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(54) **STAPLER COMBINED WITH A BASE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a stapler embodying the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a top view of the stapler.

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FIG. 4 is a front view of the stapler.

FIG. 5 is a rear view of the stapler.

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the stapler received in a base.

FIG. 7 is a top view of the stapler received in the base.

FIG. 8 is a side view of the stapler received in the base.

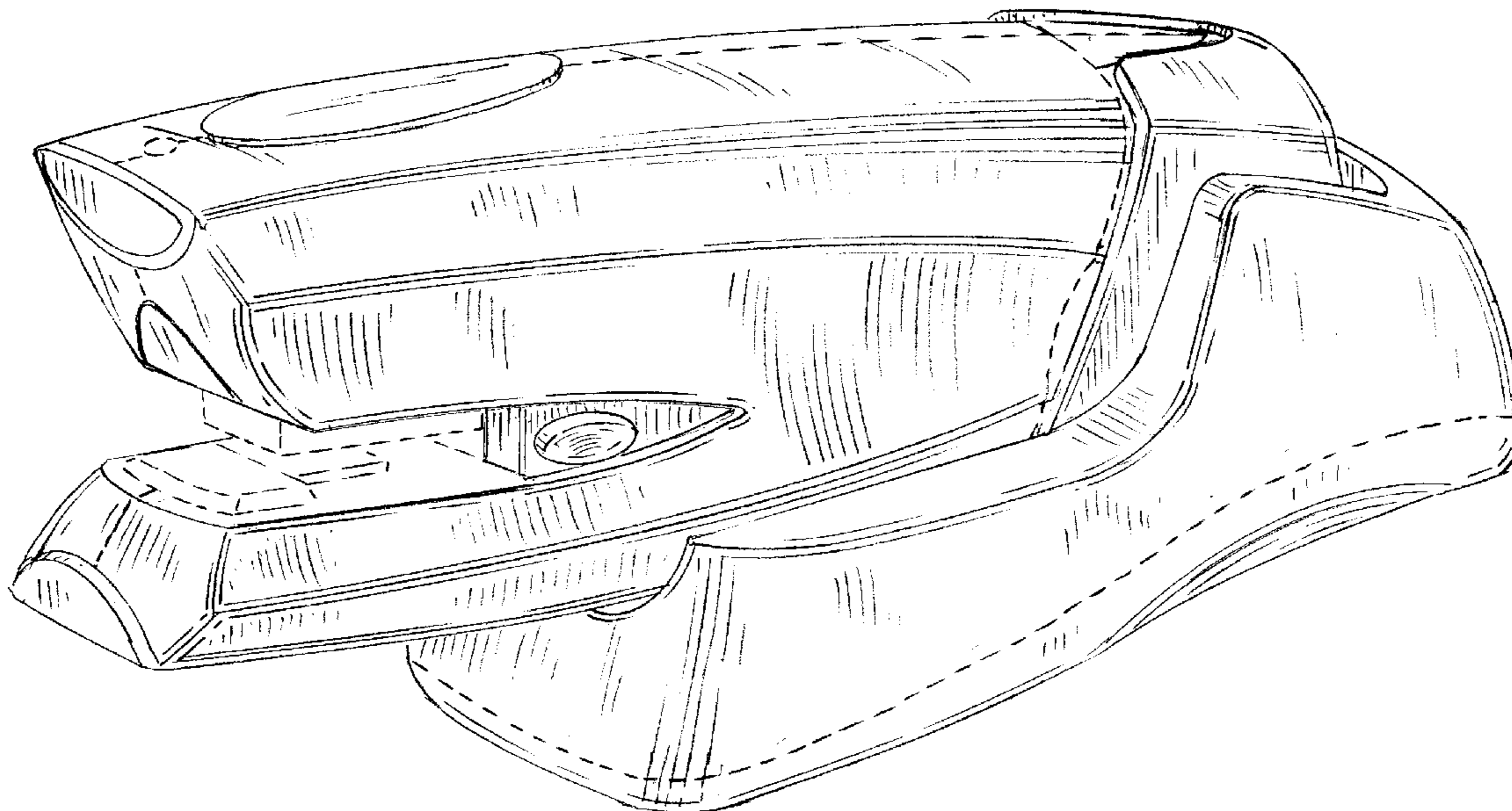
FIG. 9 is a front view of the stapler received in the base; and,

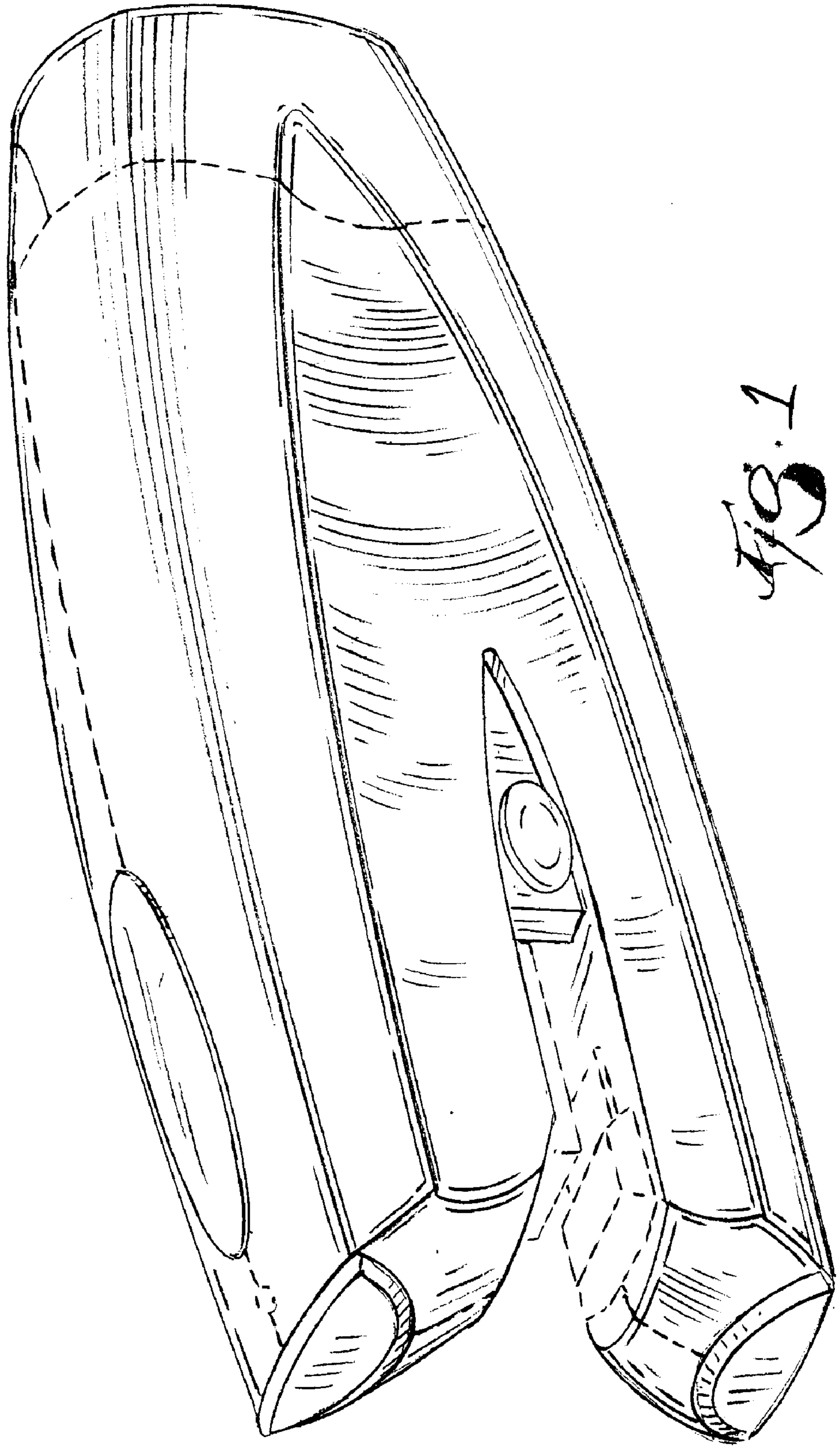
FIG. 10 is a rear view of the stapler received in the base.

The claimed design is embodied in the combined appearance of a stapler and a base. The stapler is shown separately in FIGS. 1–5 in order to disclose aspects of the design that are not apparent from the views showing the assembled members.

The portions of the stapler and the base shown in broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design. The side view opposite FIG. 3 is a mirror image of FIG. 3 and is not shown. The side view opposite FIG. 8 is a mirror image of FIG. 8 and is not shown.

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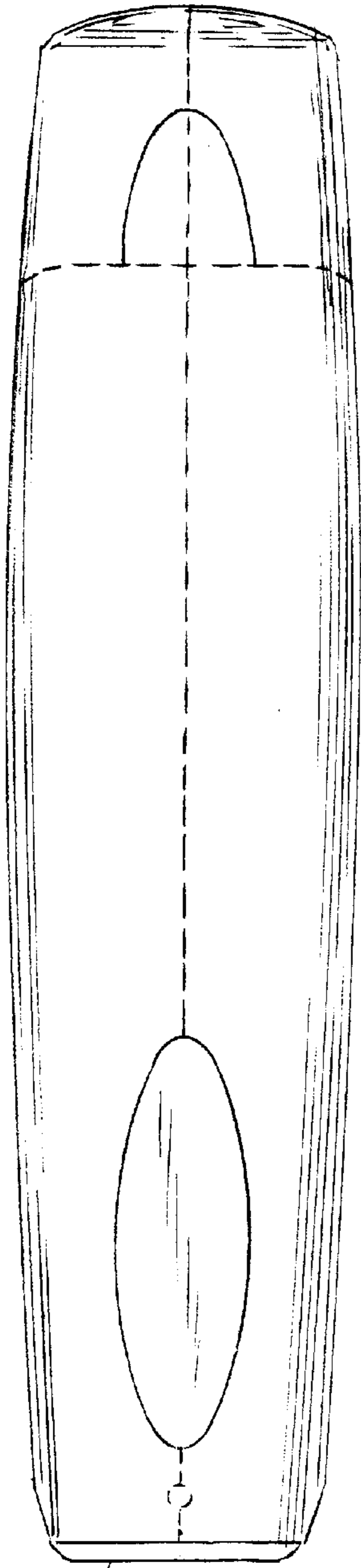


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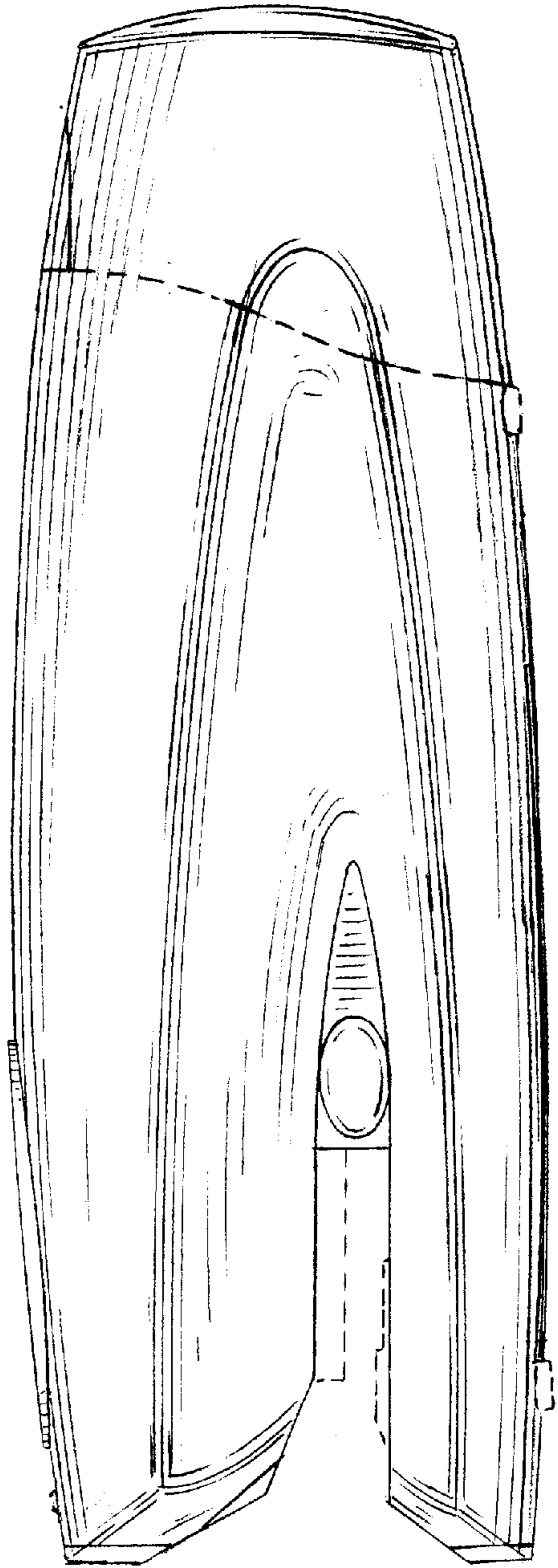


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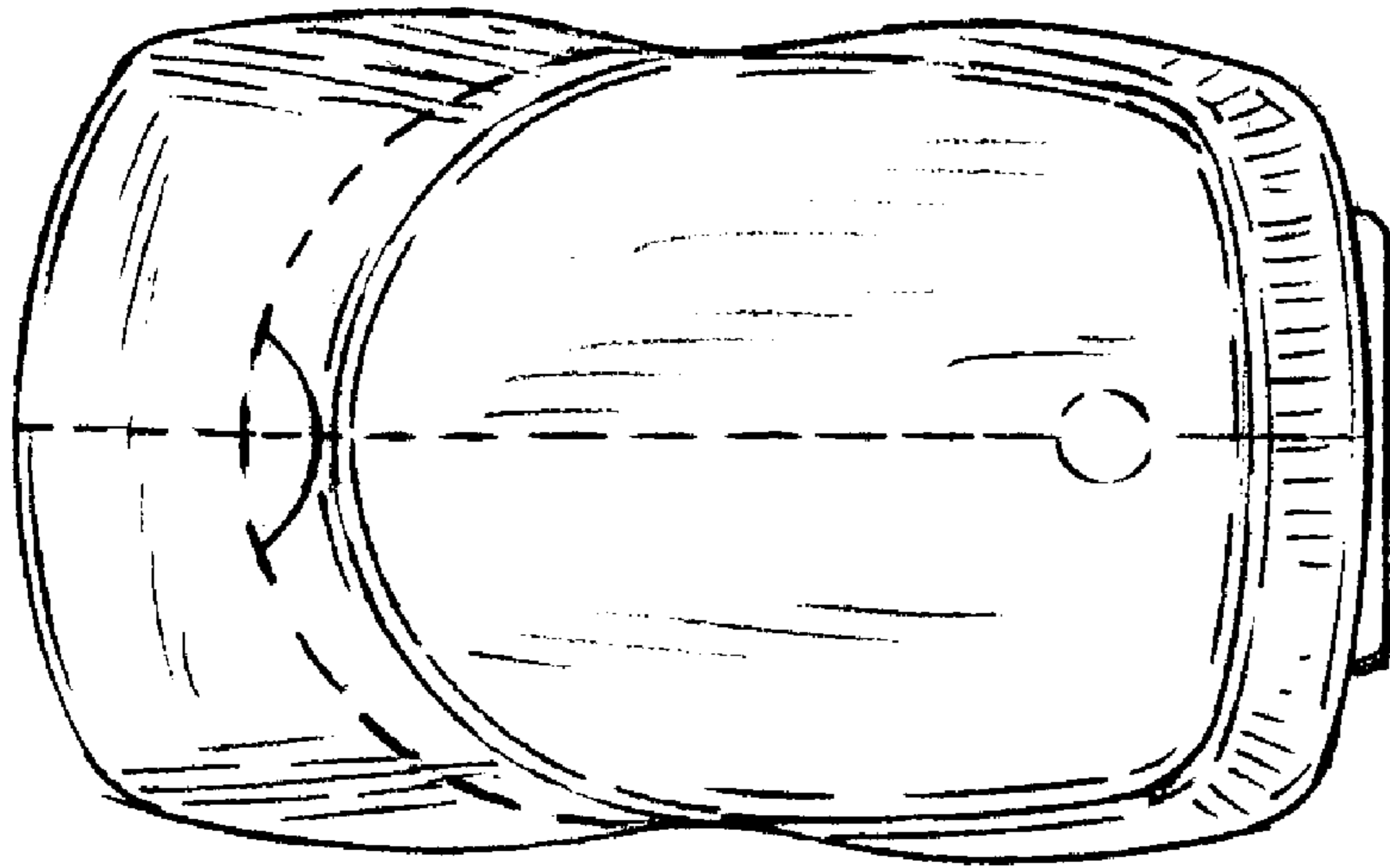


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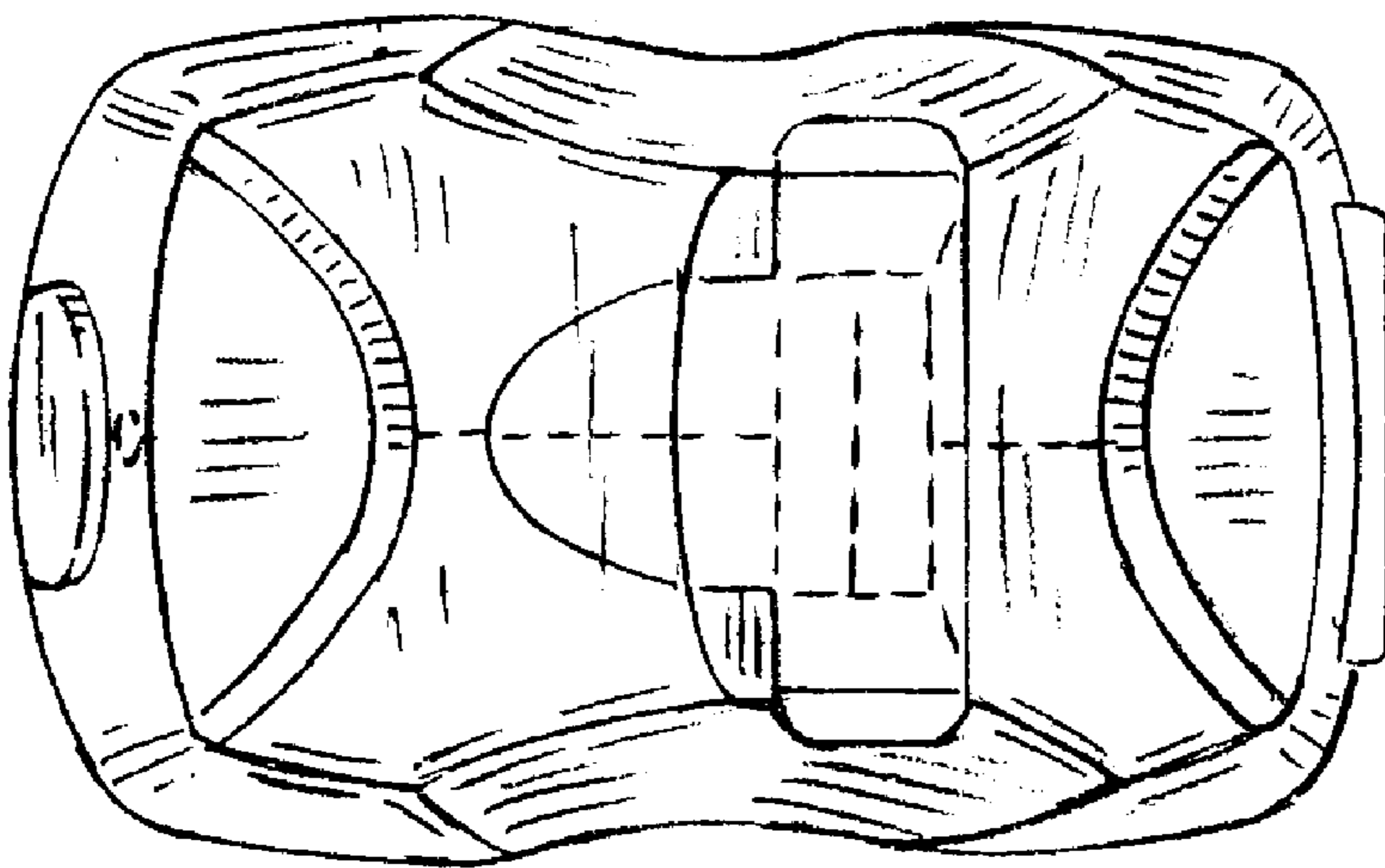


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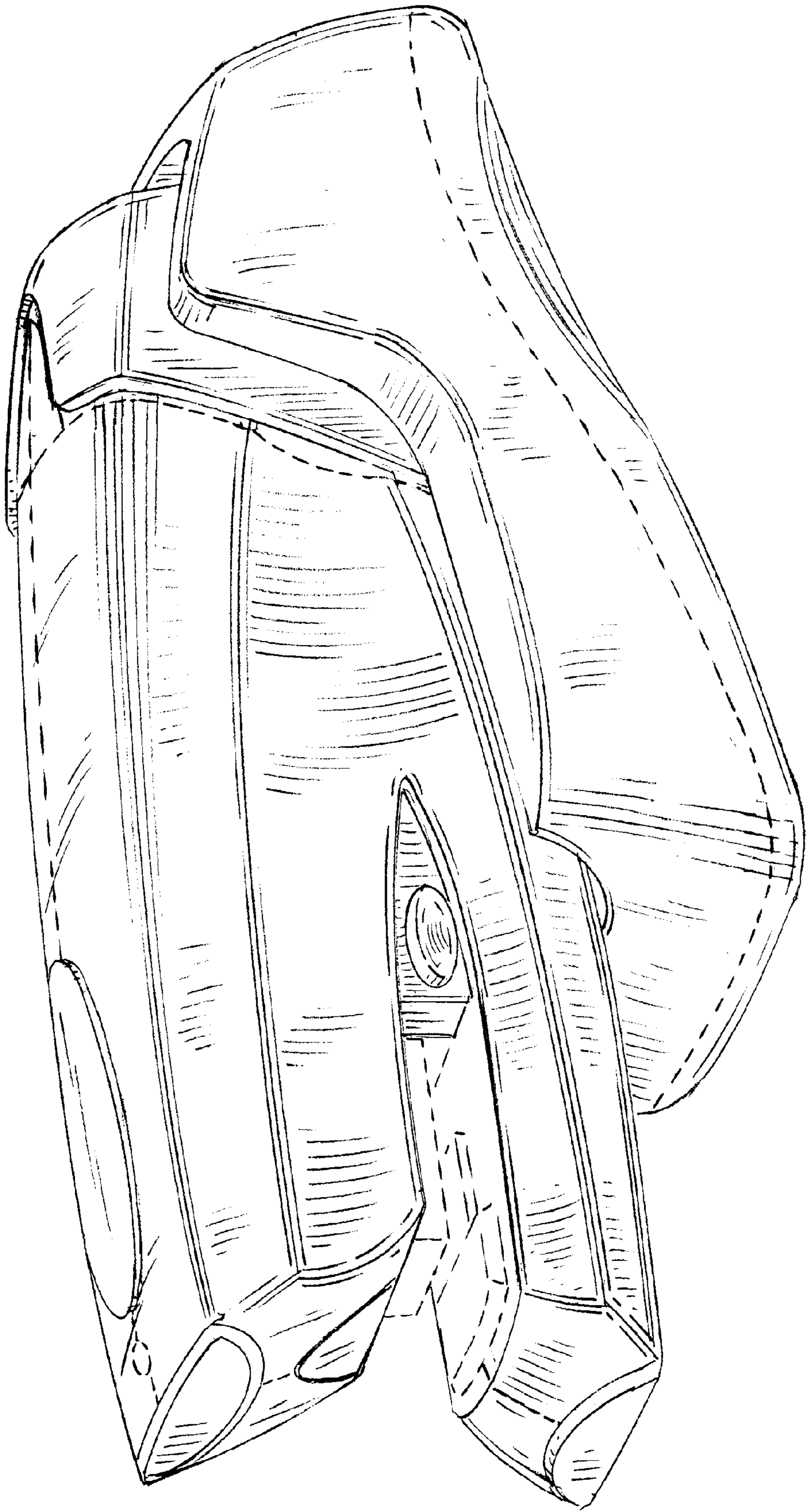


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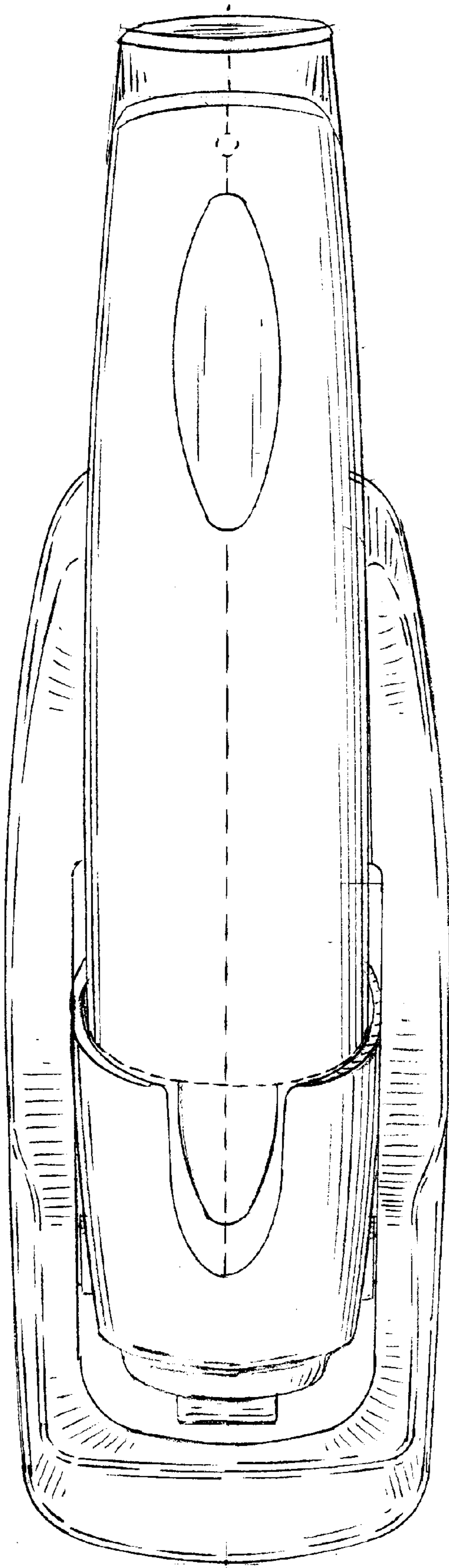


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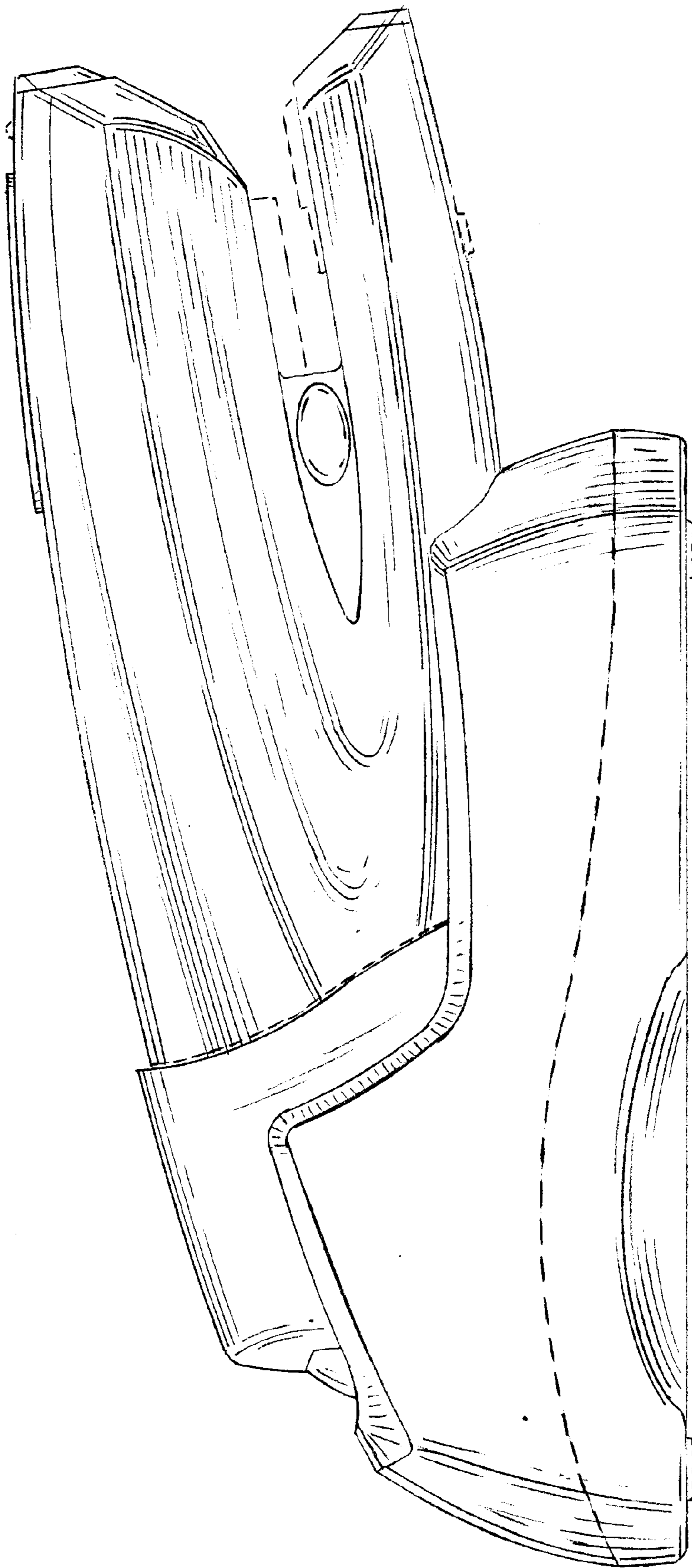


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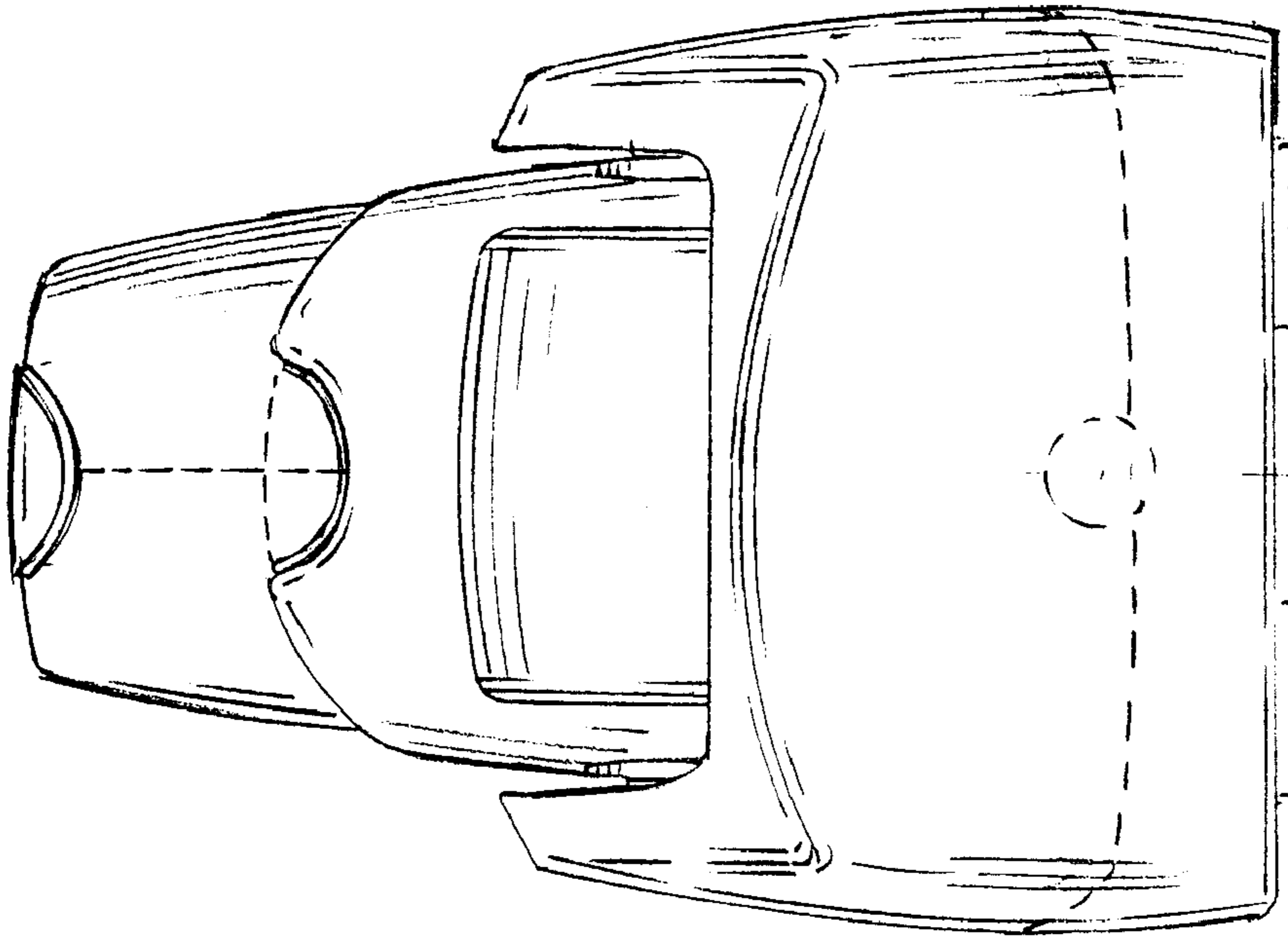


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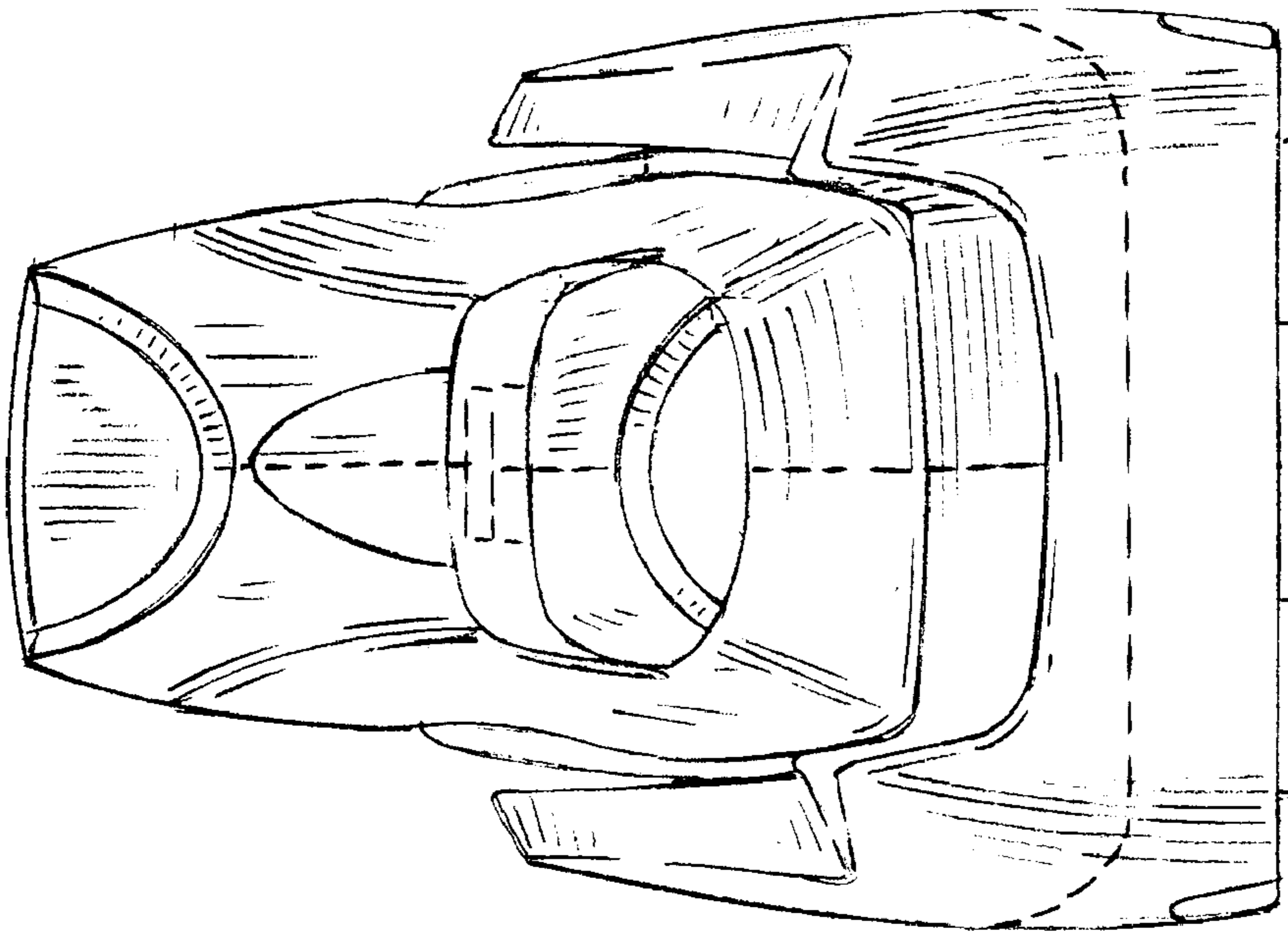


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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The title page should be deleted to appear as per attached title page.

The sheets of drawings consisting of figures 1-7 should be deleted to appear as per attached figures 1-7.

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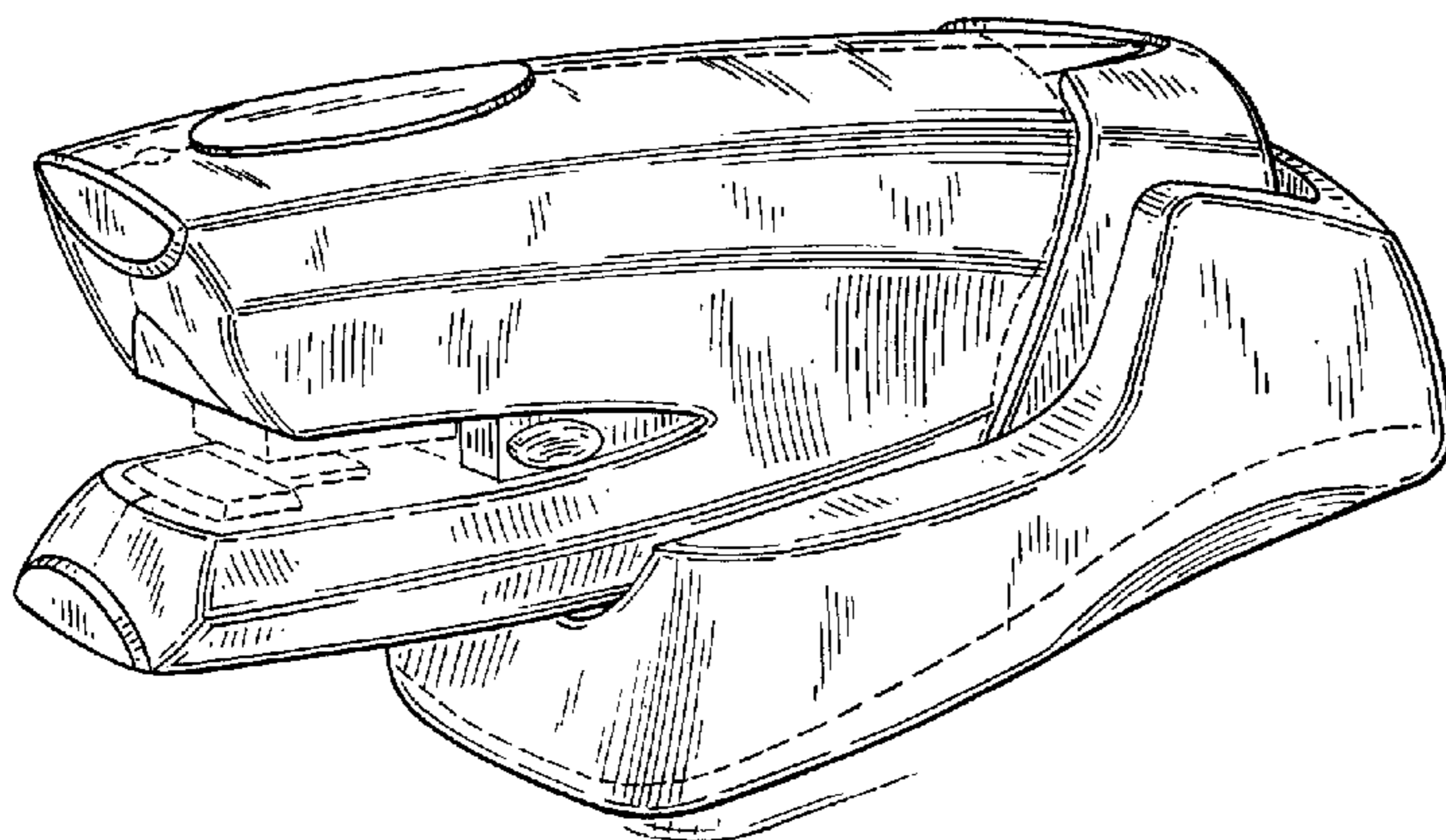
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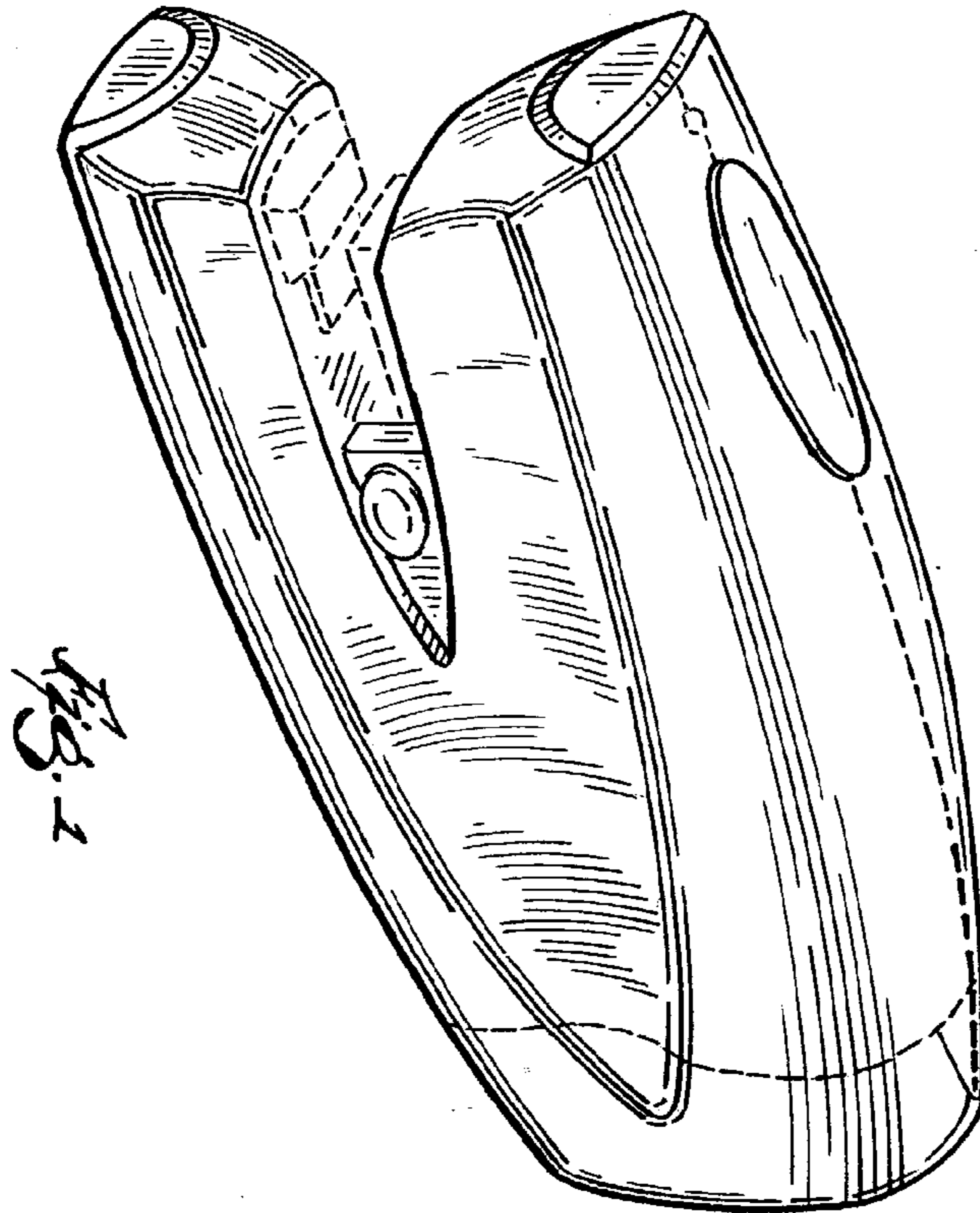


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Fig. 3

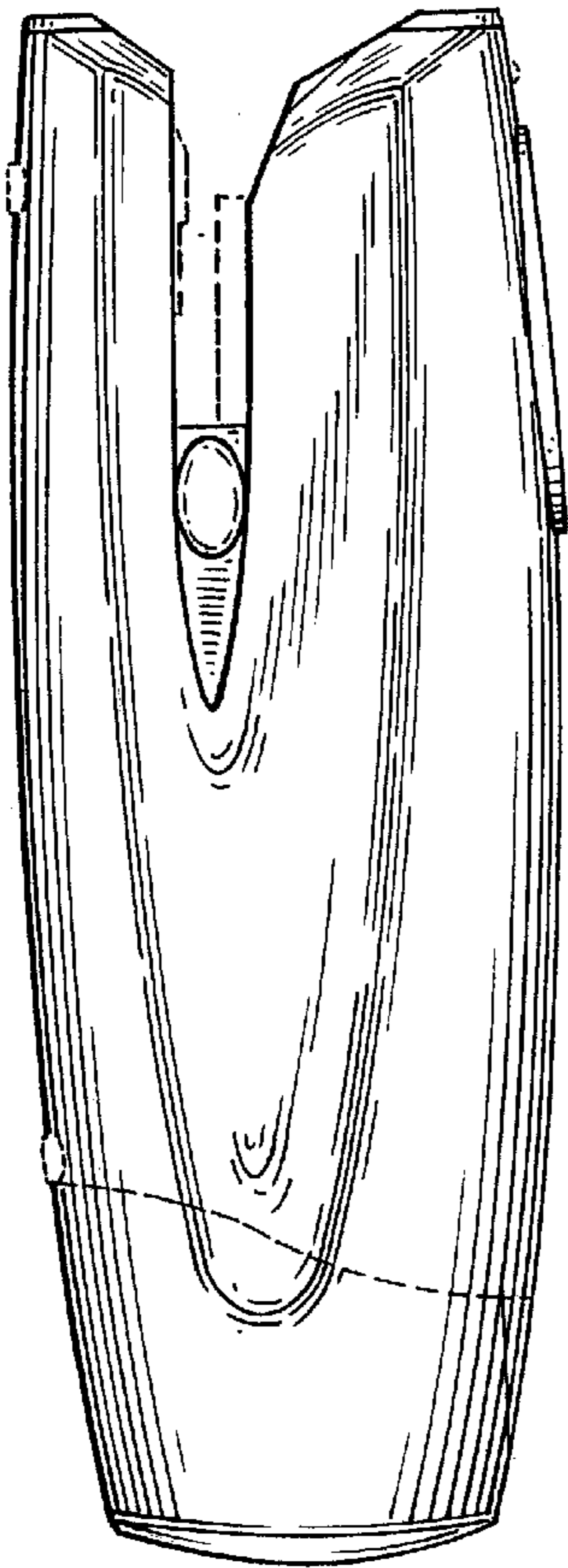


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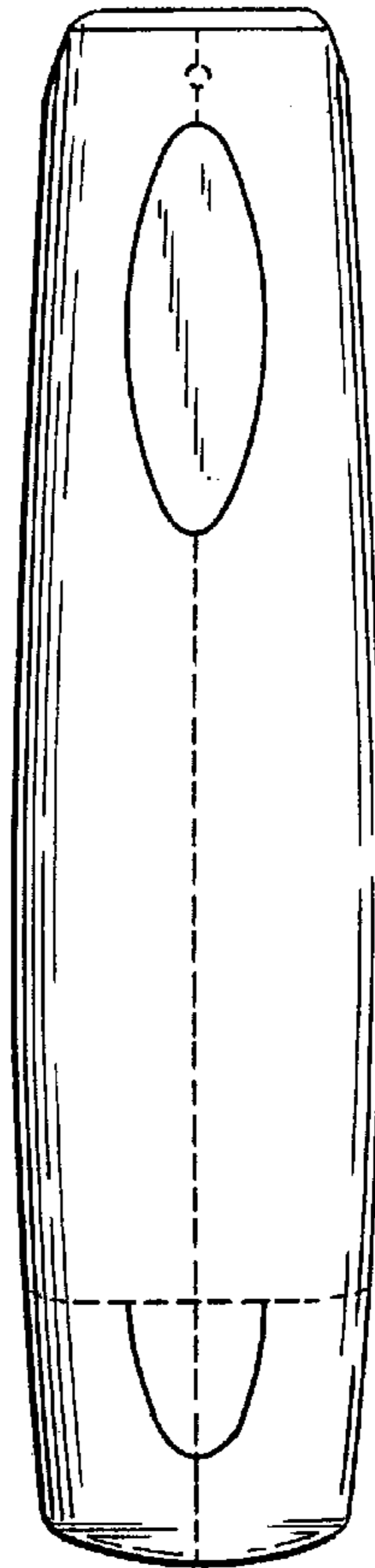


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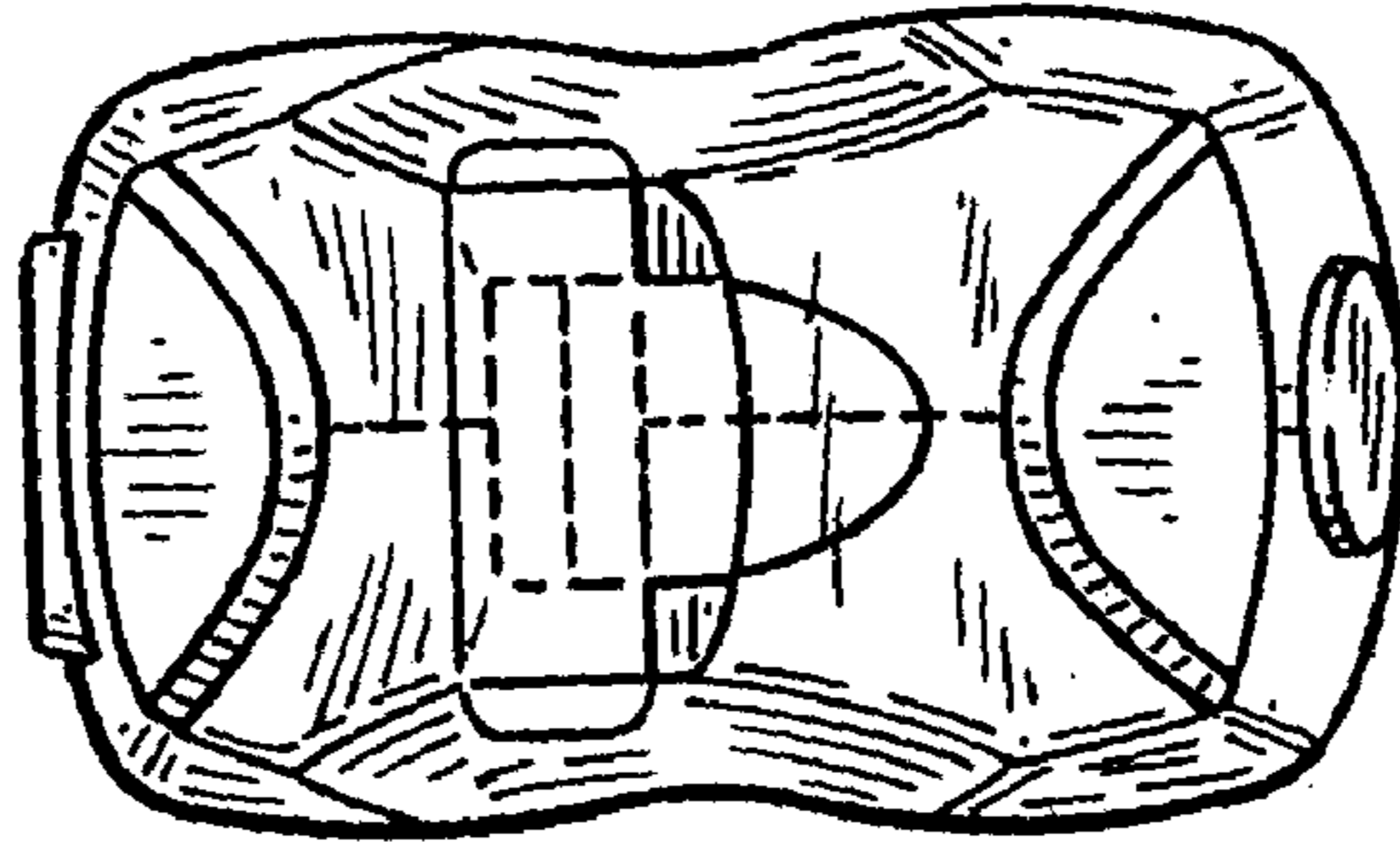
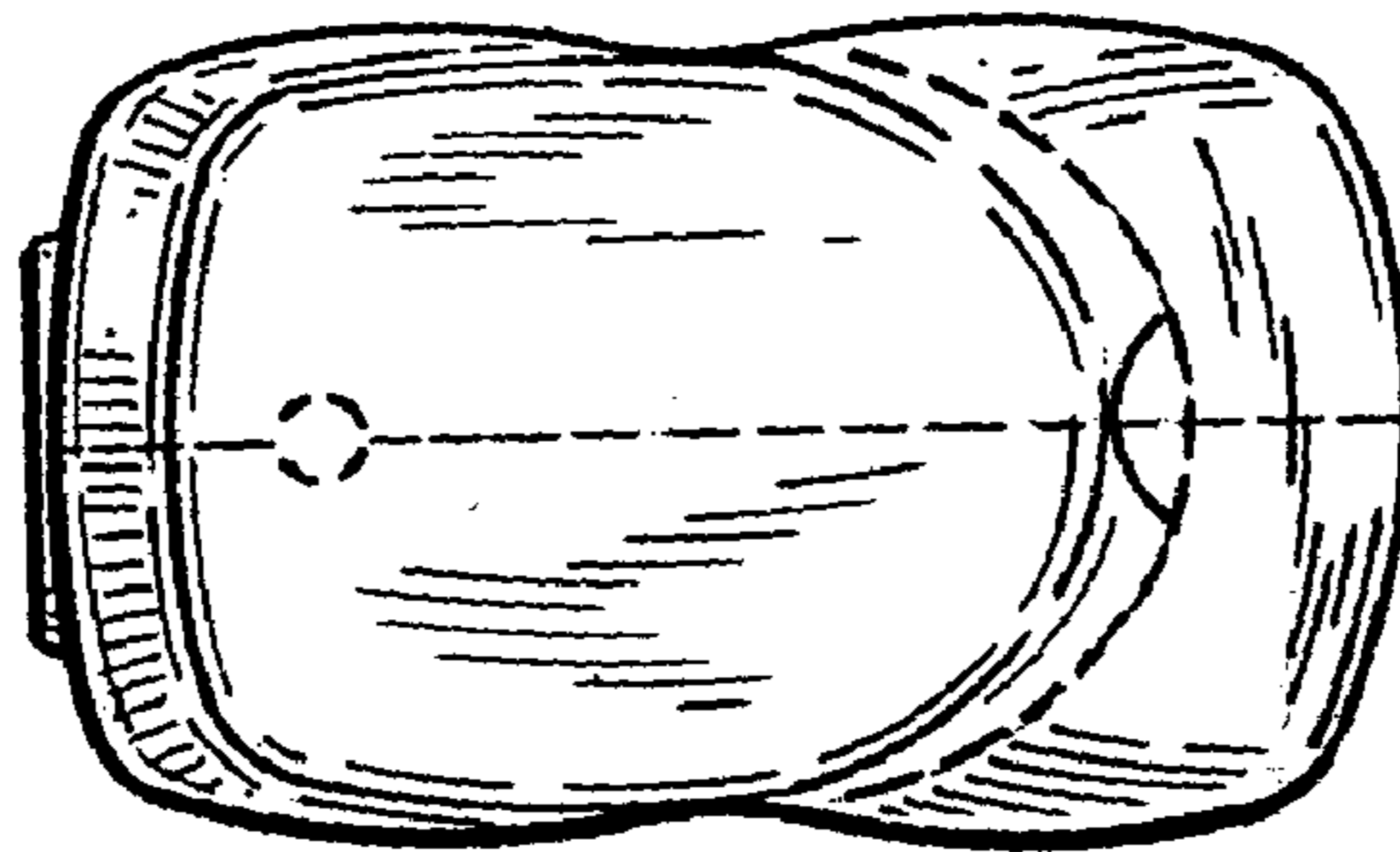


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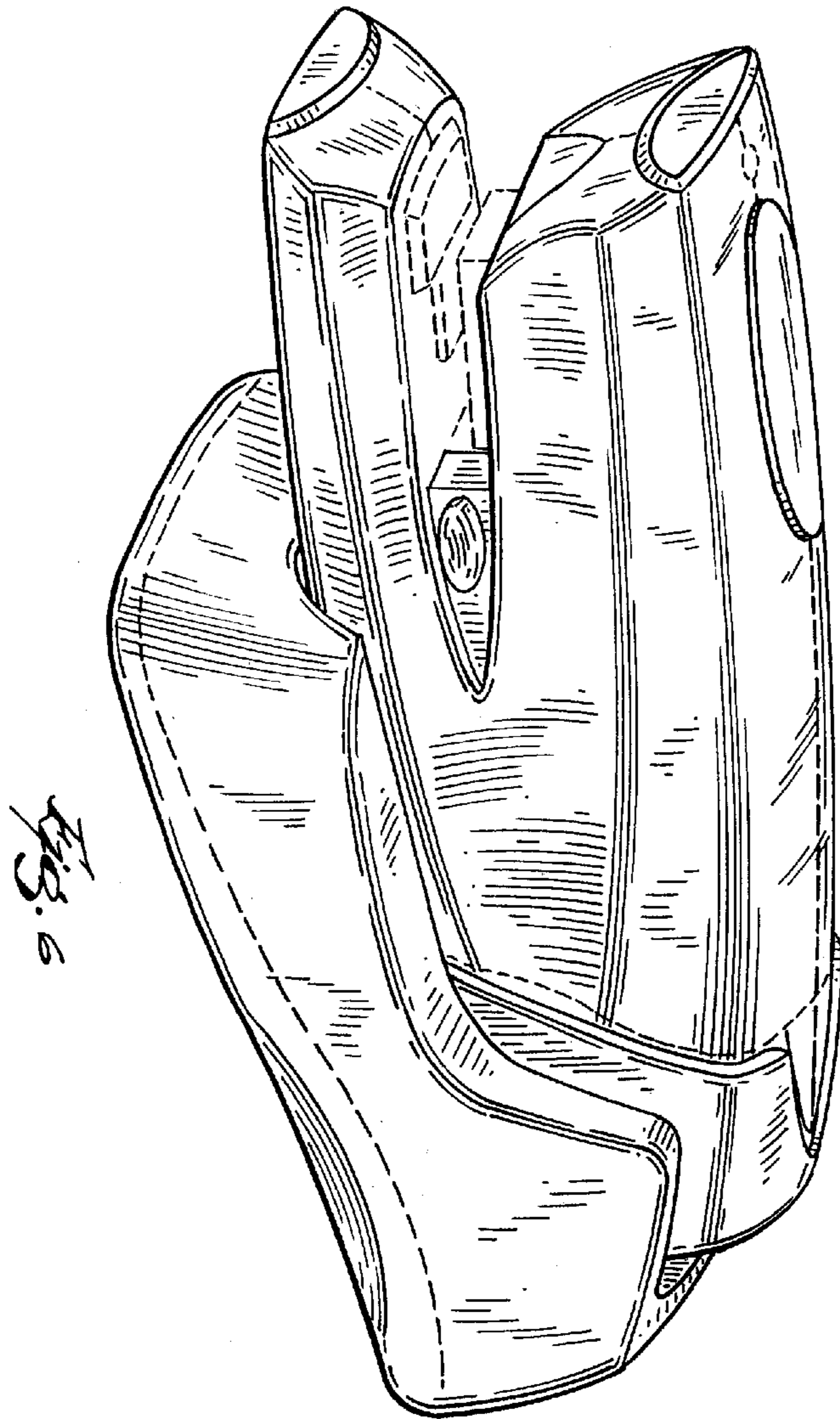
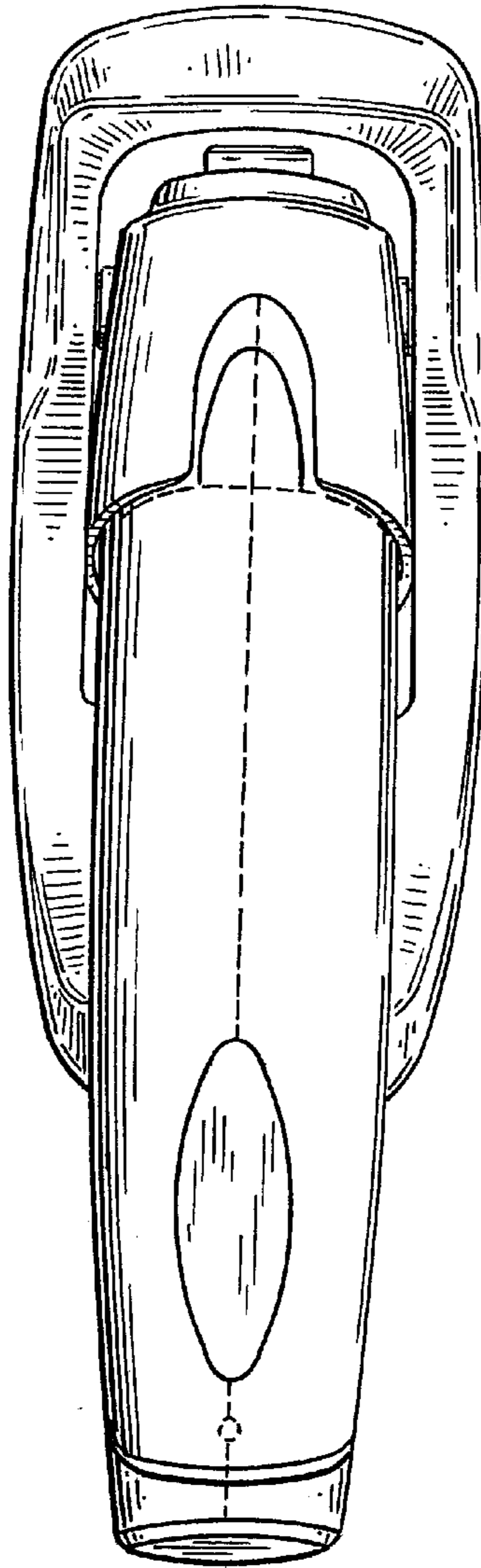


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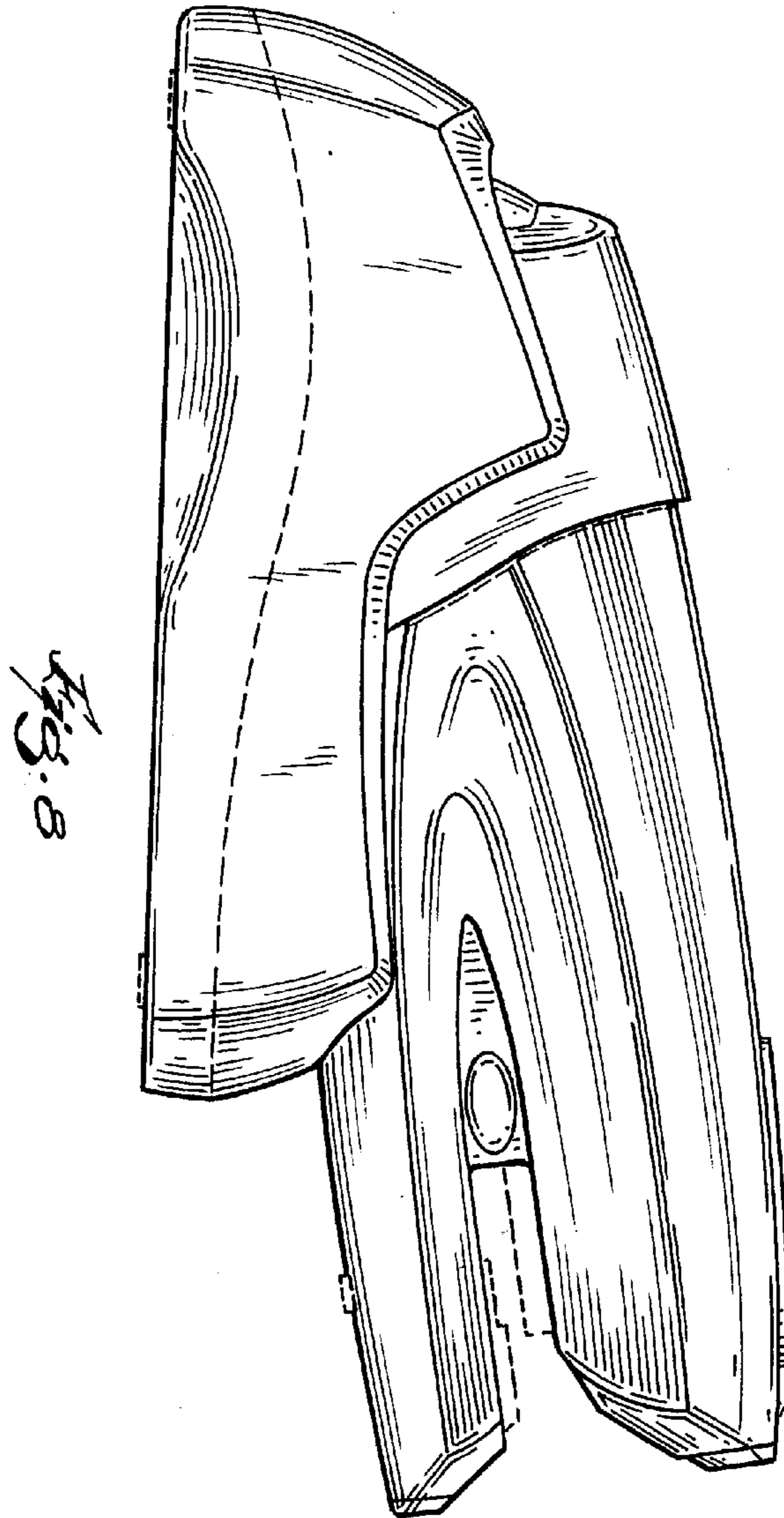


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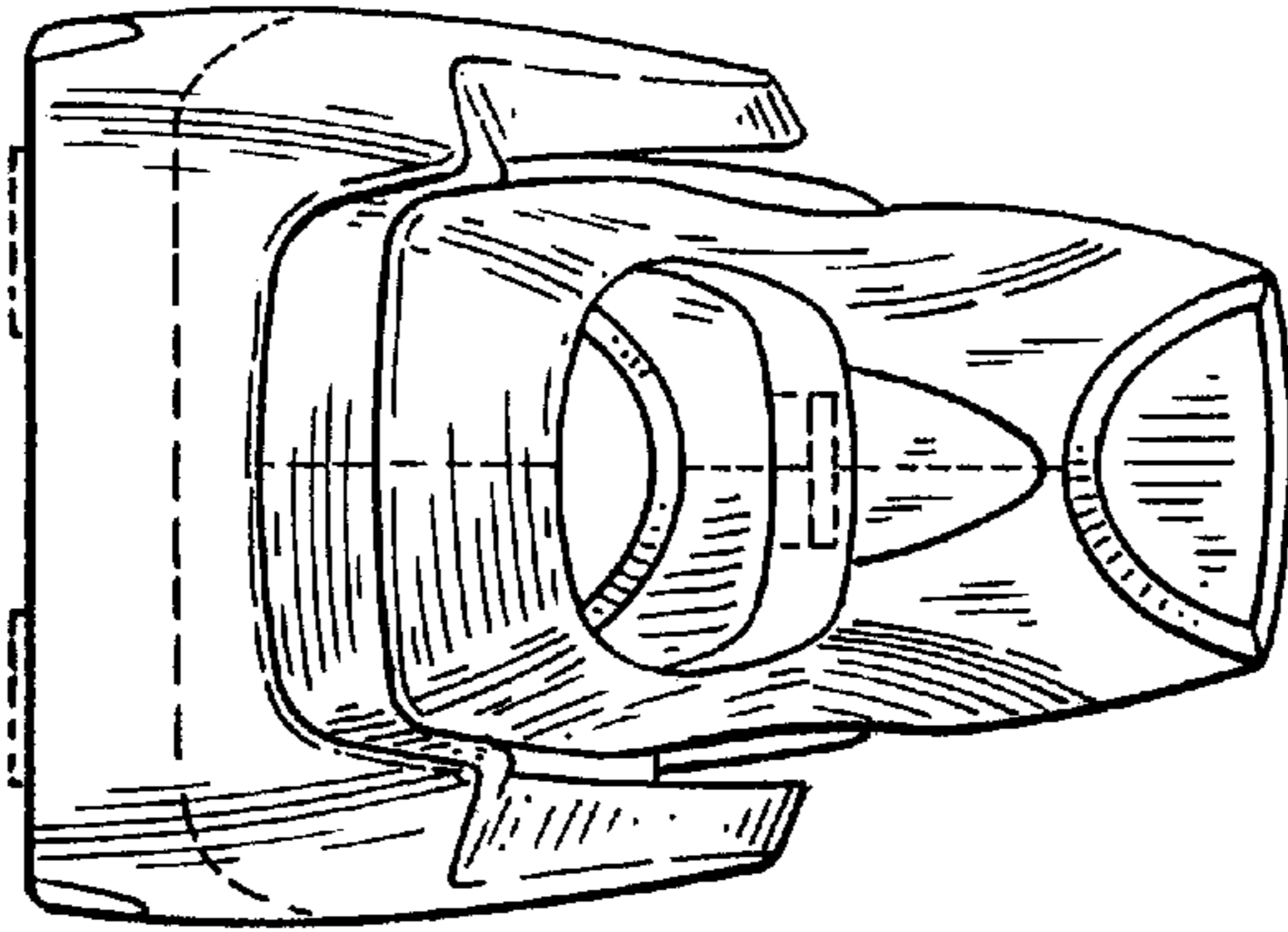


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