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(54) **STERILIZING CONTAINER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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The ornamental design for a sterilizing container, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a sterilizing container showing our new design;

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FIG. 2 is a top view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof, the rear elevational view being identical thereto;

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FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof, the left side view being identical thereto;

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof;

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FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of a sterilizing container showing our new design;

FIG. 7 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 8 is a front elevational view thereof, the rear elevational view being identical thereto;

FIG. 9 is a right side view thereof, the left side view being identical thereto; and,

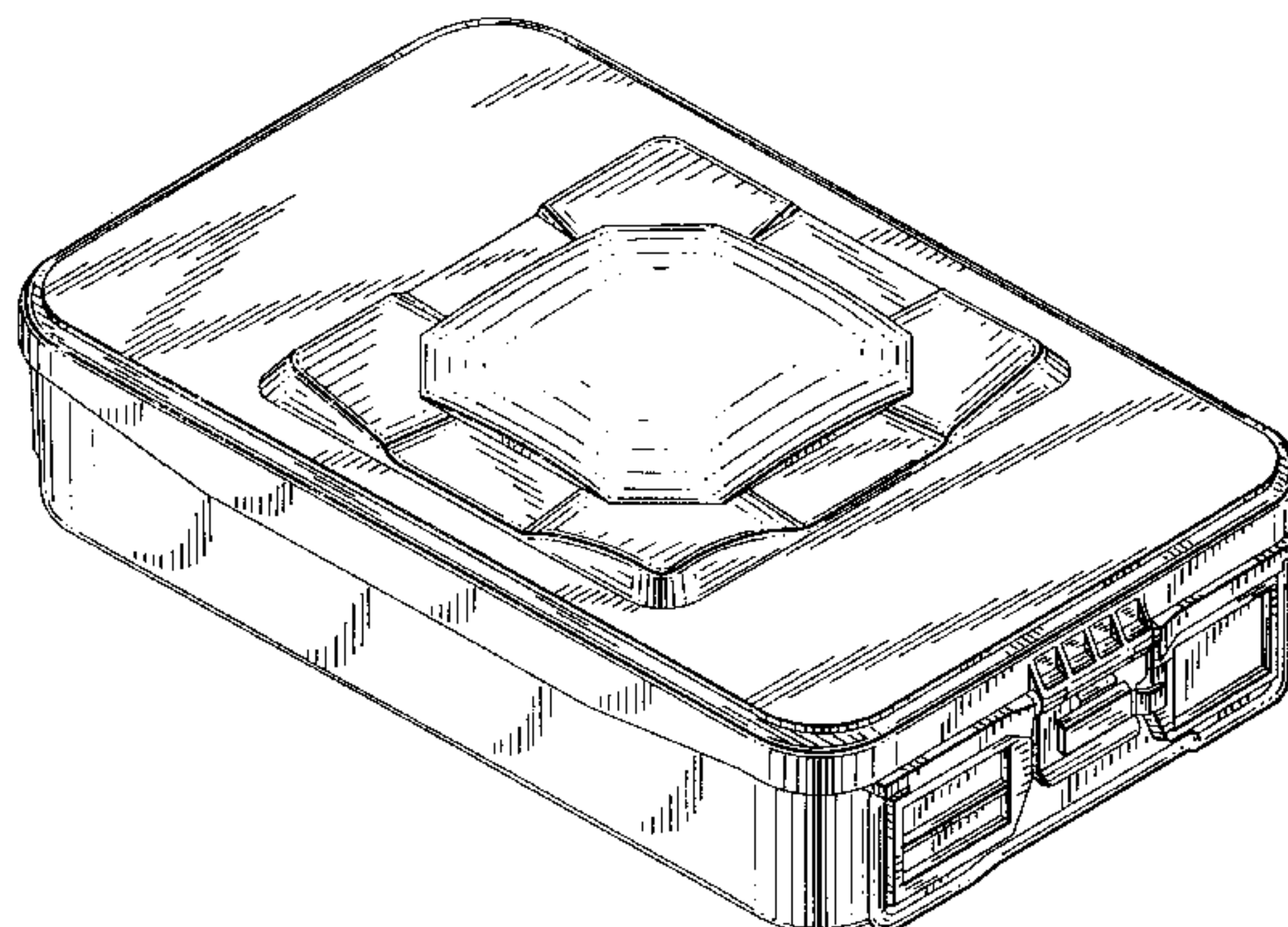
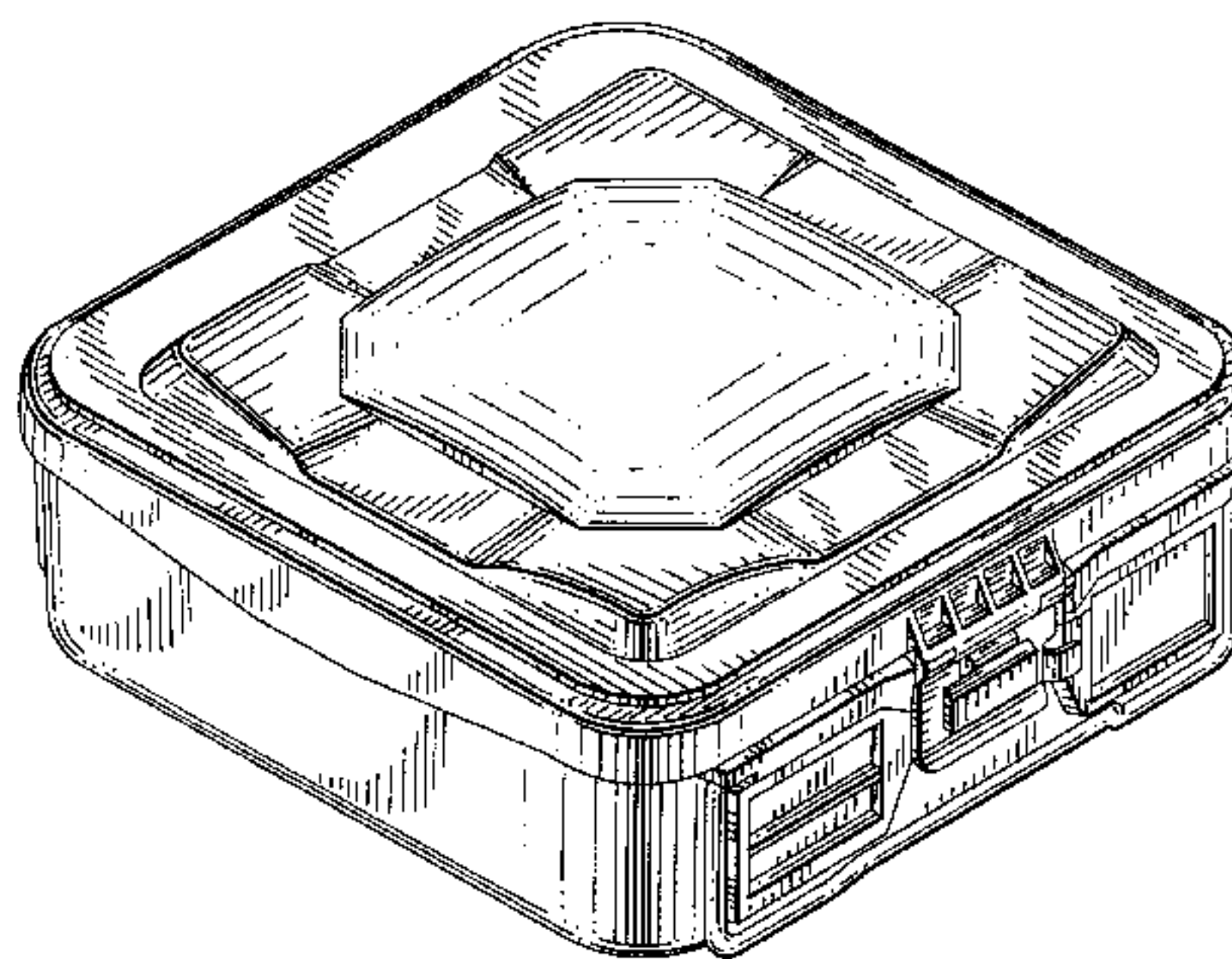
FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view thereof.

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1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets



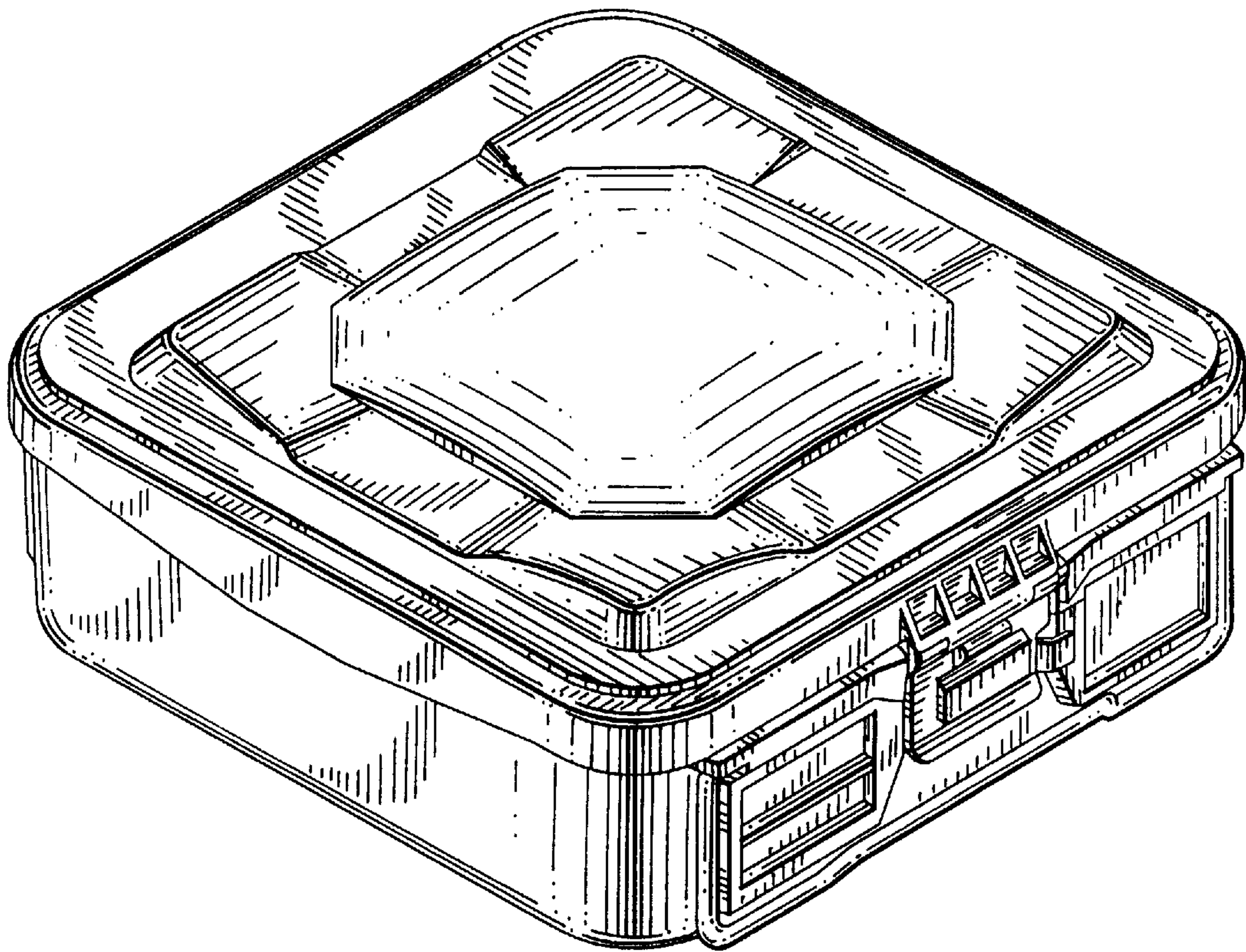


FIG. 1

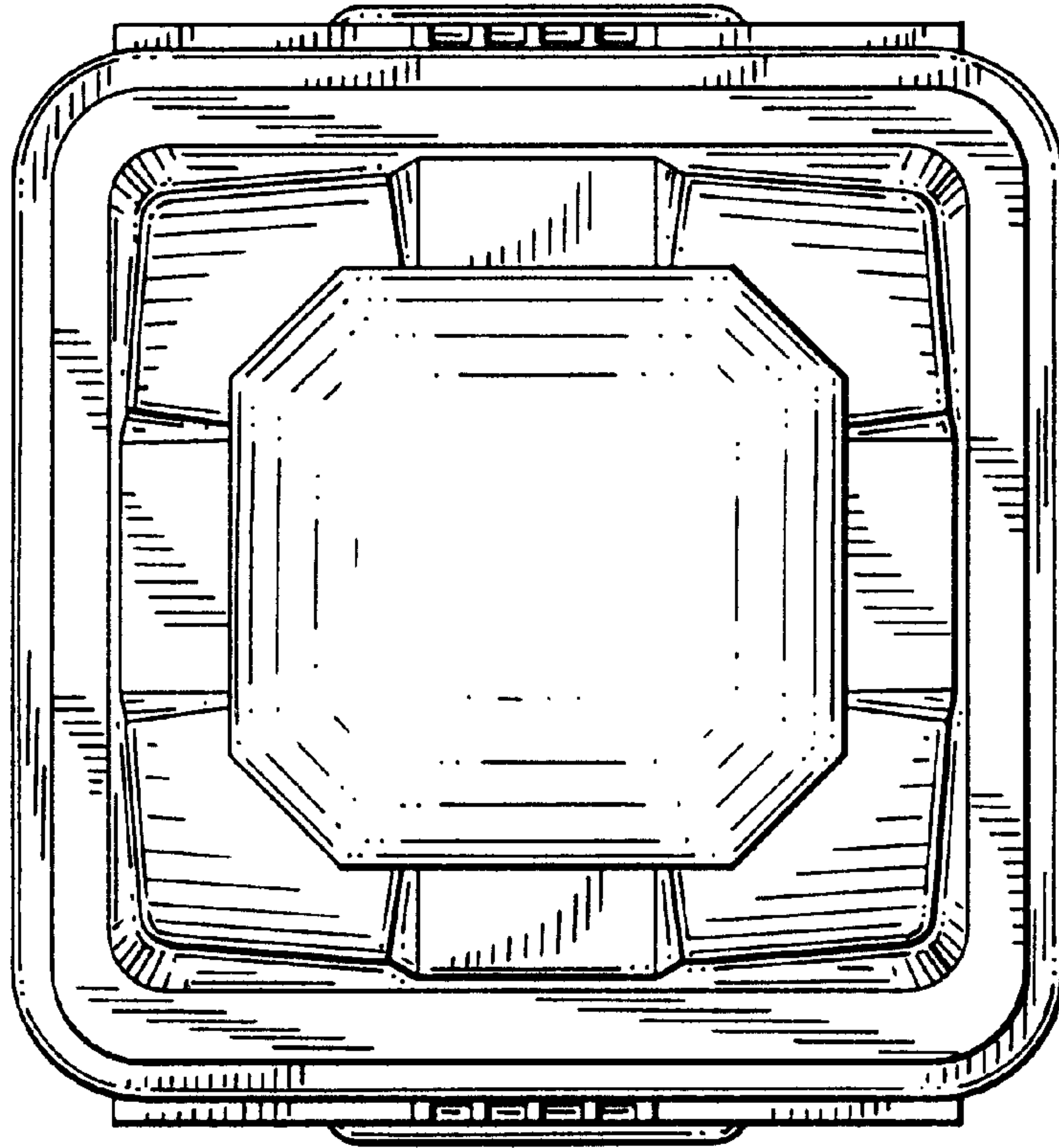


FIG. 2

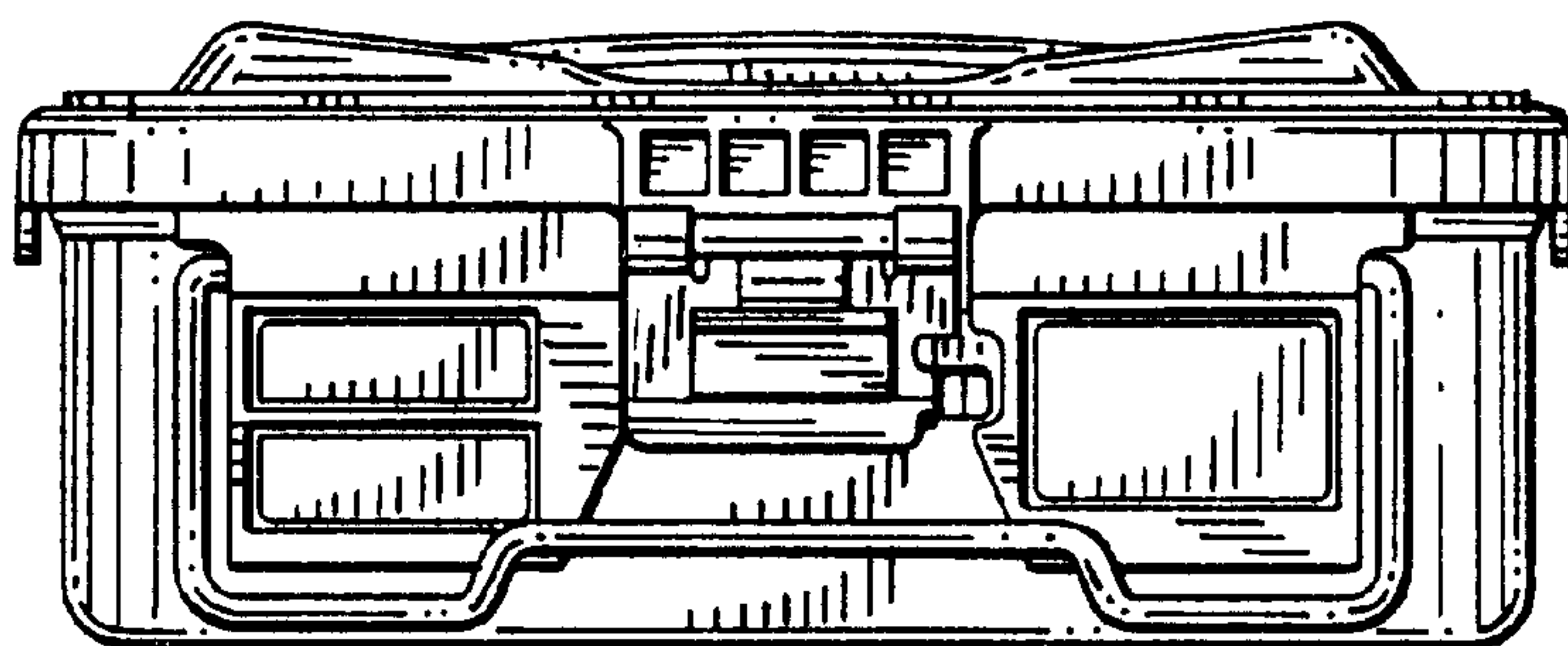


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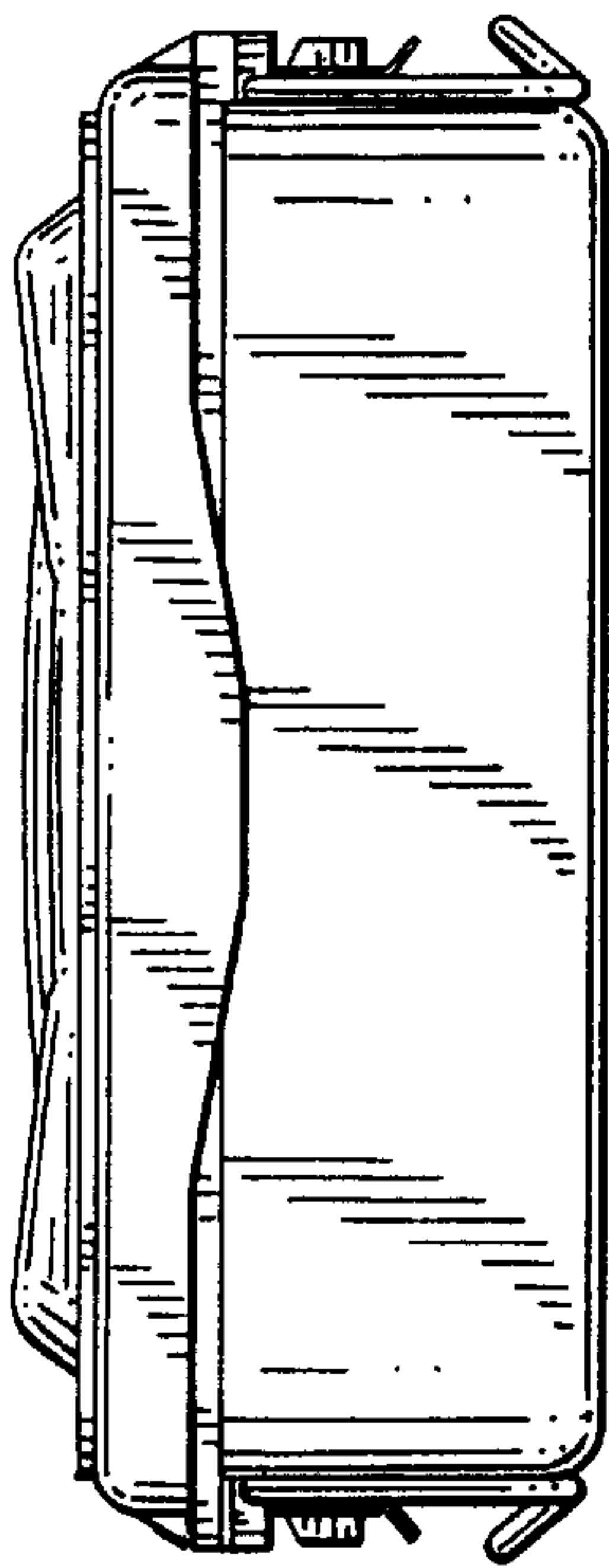


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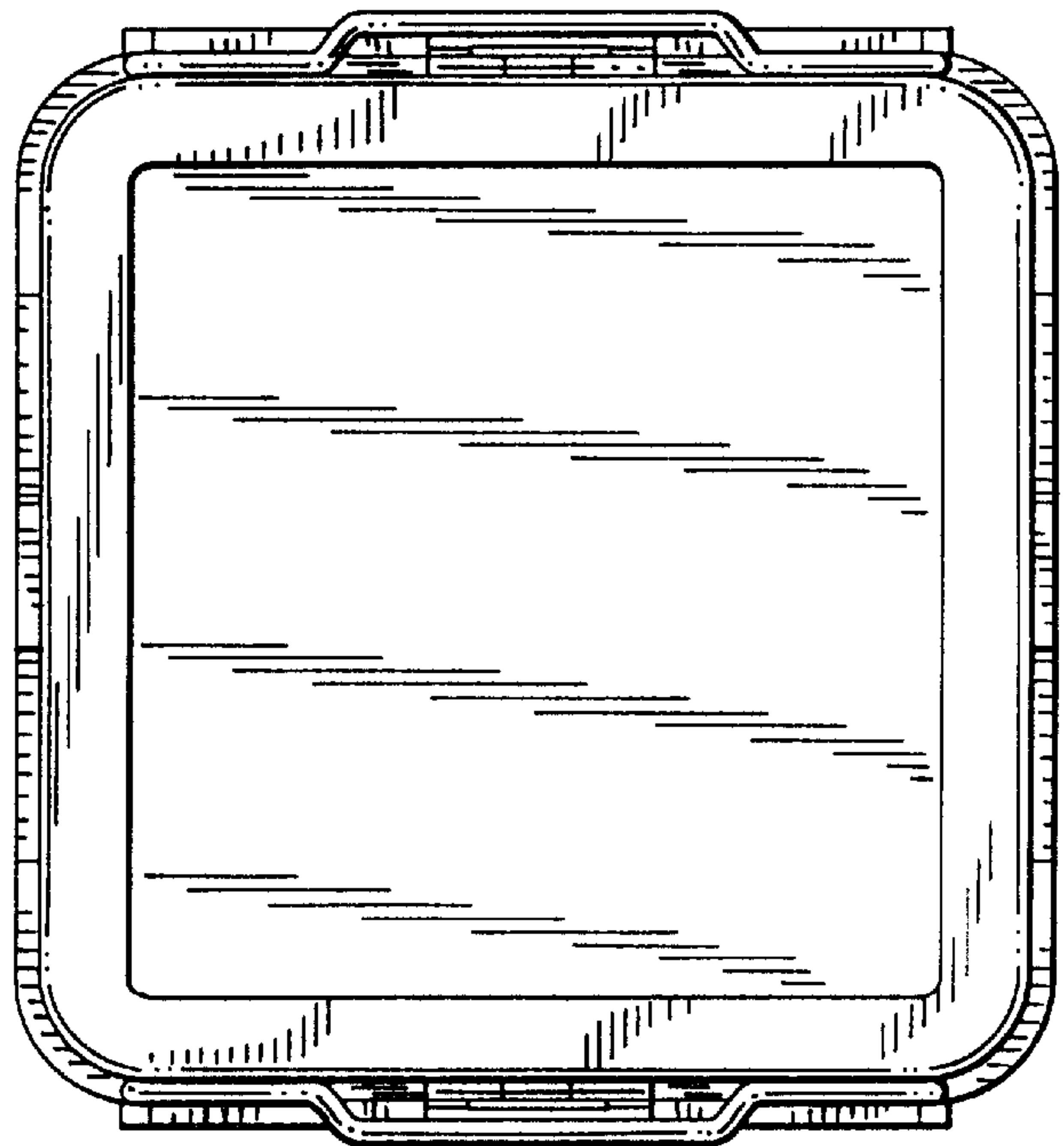


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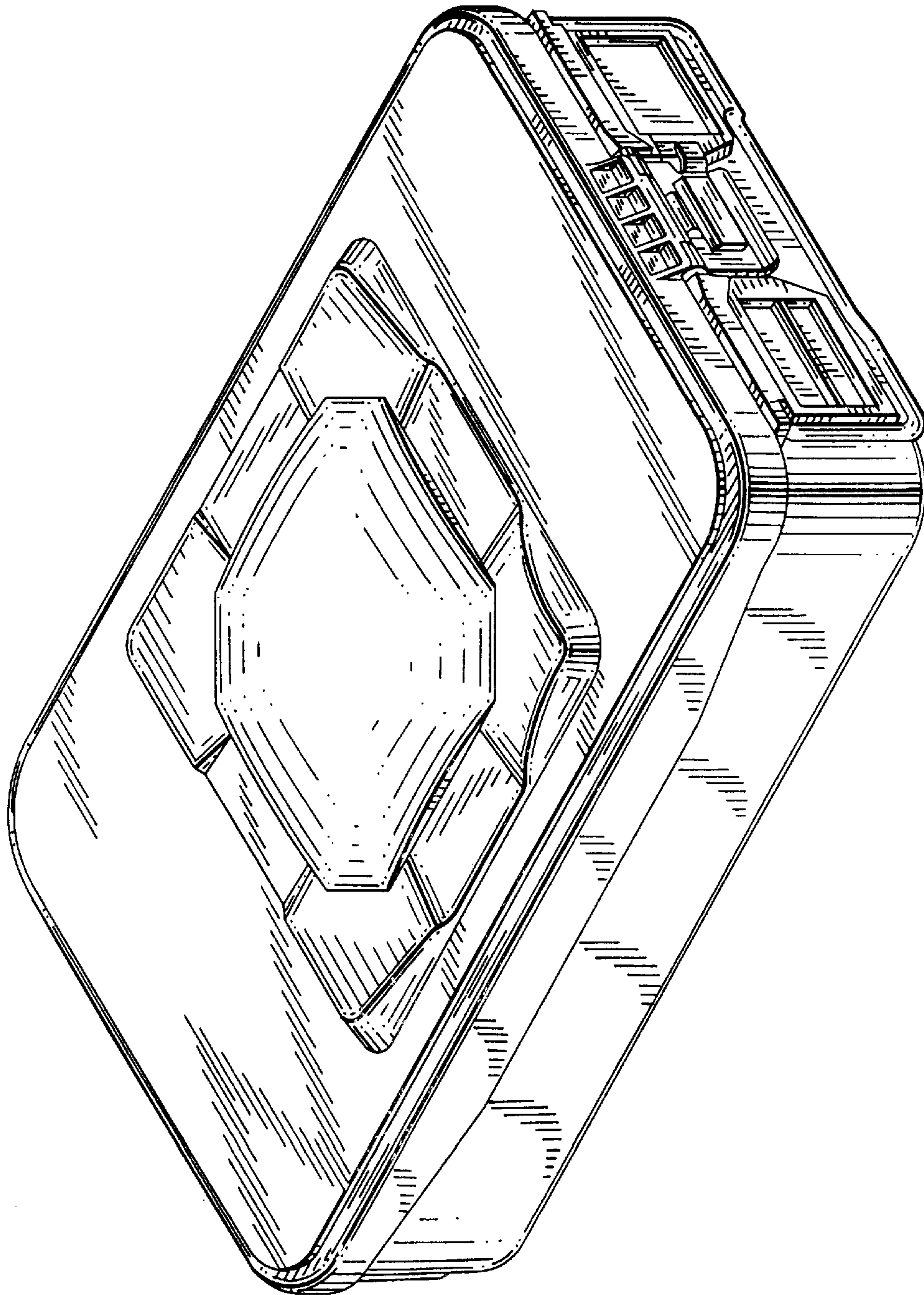


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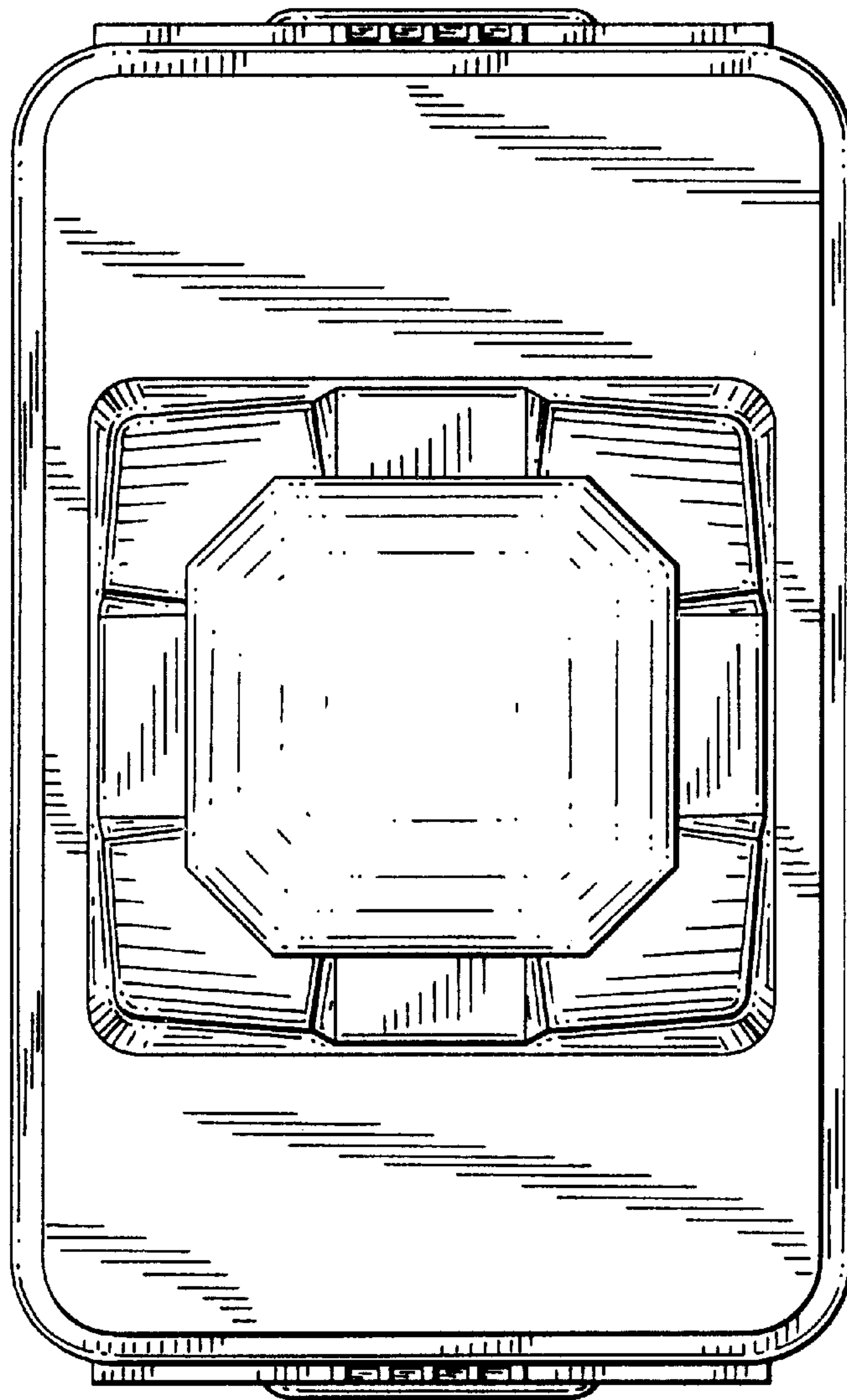


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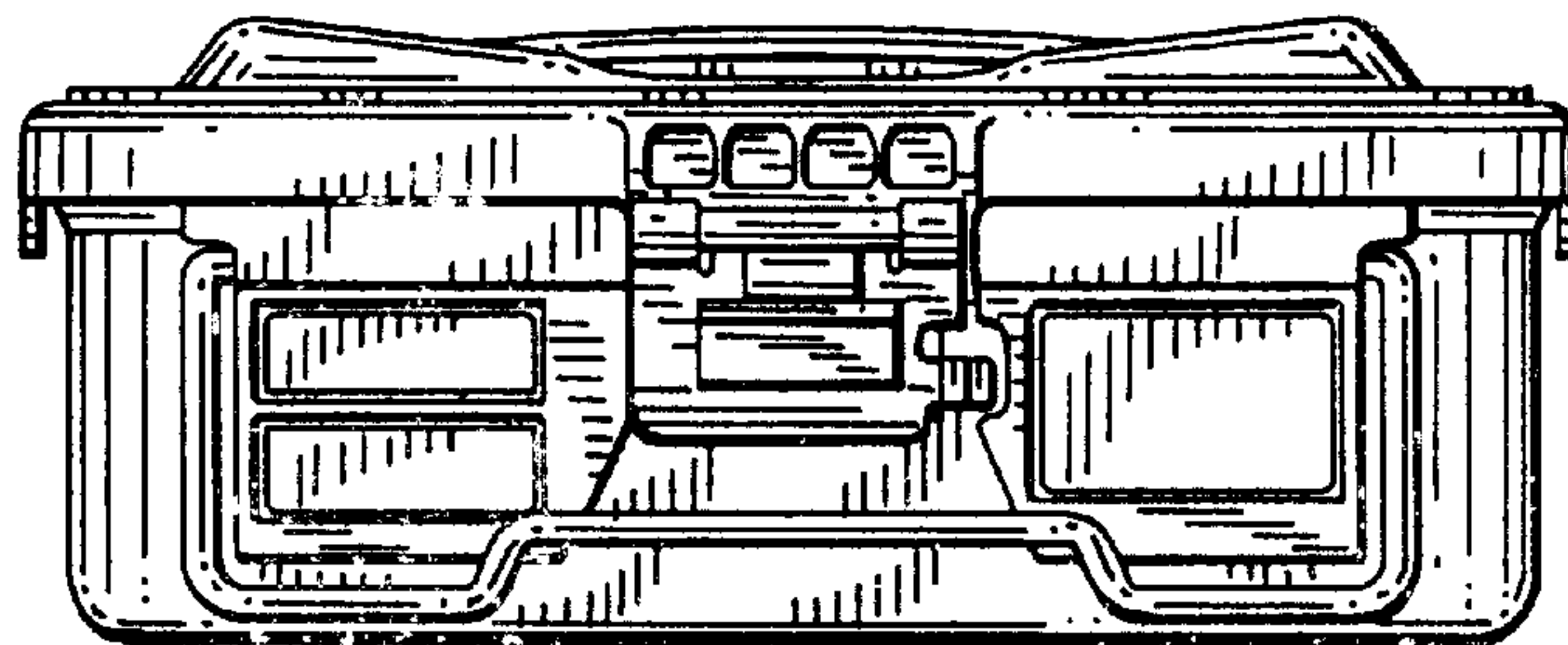


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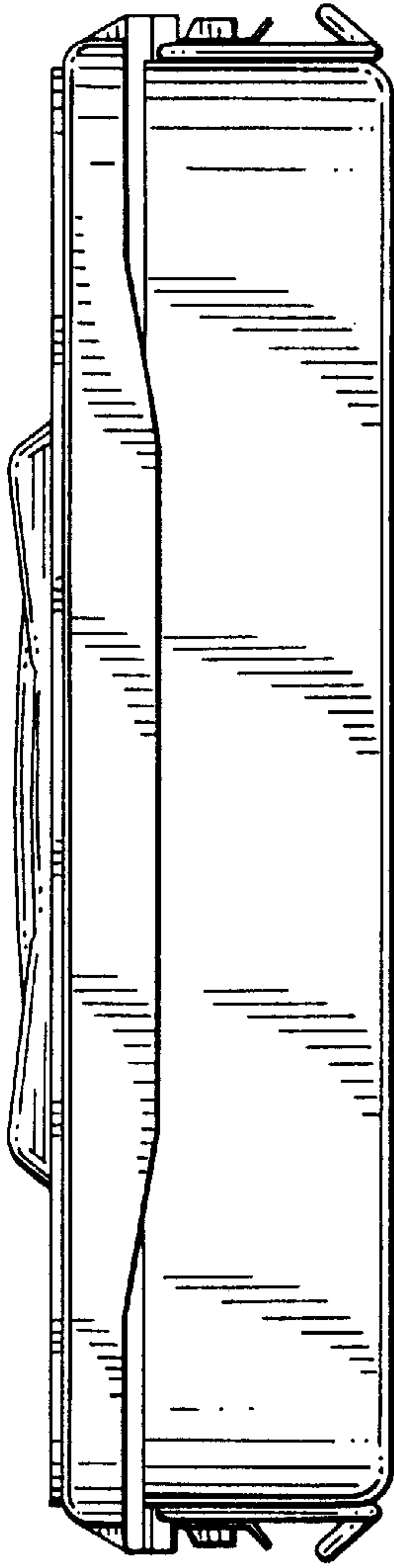


FIG. 9

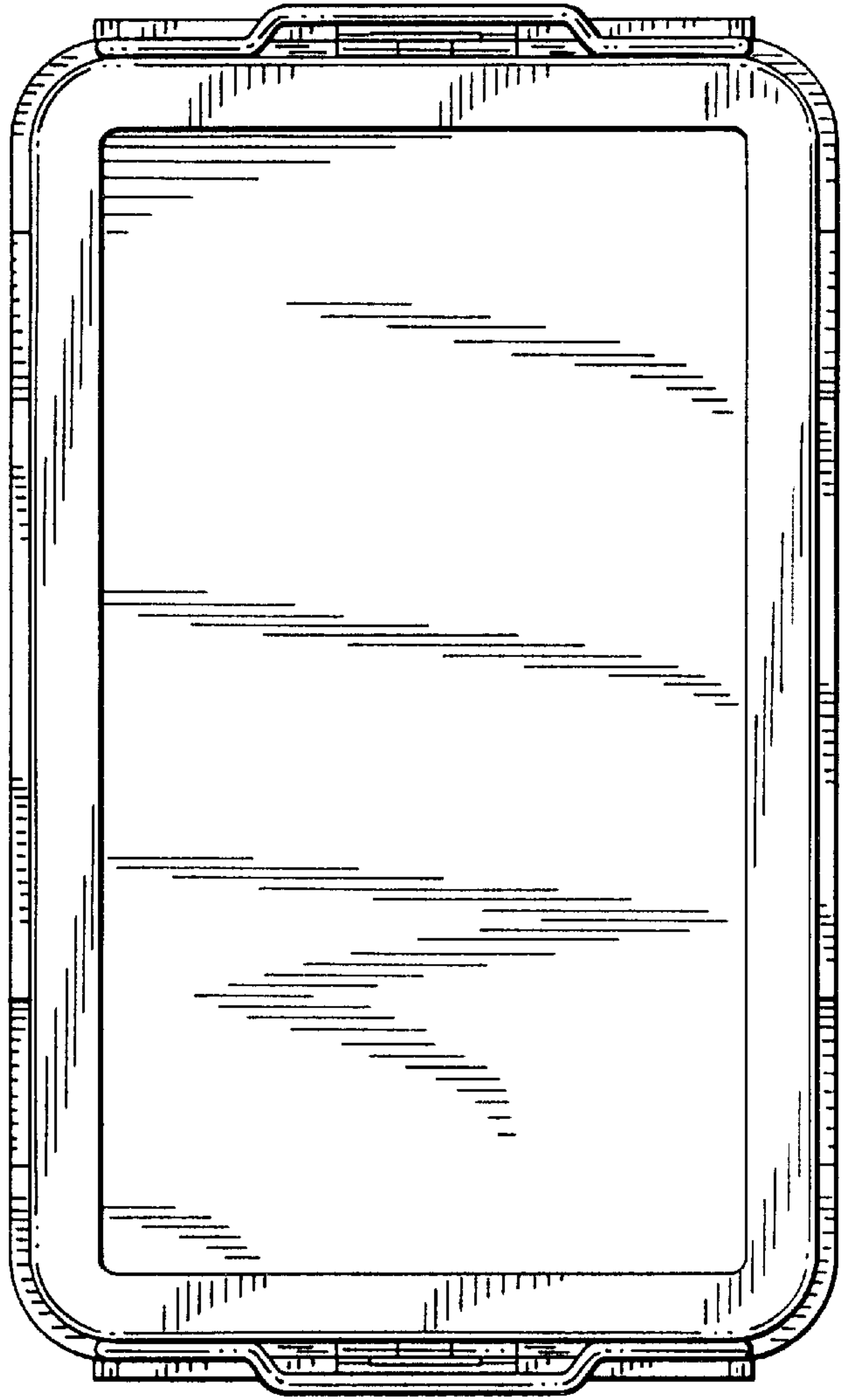


FIG. 10