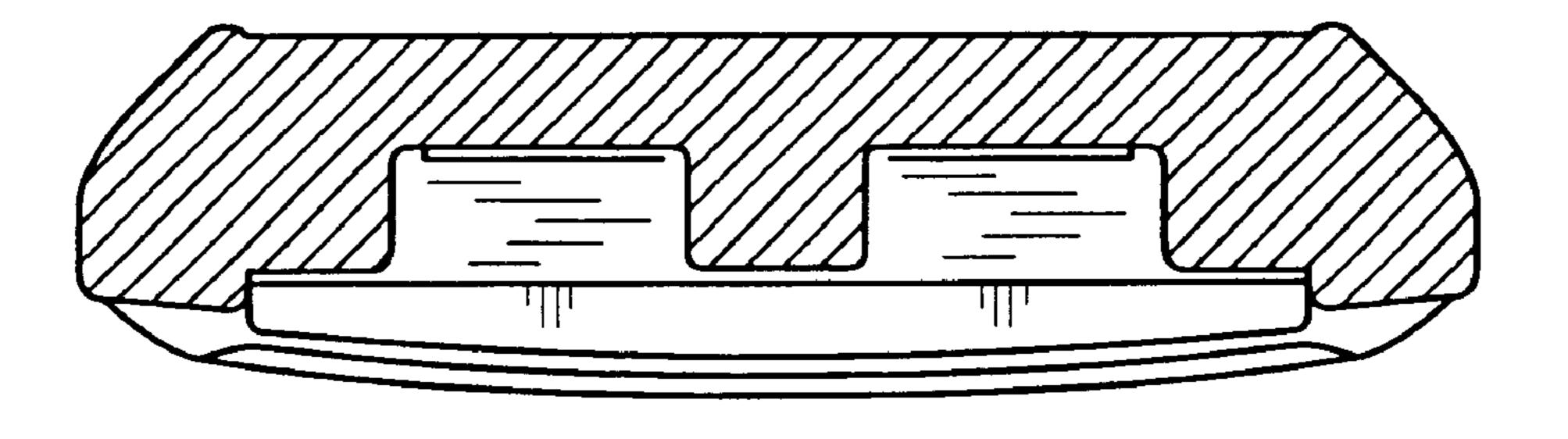


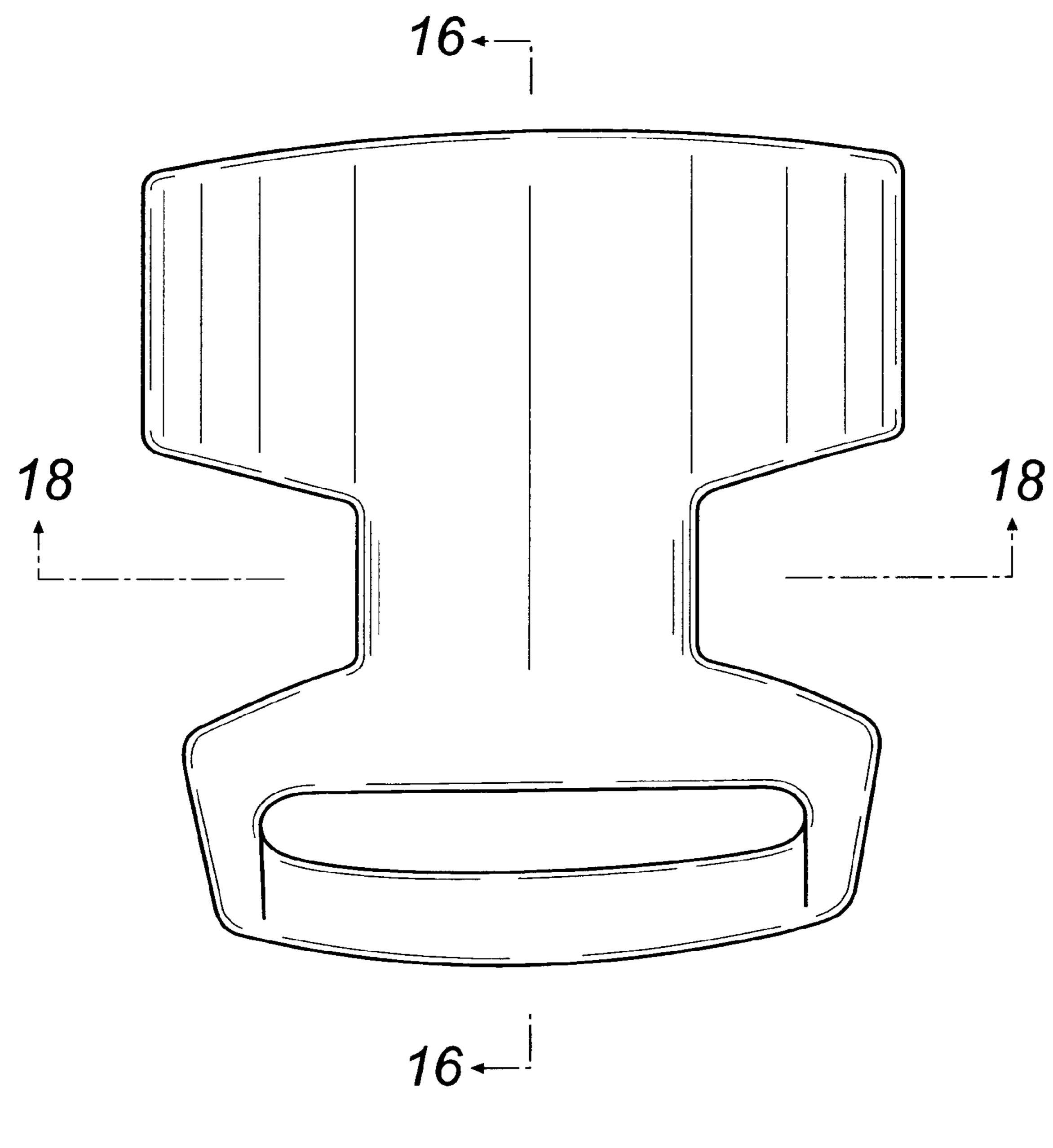
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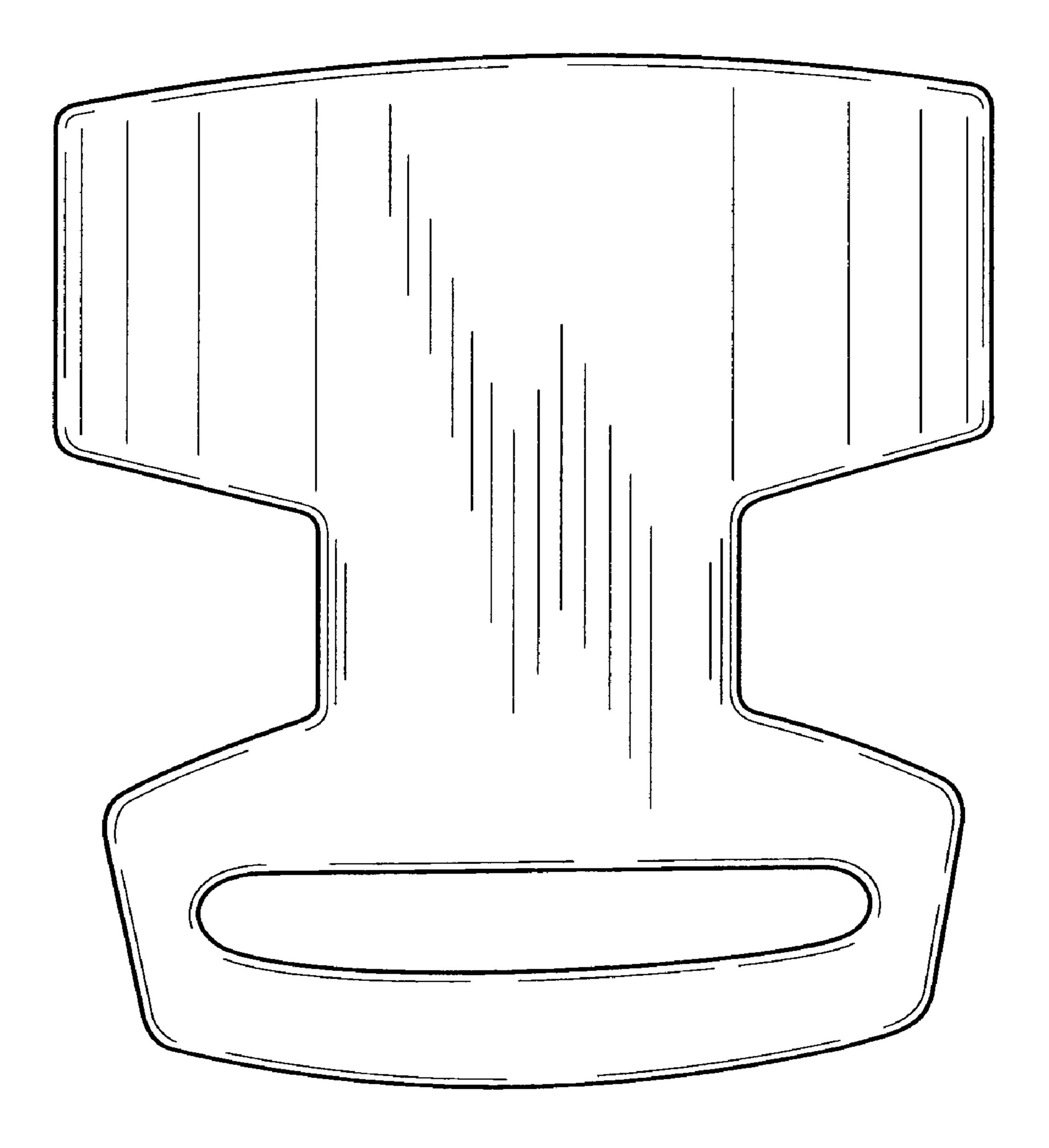
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F/G. 11



F1G. 12

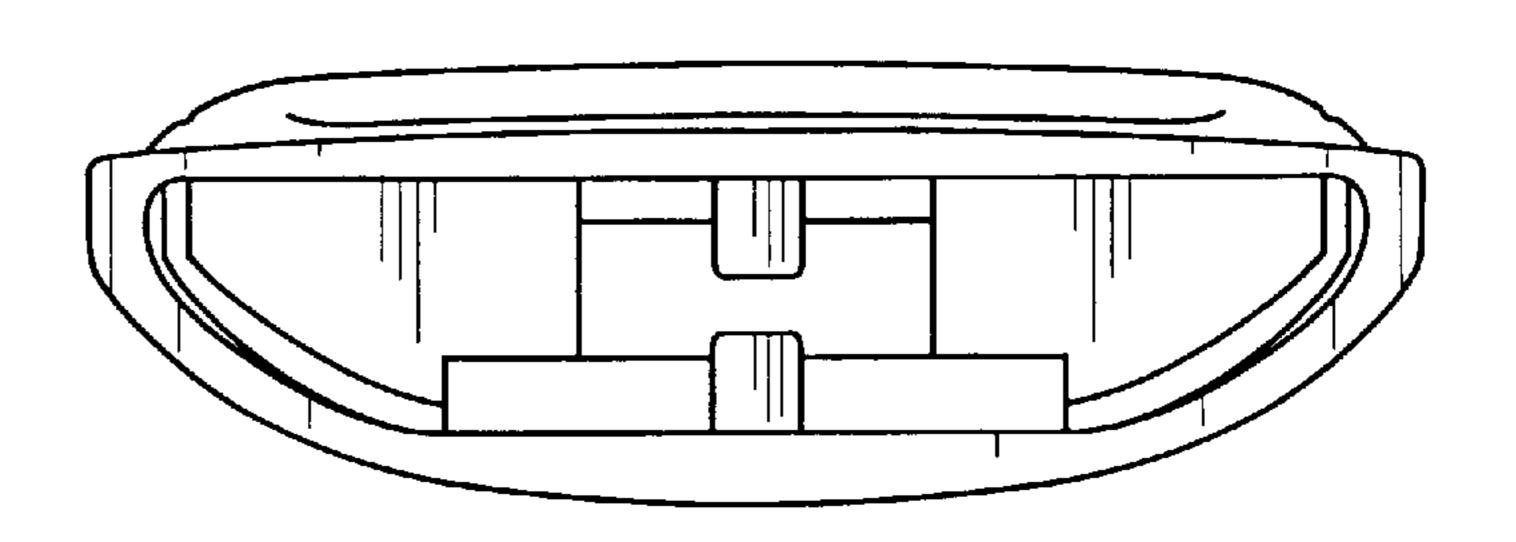


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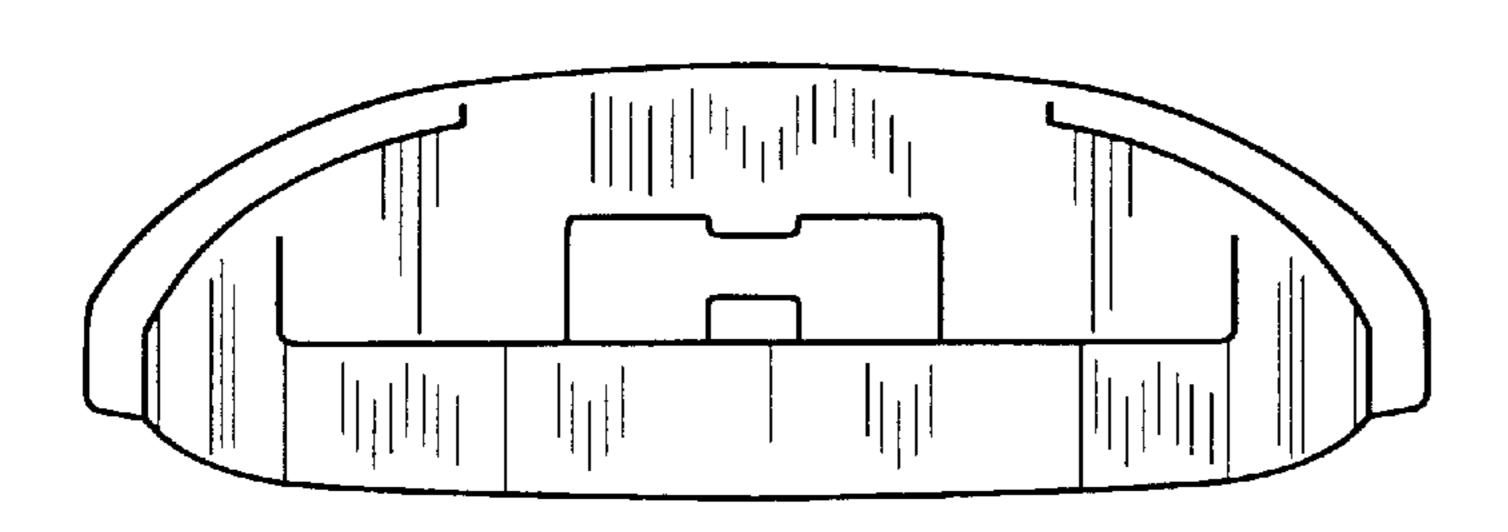
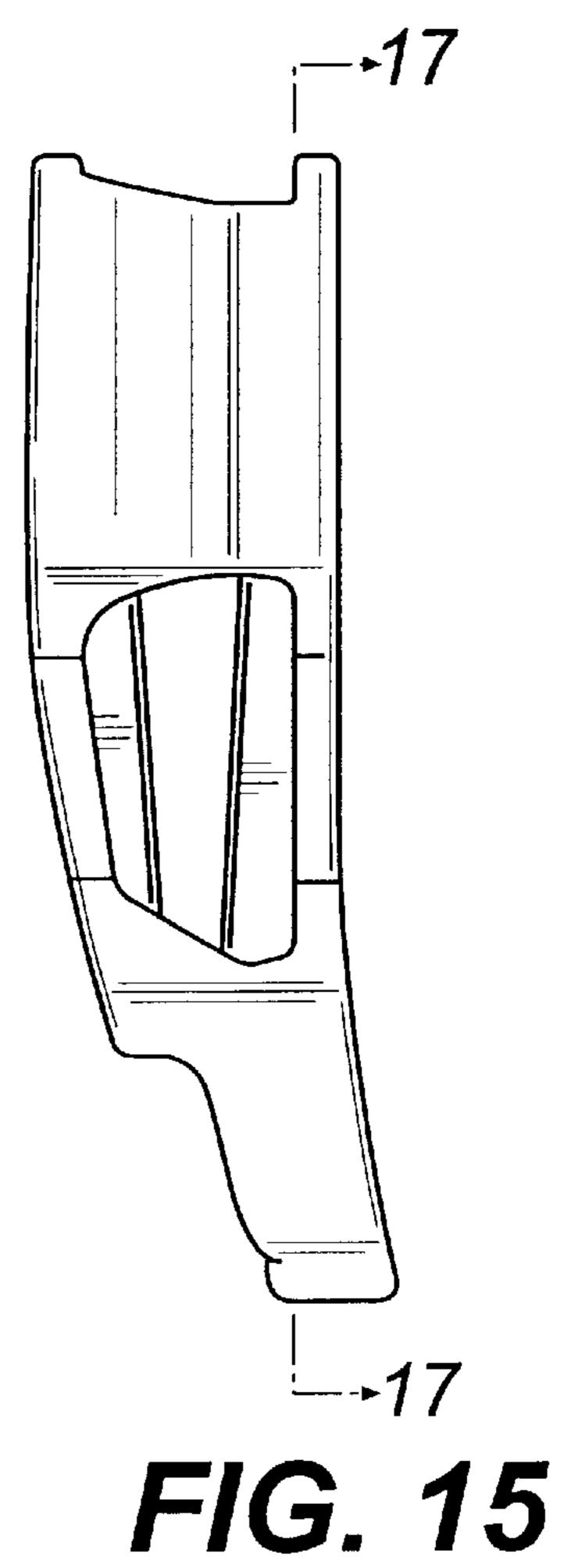
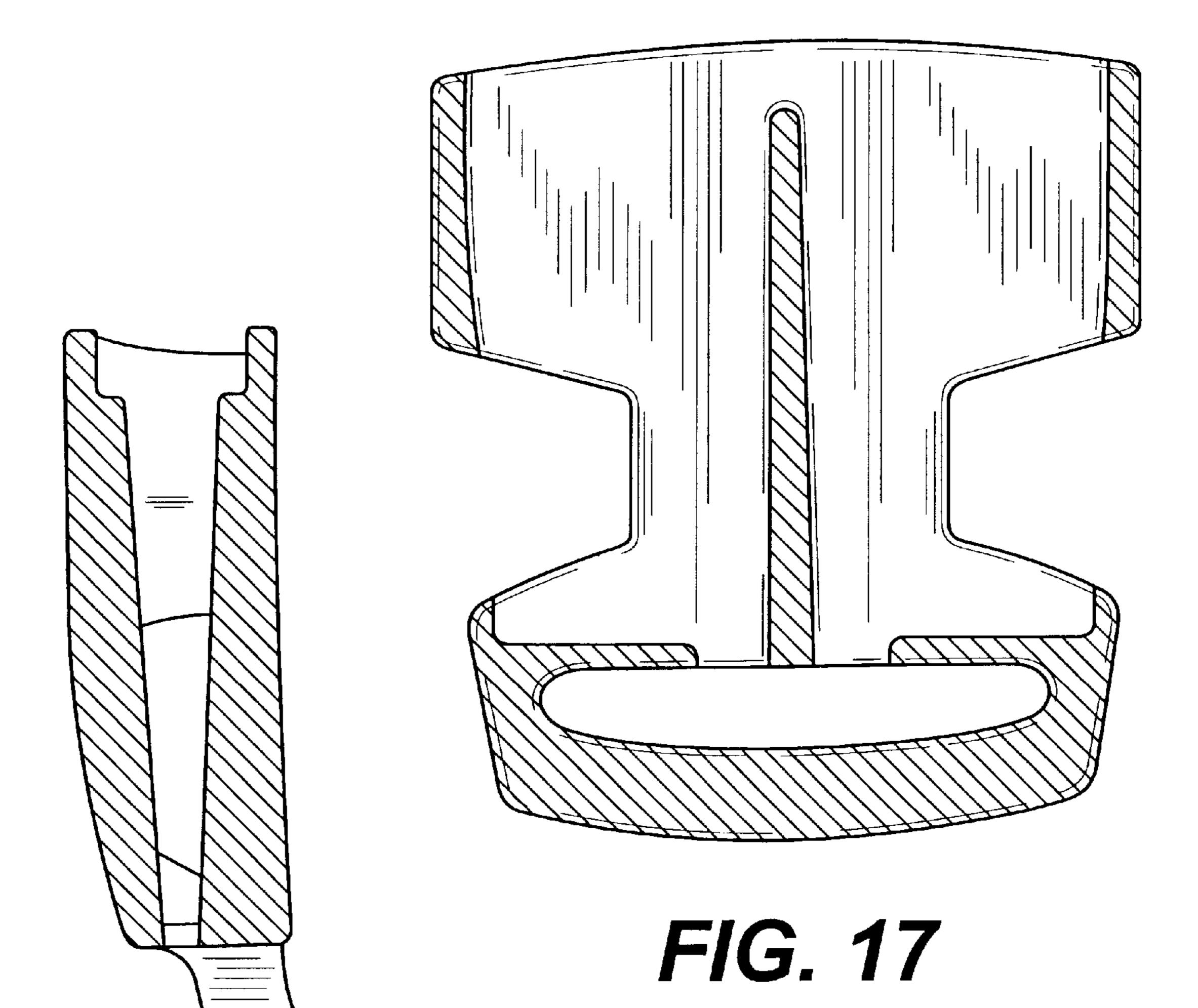


FIG. 14





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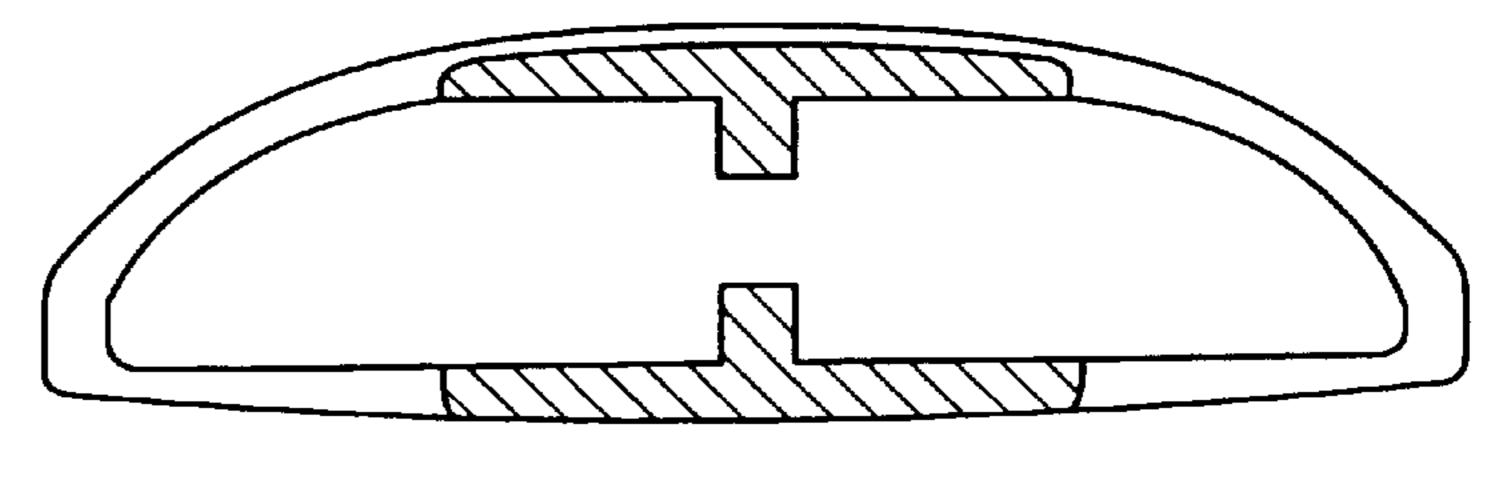
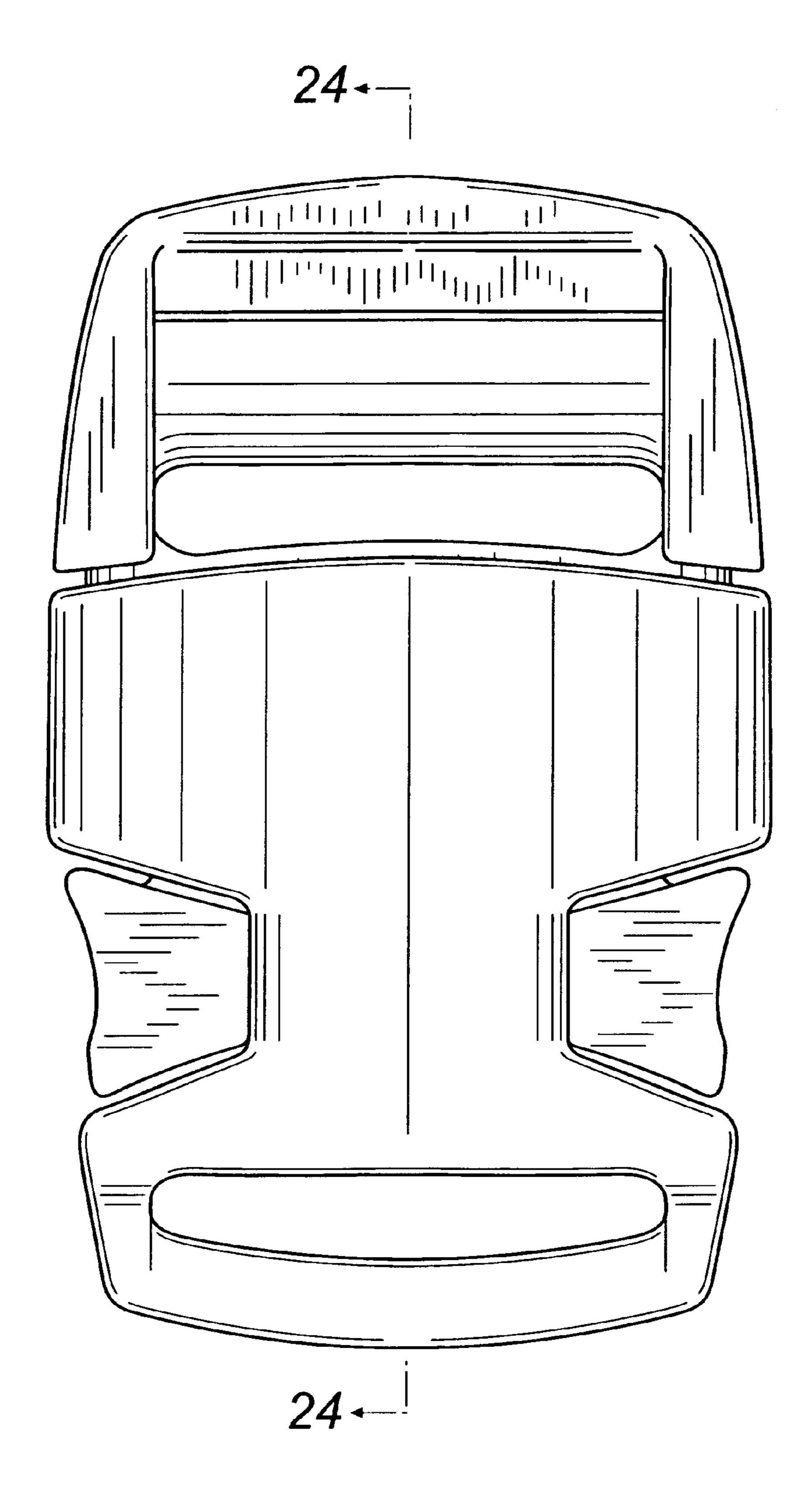
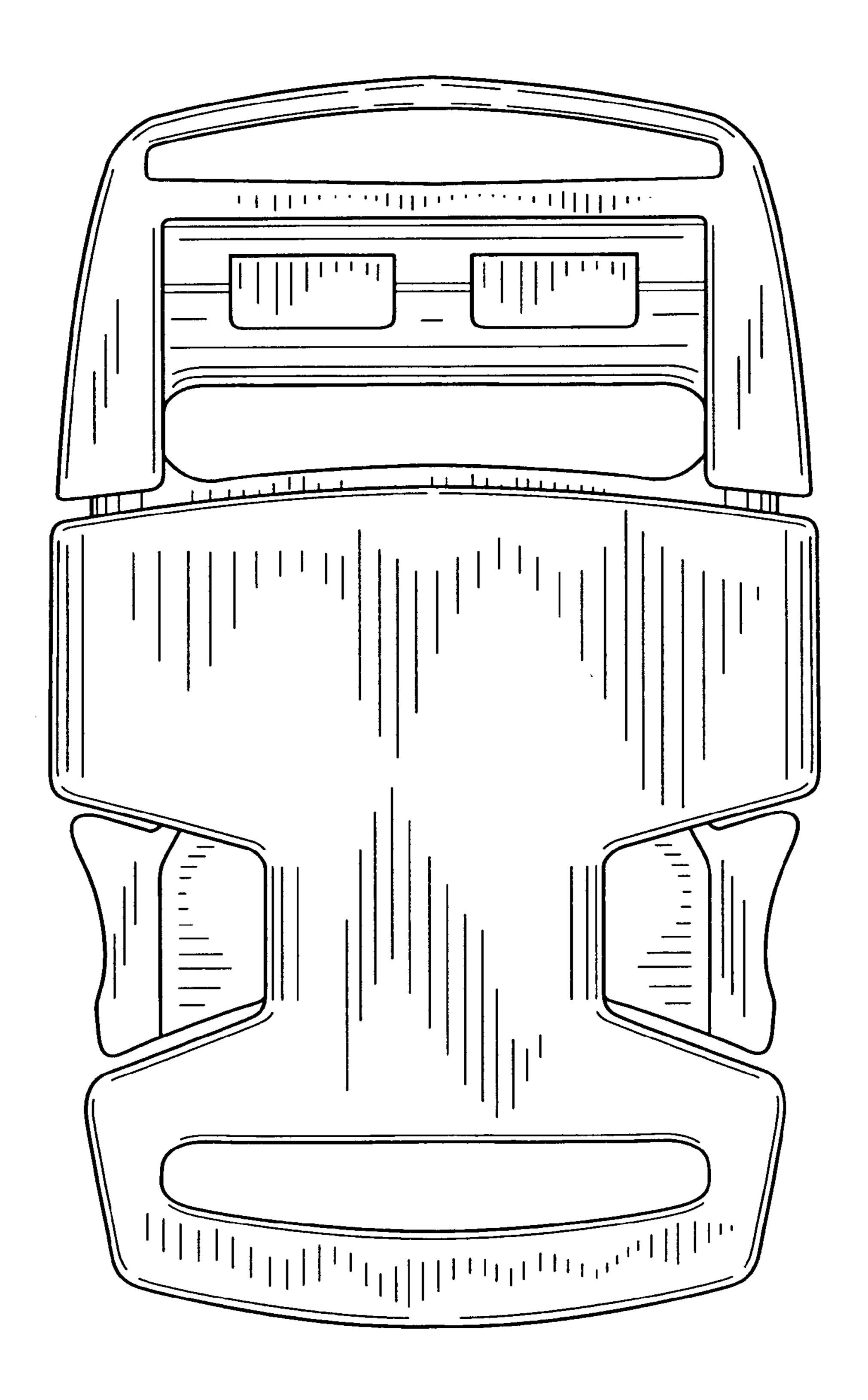


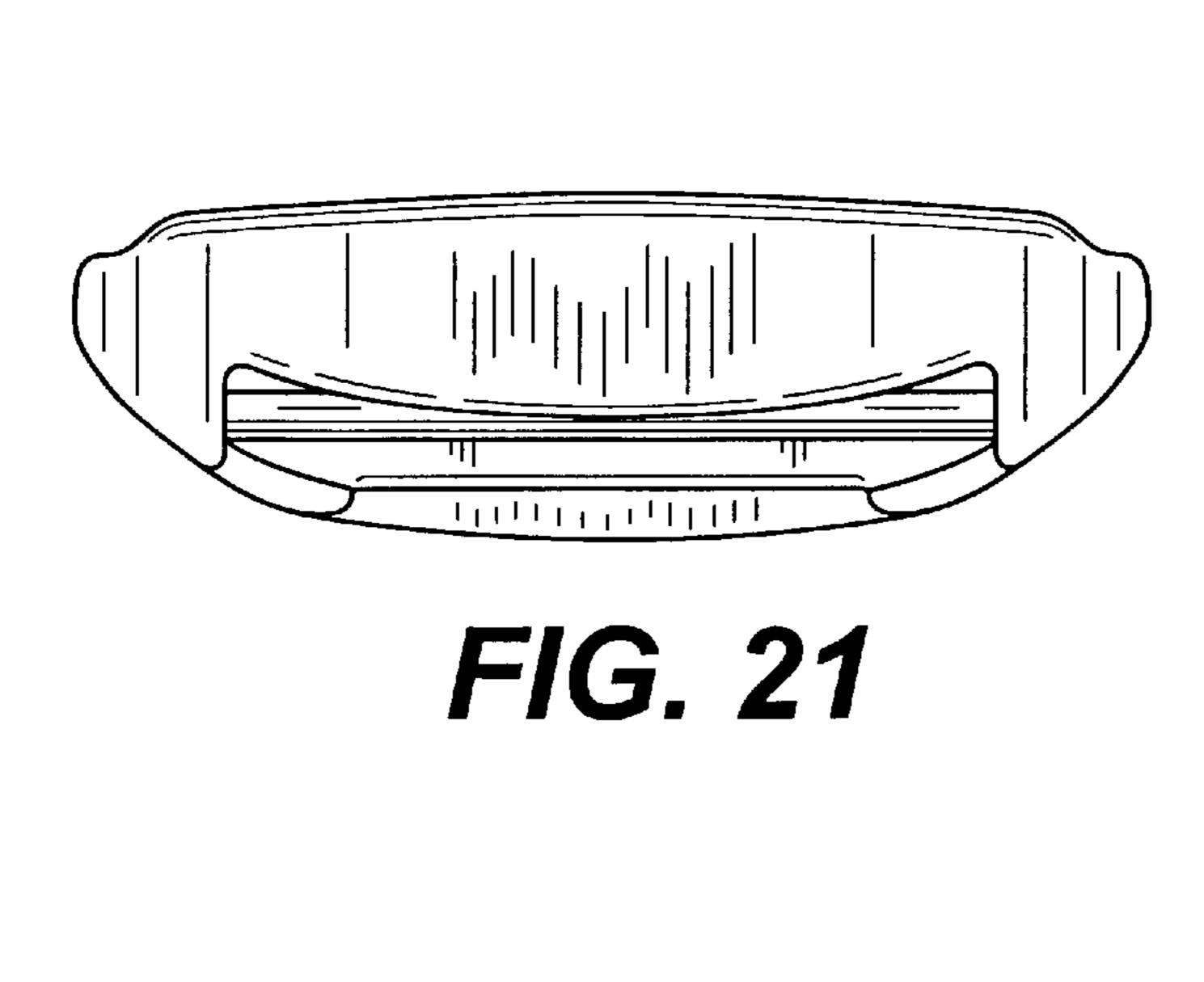
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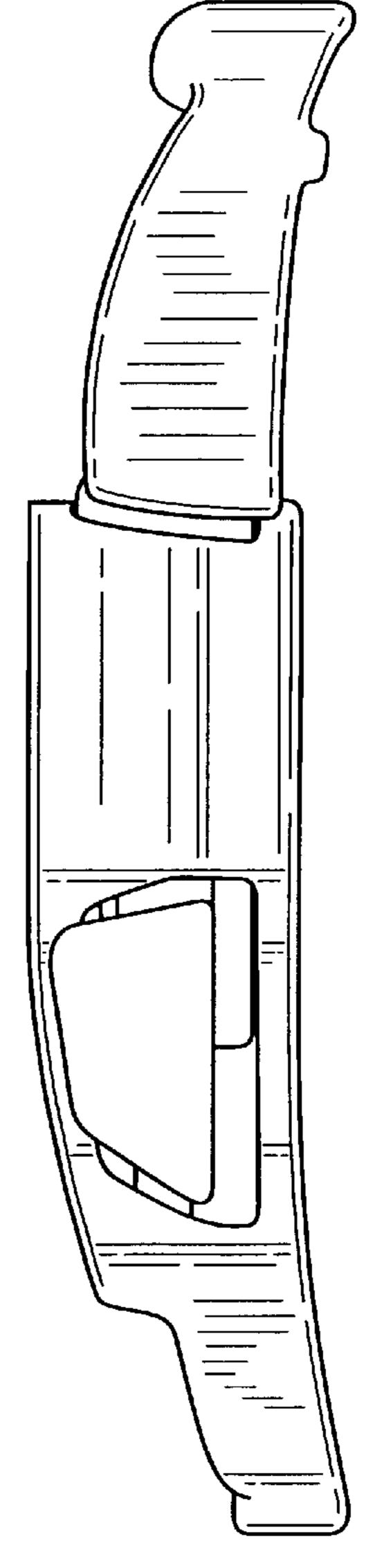


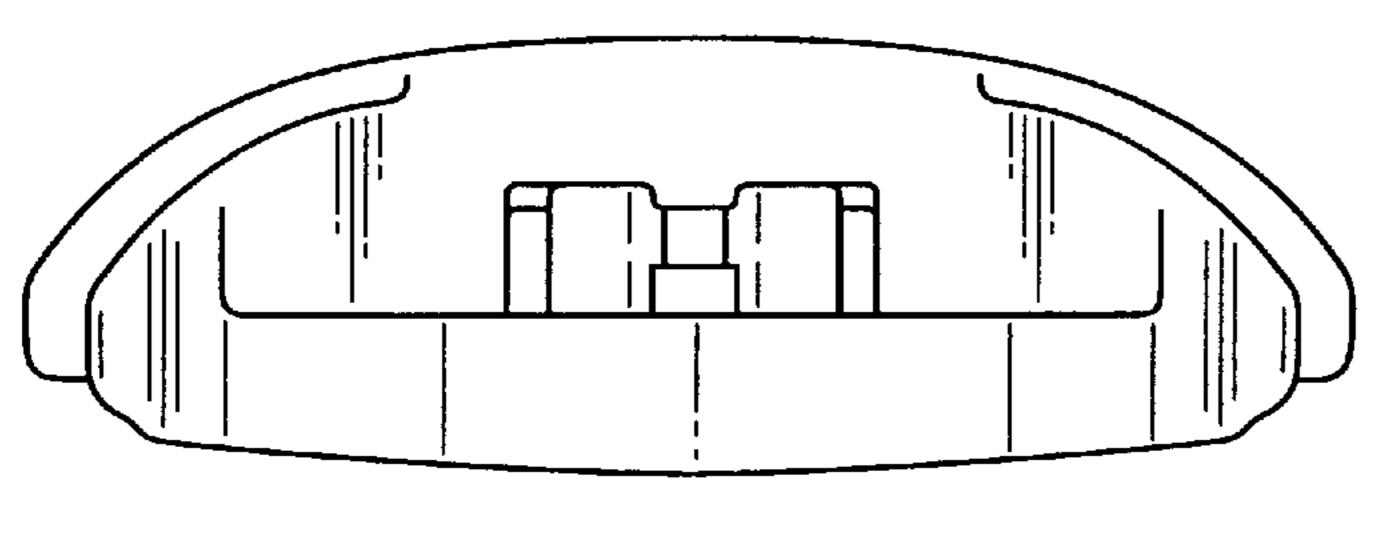
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F/G. 20

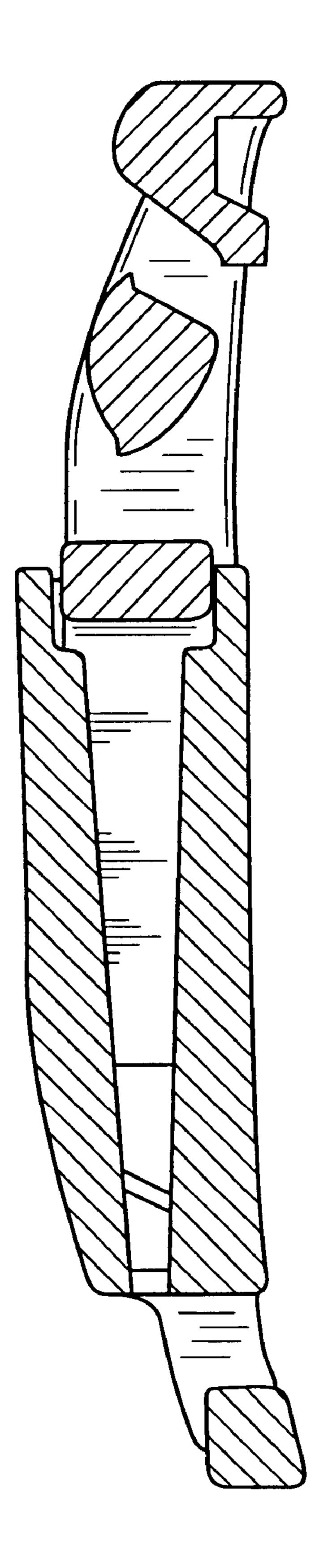




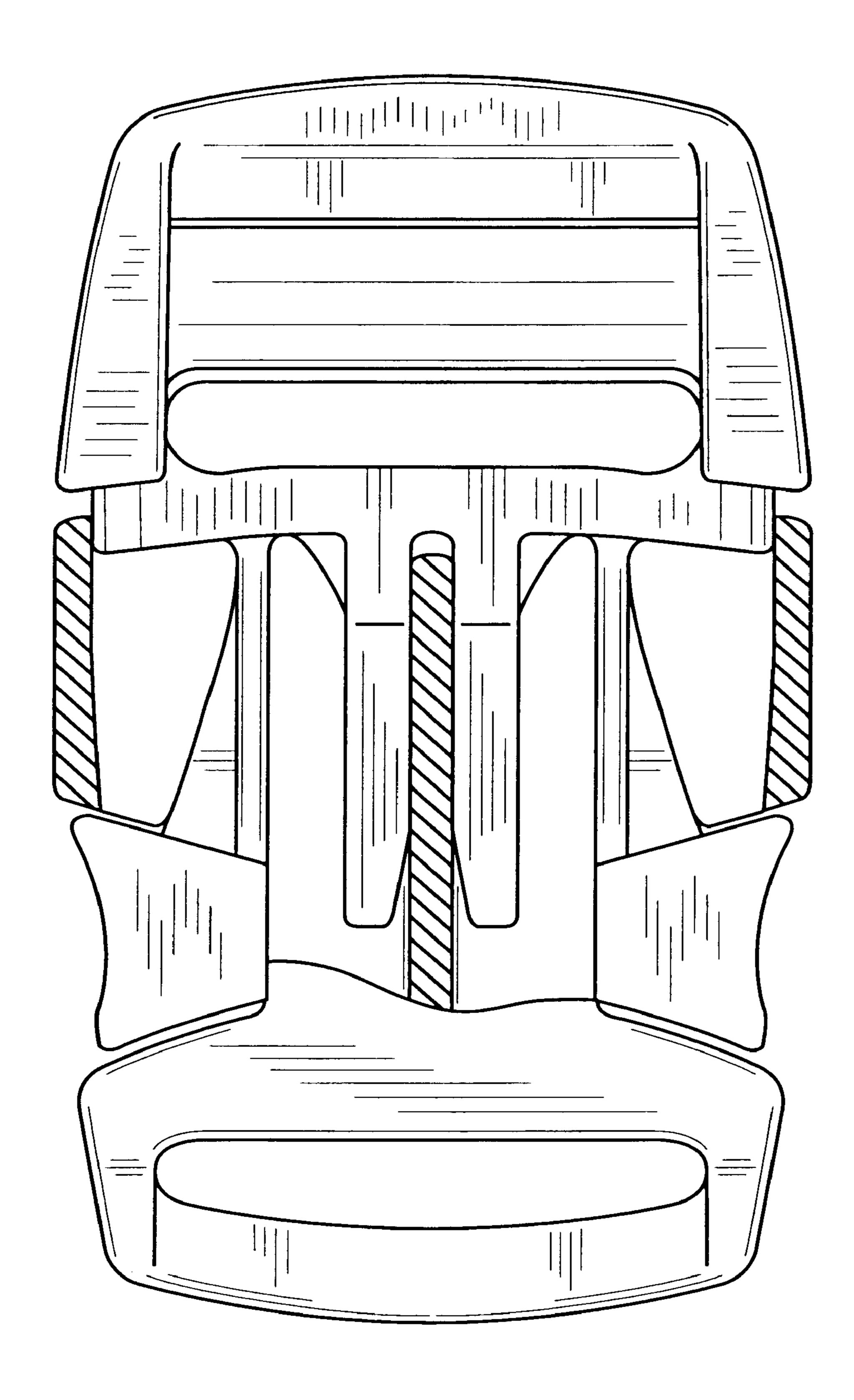


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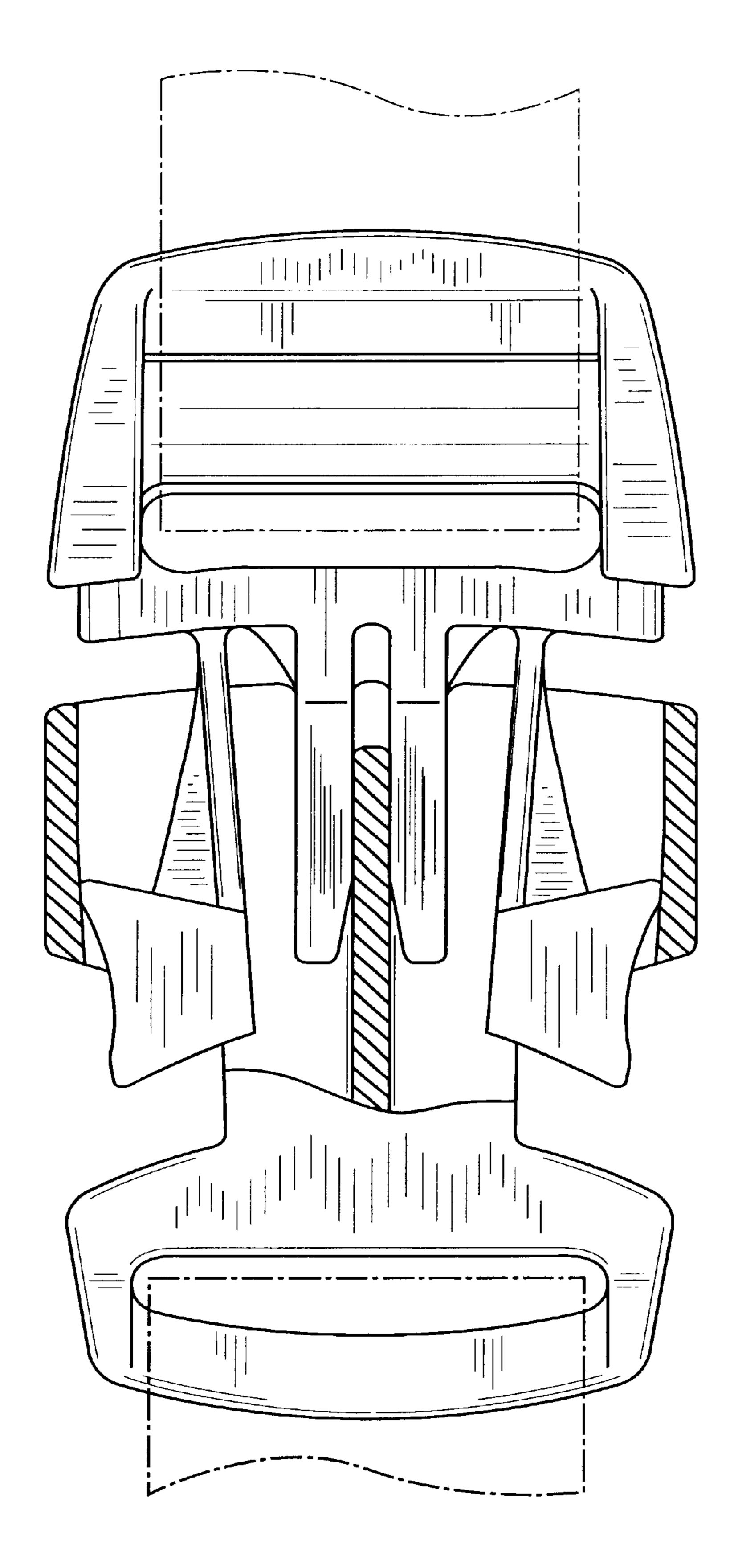
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