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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 perspective view of a buckle showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof, the left side view being symmetrical to the right side view;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a front view of a male member of the buckle shown separately for convenience of illustration;

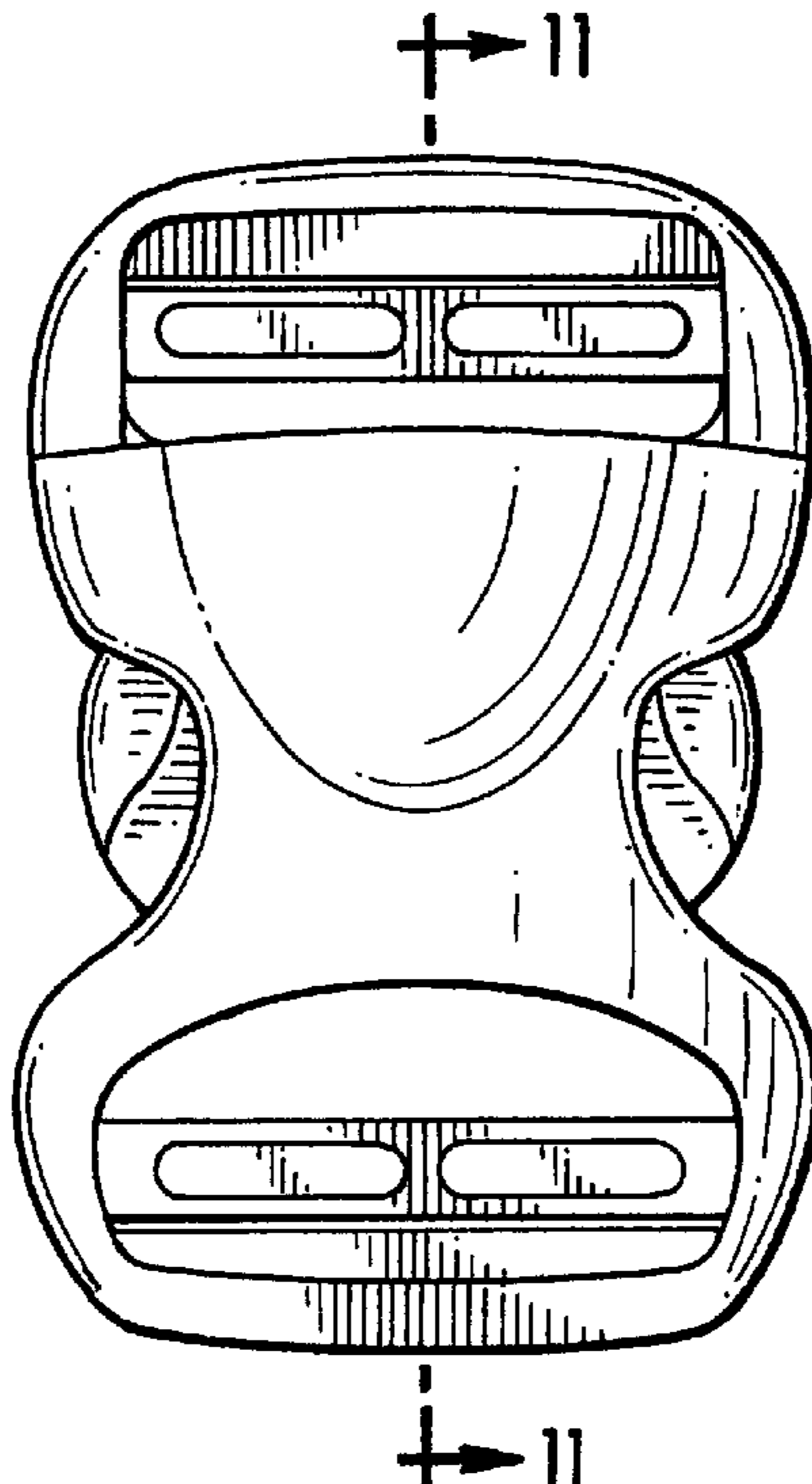
FIG. 8 is a rear view of the male member shown in FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a right side view of the male member shown in FIG. 7;

FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view of the male member shown in FIG. 7; and,

FIG. 11 is a cross sectional view taken along line 11—11 in FIG. 2.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



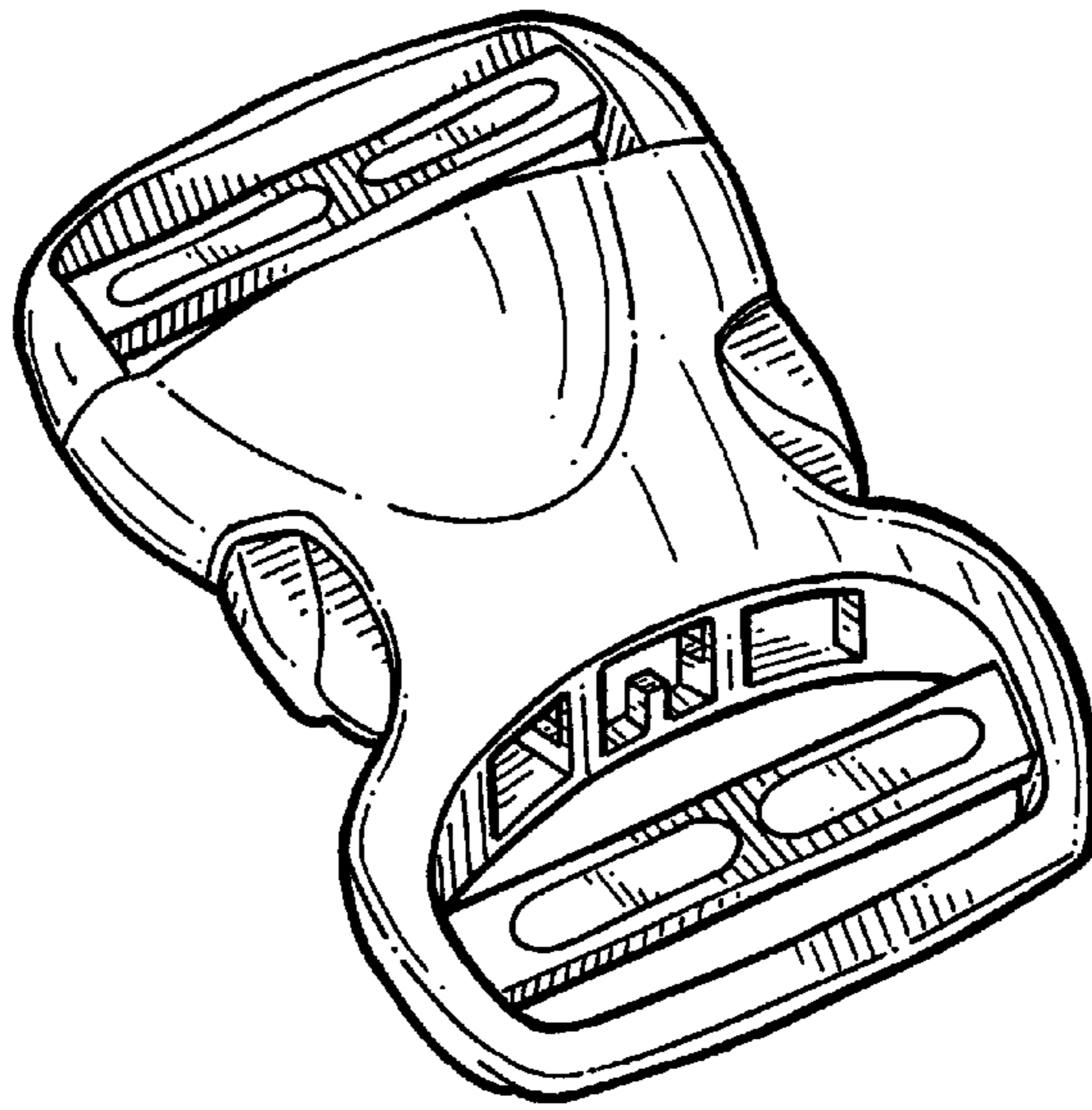


FIG. 1

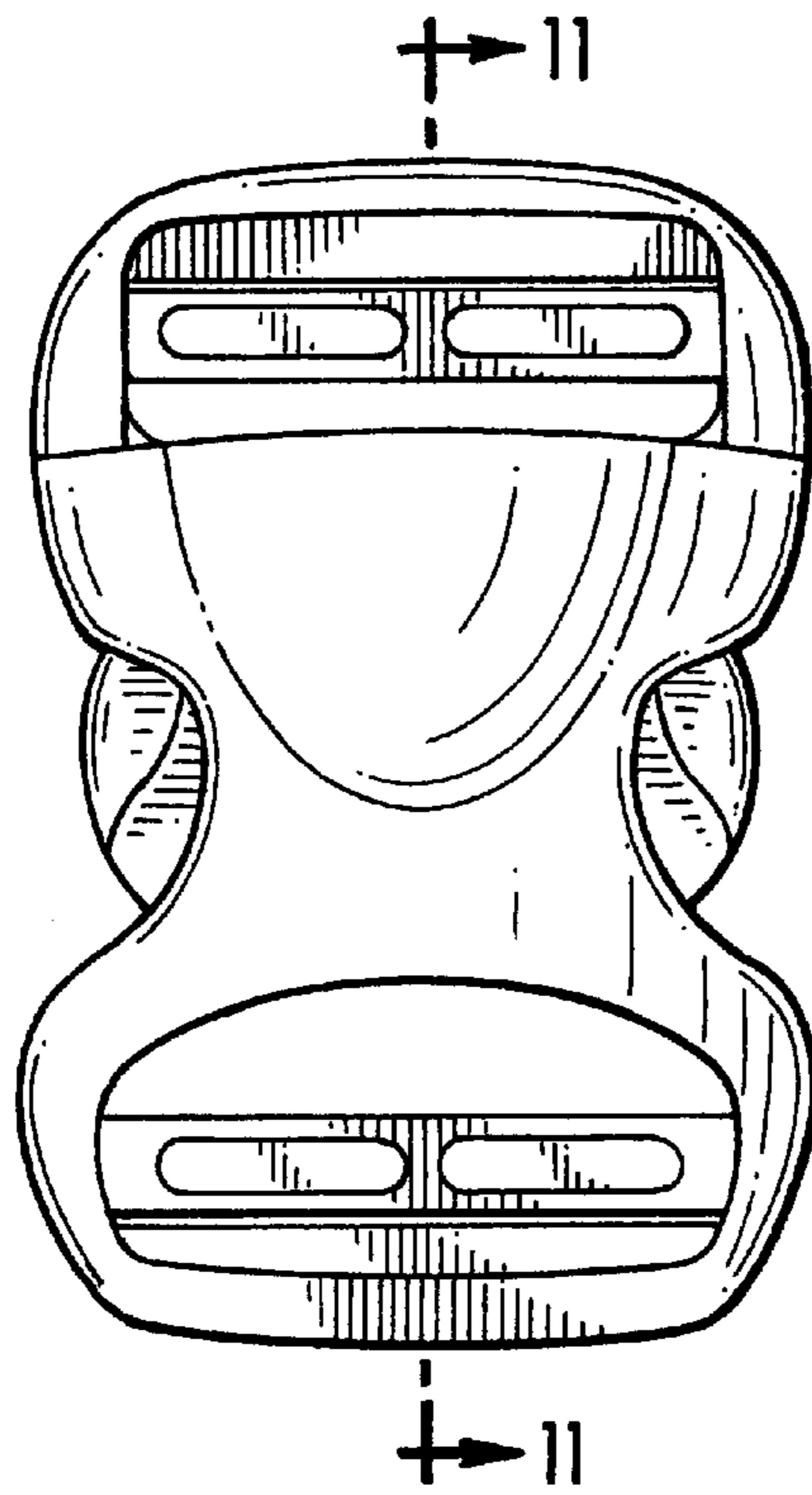


FIG. 2

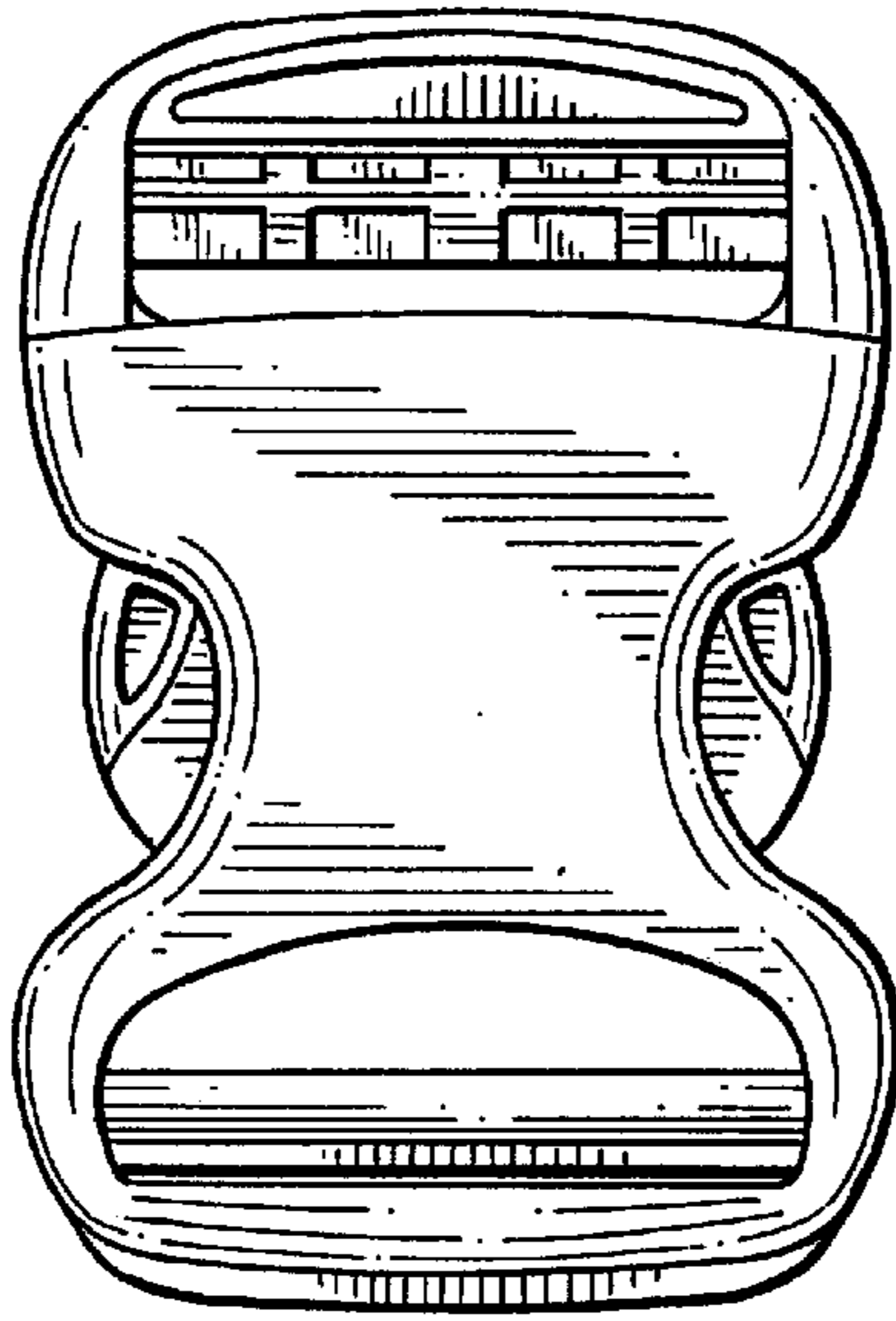


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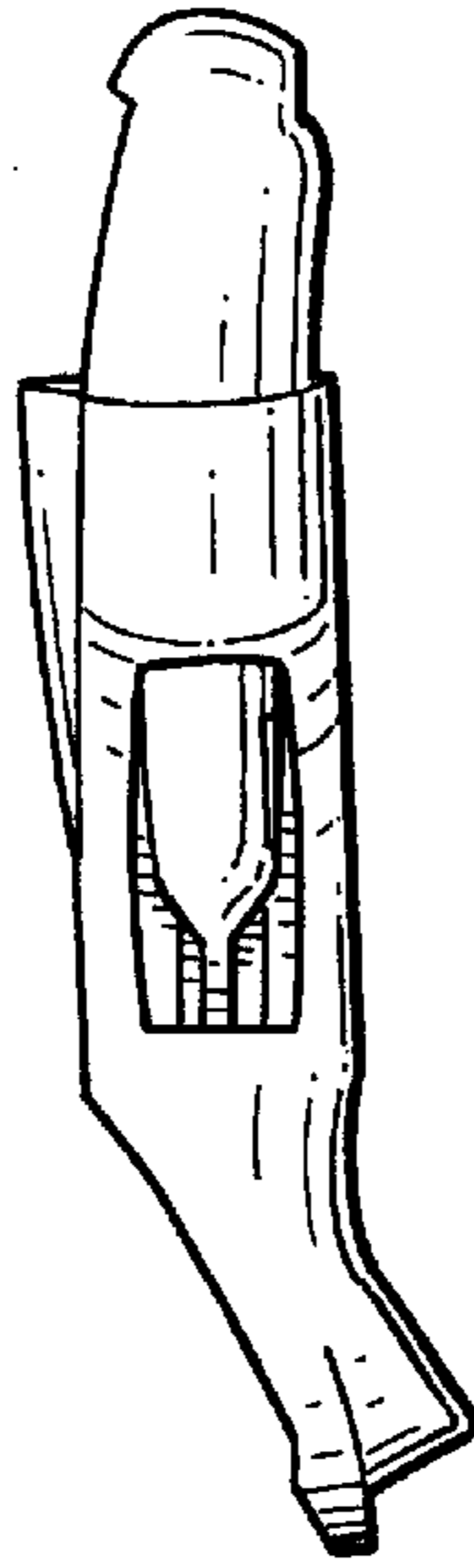


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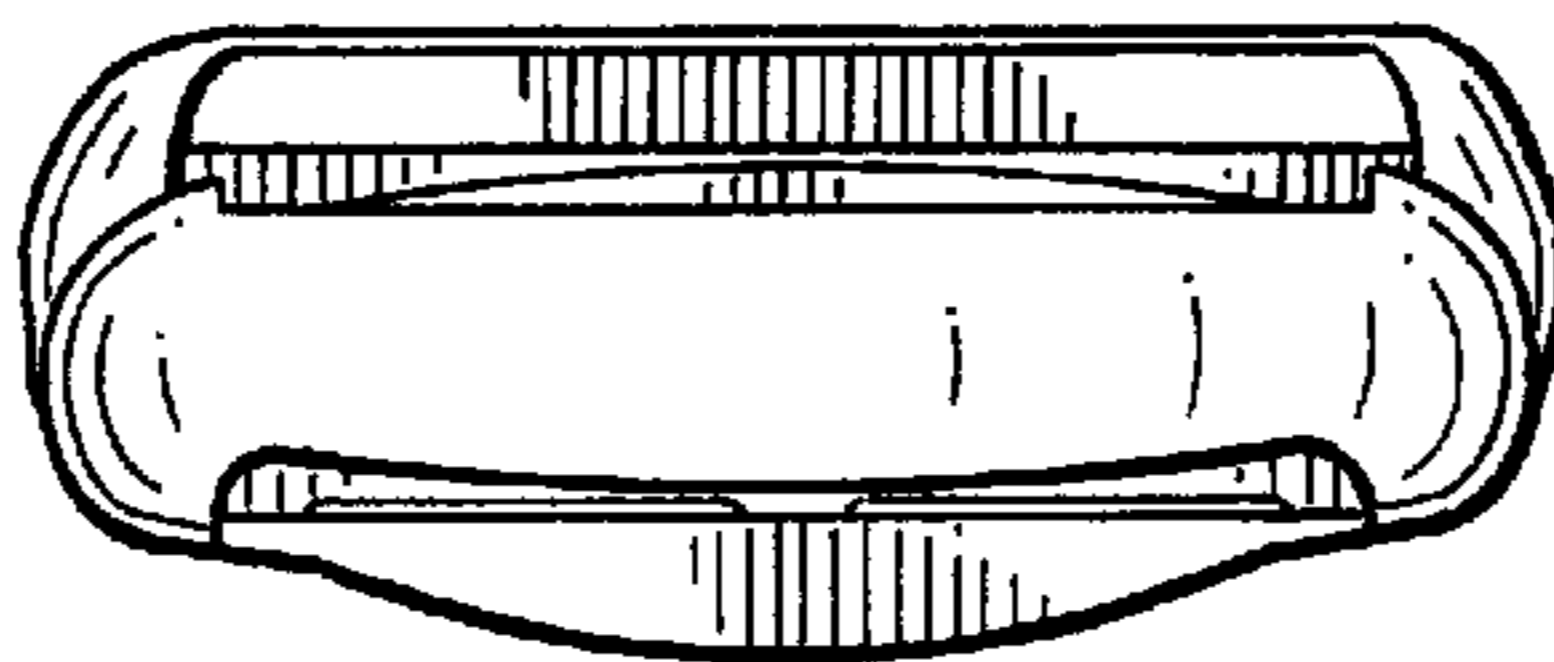


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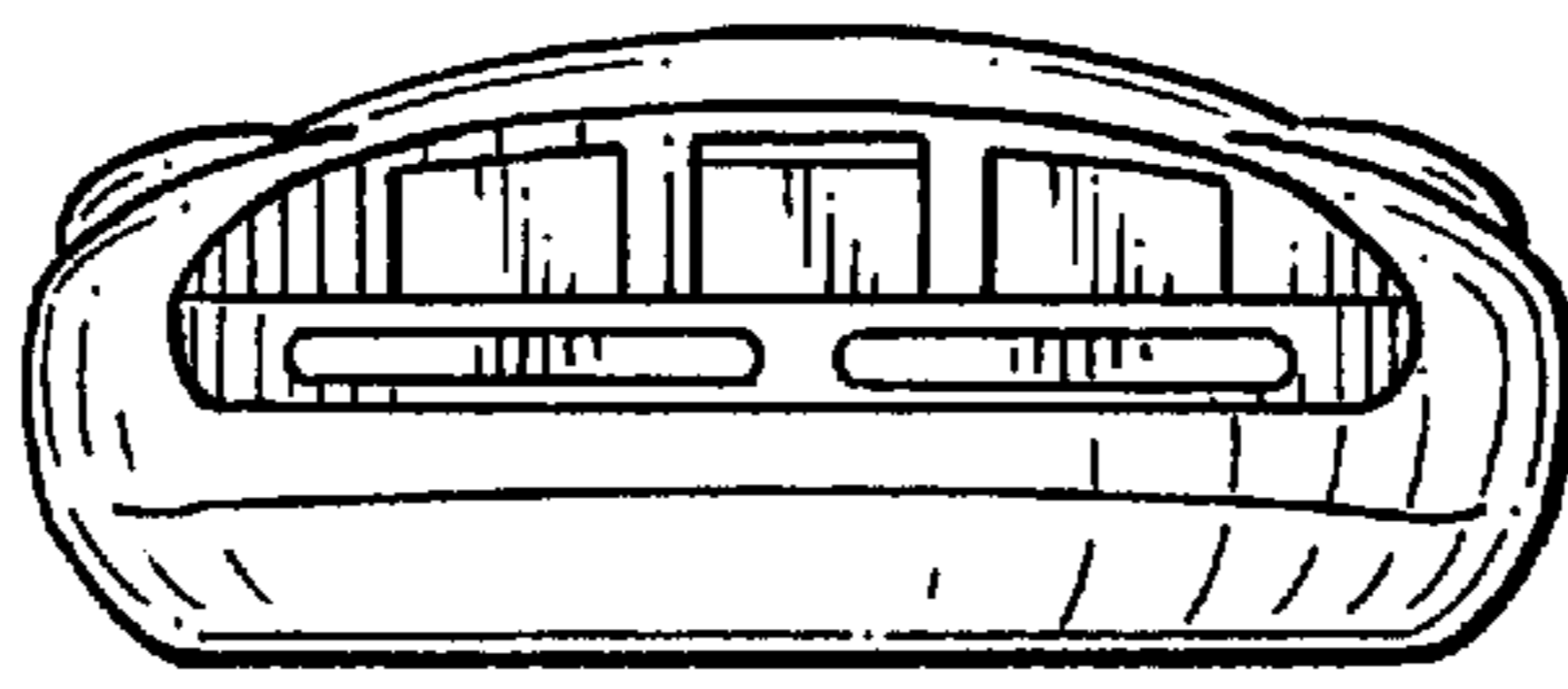


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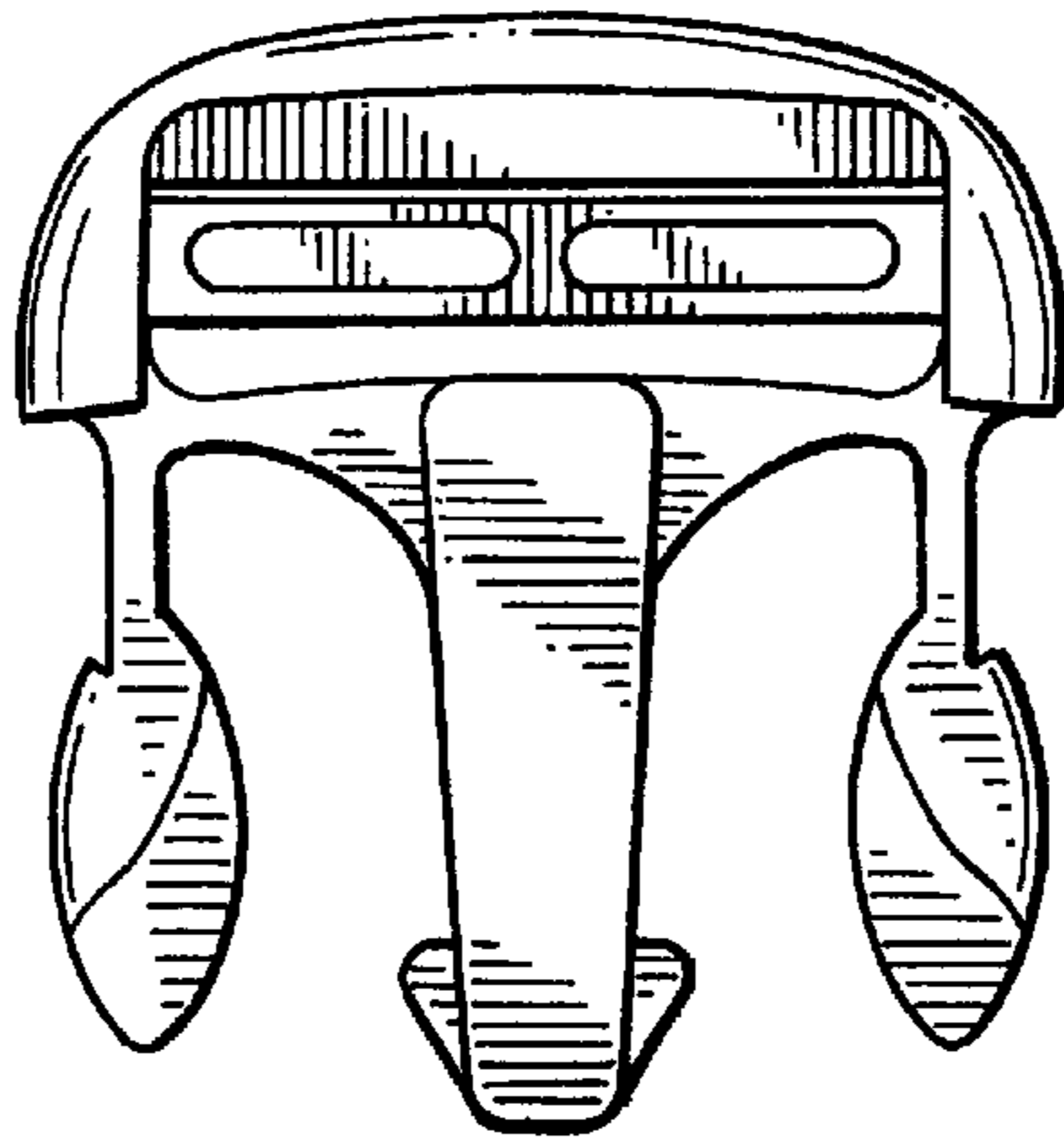


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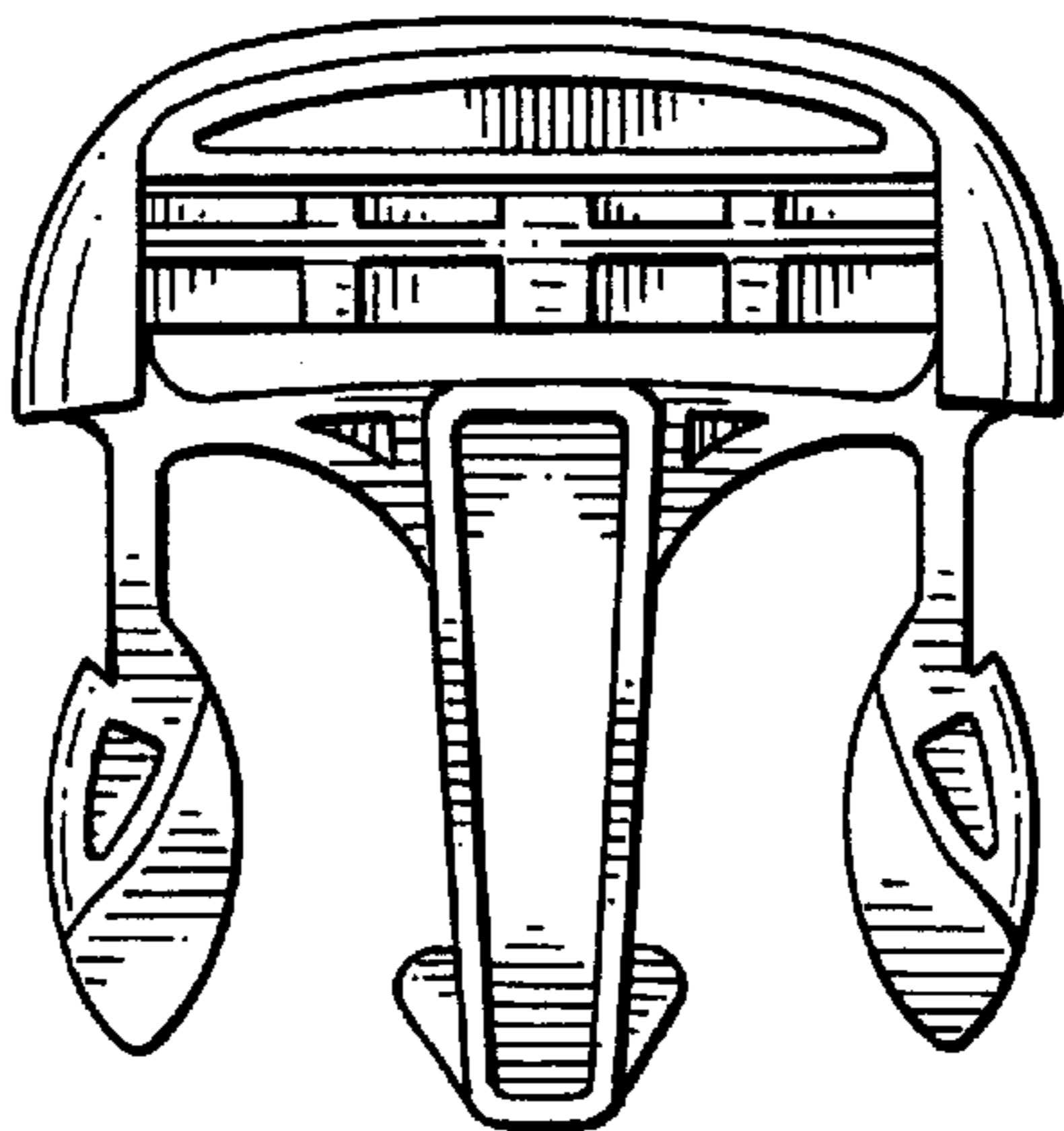


FIG. 8

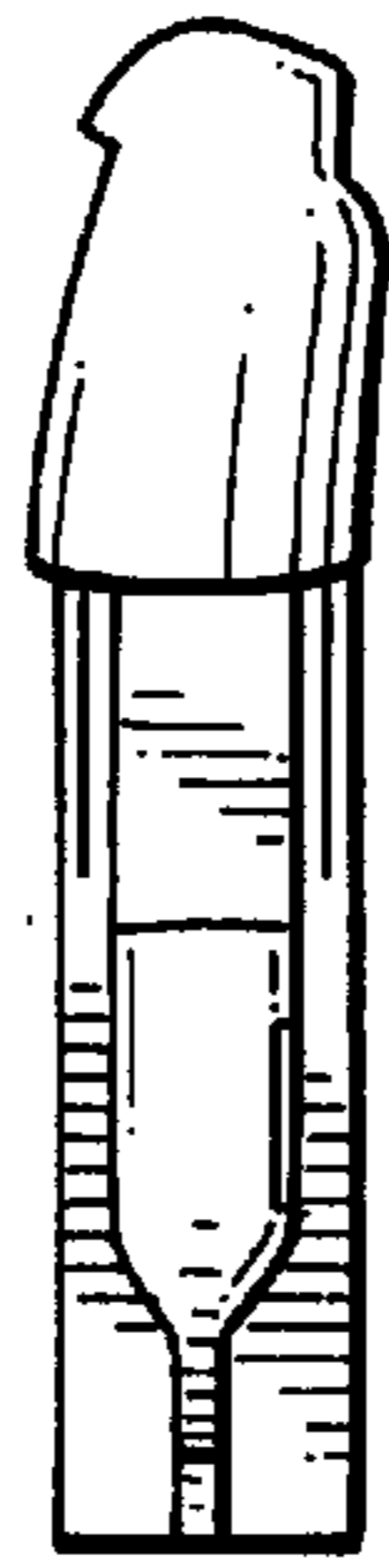


FIG. 9



FIG. 10

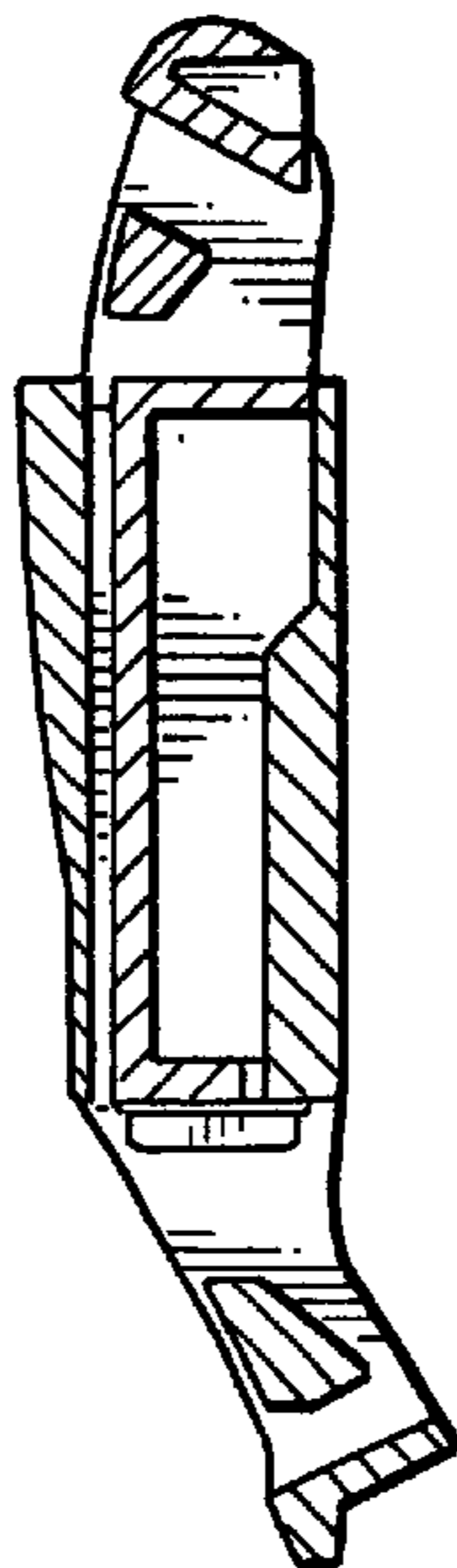


FIG. 11