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(54) **REMOVABLE HARDTOP FOR A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a removable hardtop for a sport utility vehicle, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a sport utility vehicle with a removable hardtop showing our new design. The vehicle is shown in dotted lines for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view of the removable hardtop of our new design.

FIG. 3 is a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof.

FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view thereof.

FIG. 6 is a front elevational view thereof.

FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side elevational view being a mirror image thereof.

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

FIG. 9 is a rear perspective view of a second embodiment of the removable hardtop for a sport utility vehicle of our new design.

FIG. 10 is a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 11 is a top plan view thereof.

FIG. 12 is a rear elevational view thereof.

FIG. 13 is a front elevational view thereof.

FIG. 14 is a right side elevational view thereof, the left side elevational view being a mirror image thereof; and,

FIG. 15 is a bottom plan view thereof.

FIGS. 2–8 are shown on an enlarged scale compared to FIG. 1.

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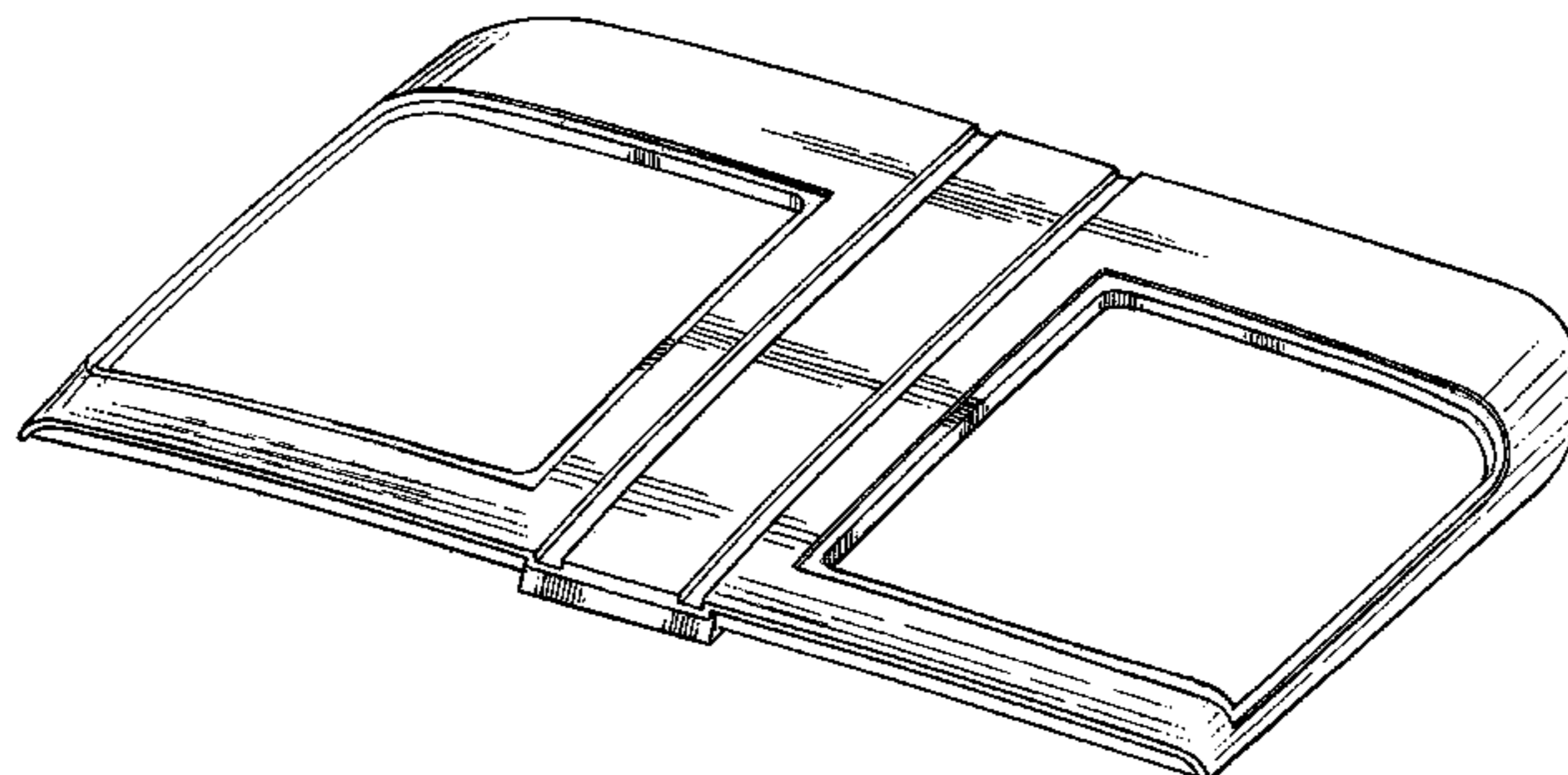
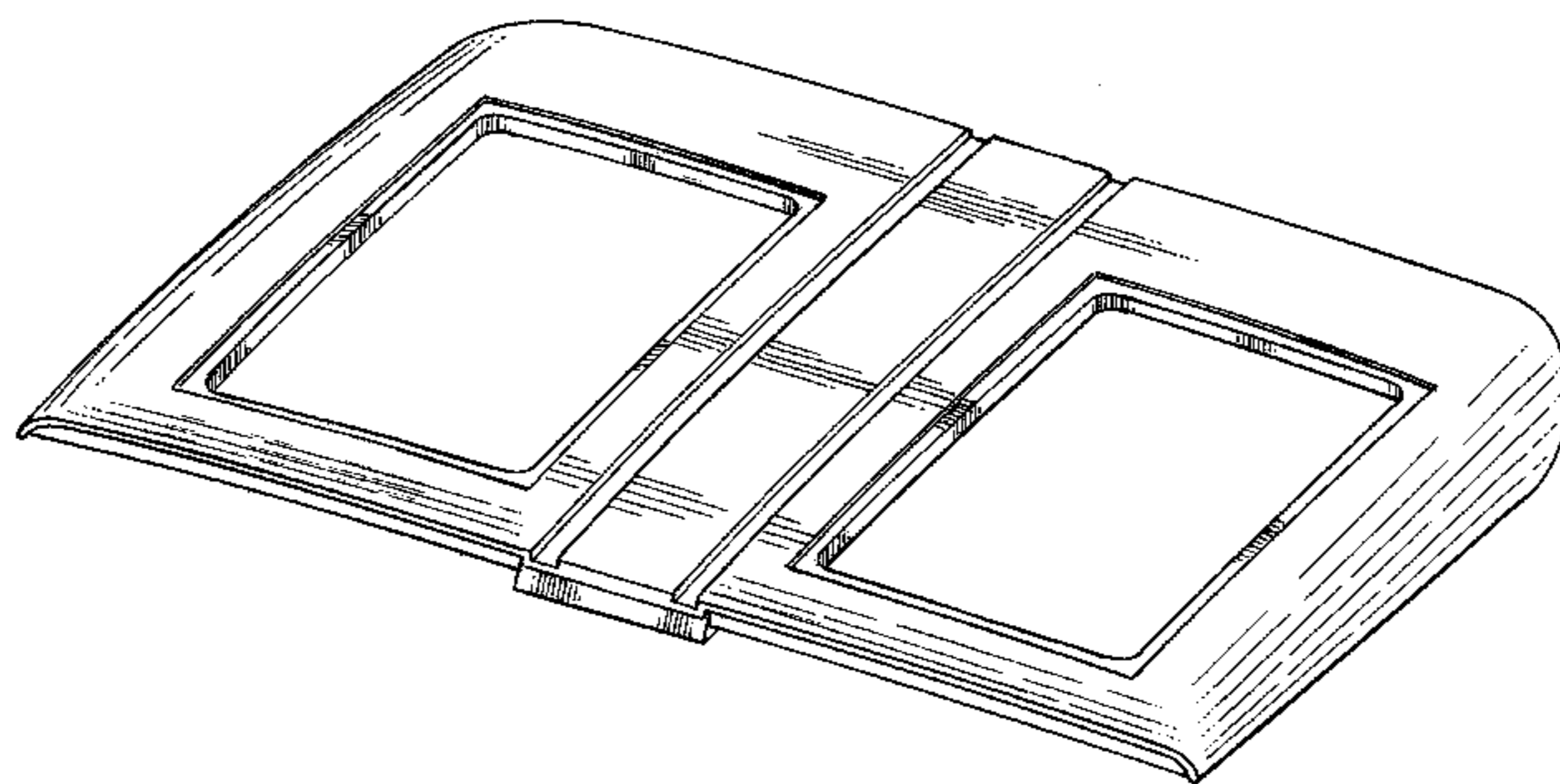
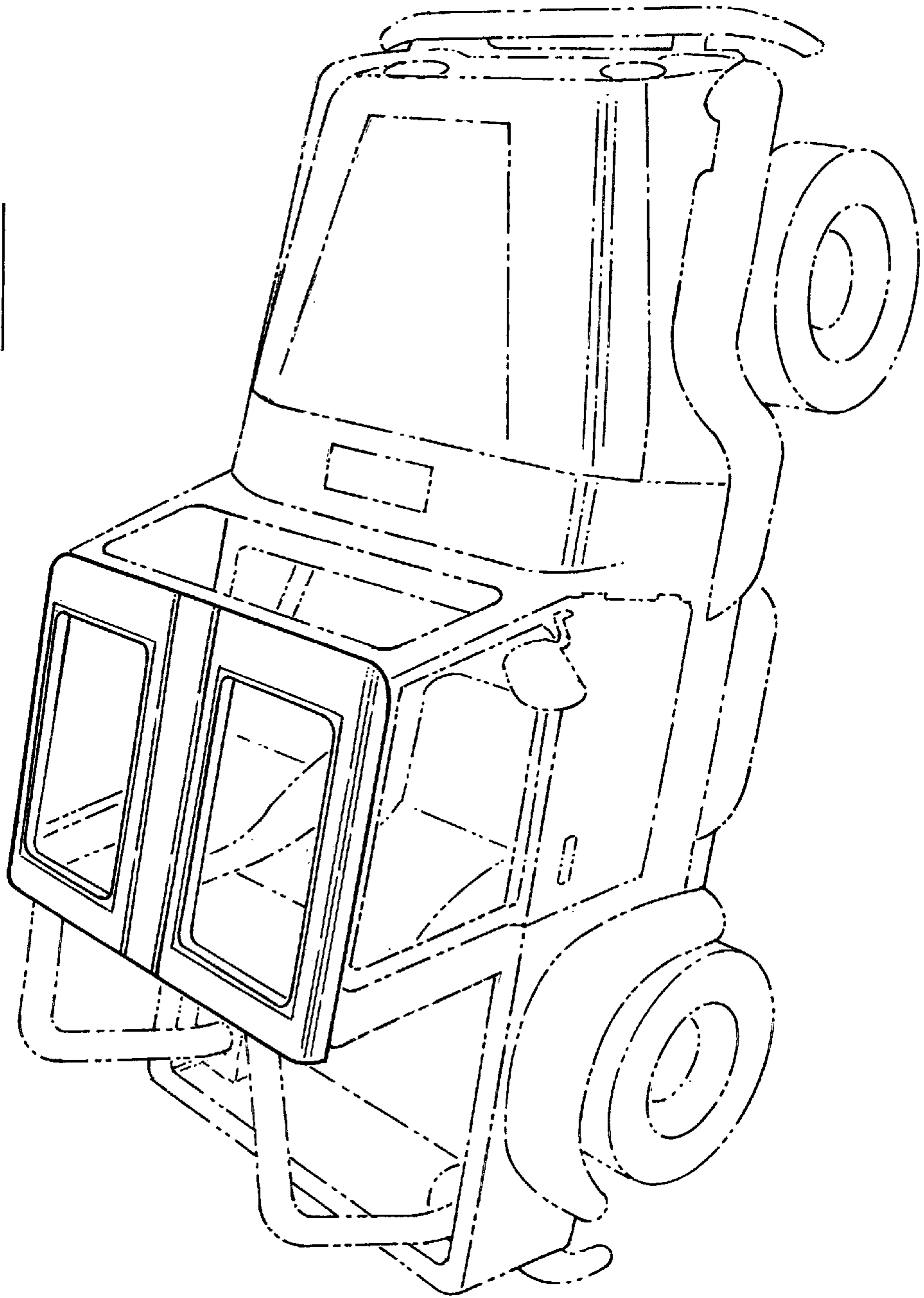


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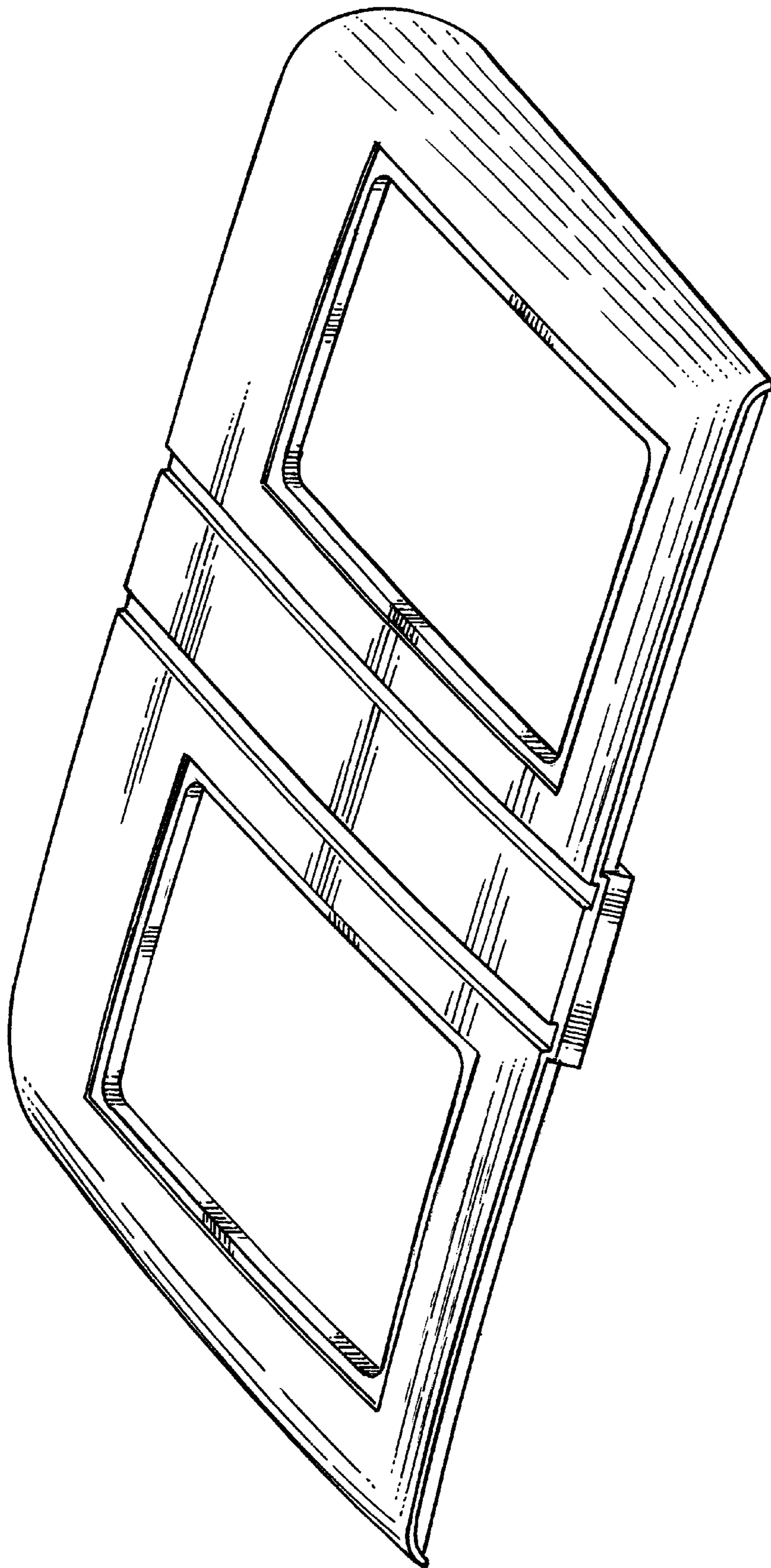


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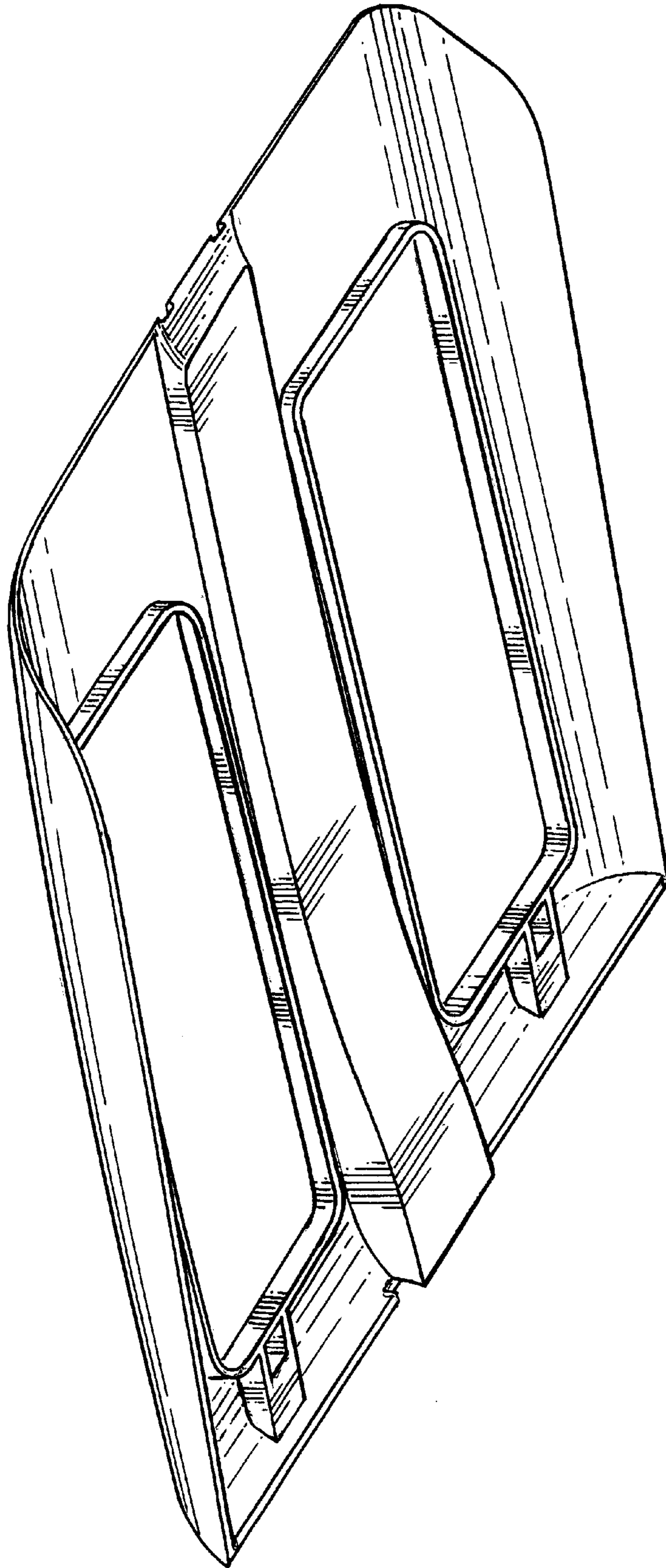


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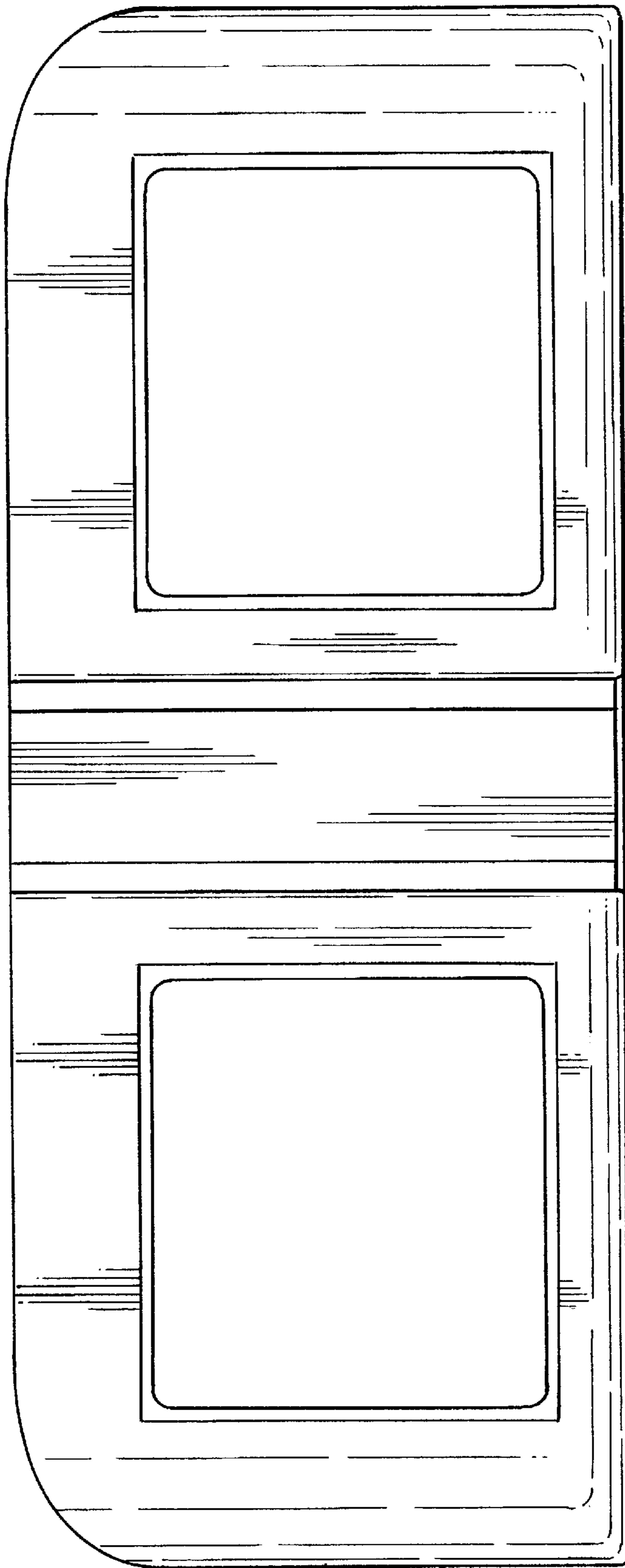


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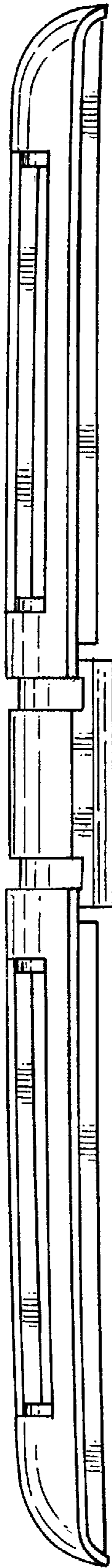


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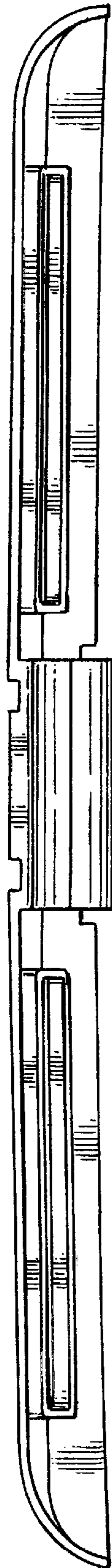


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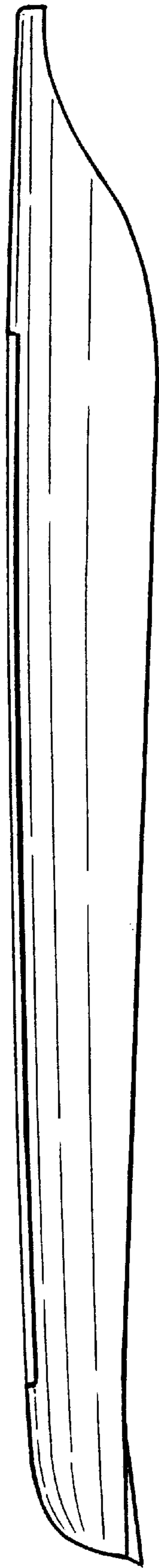


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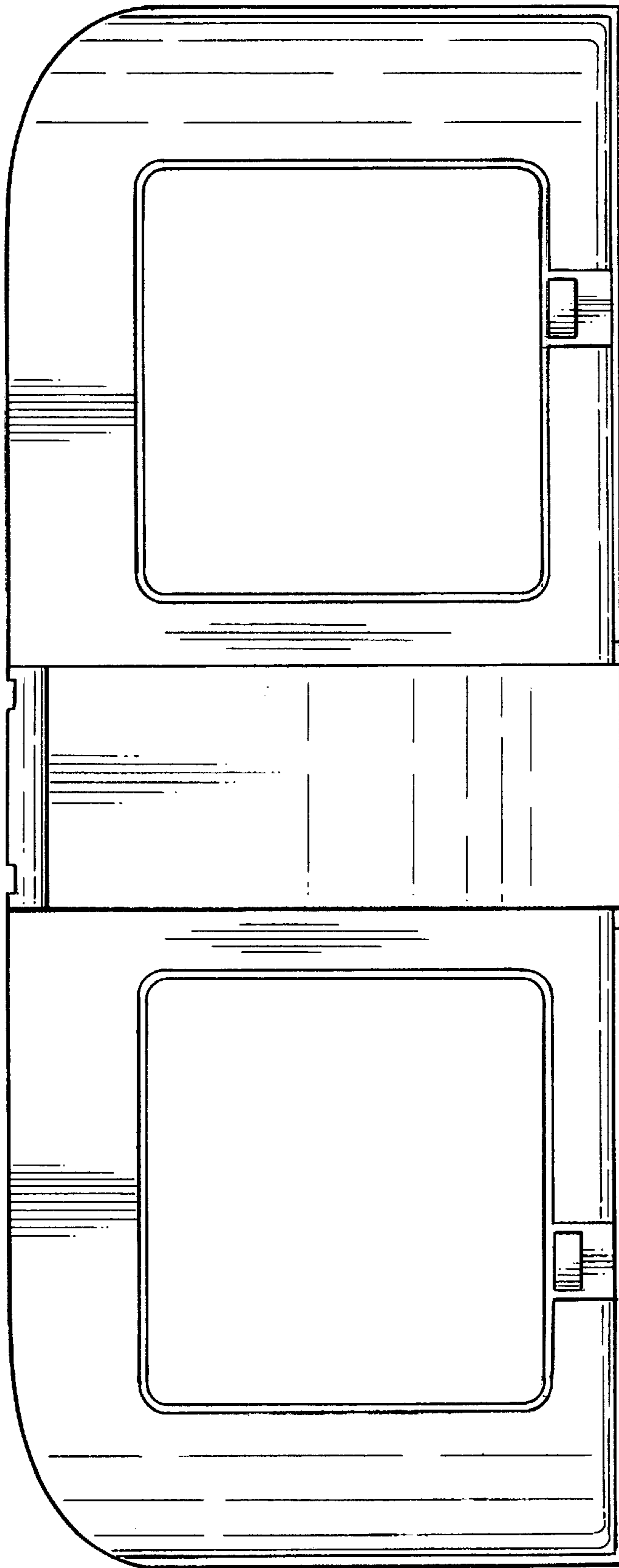


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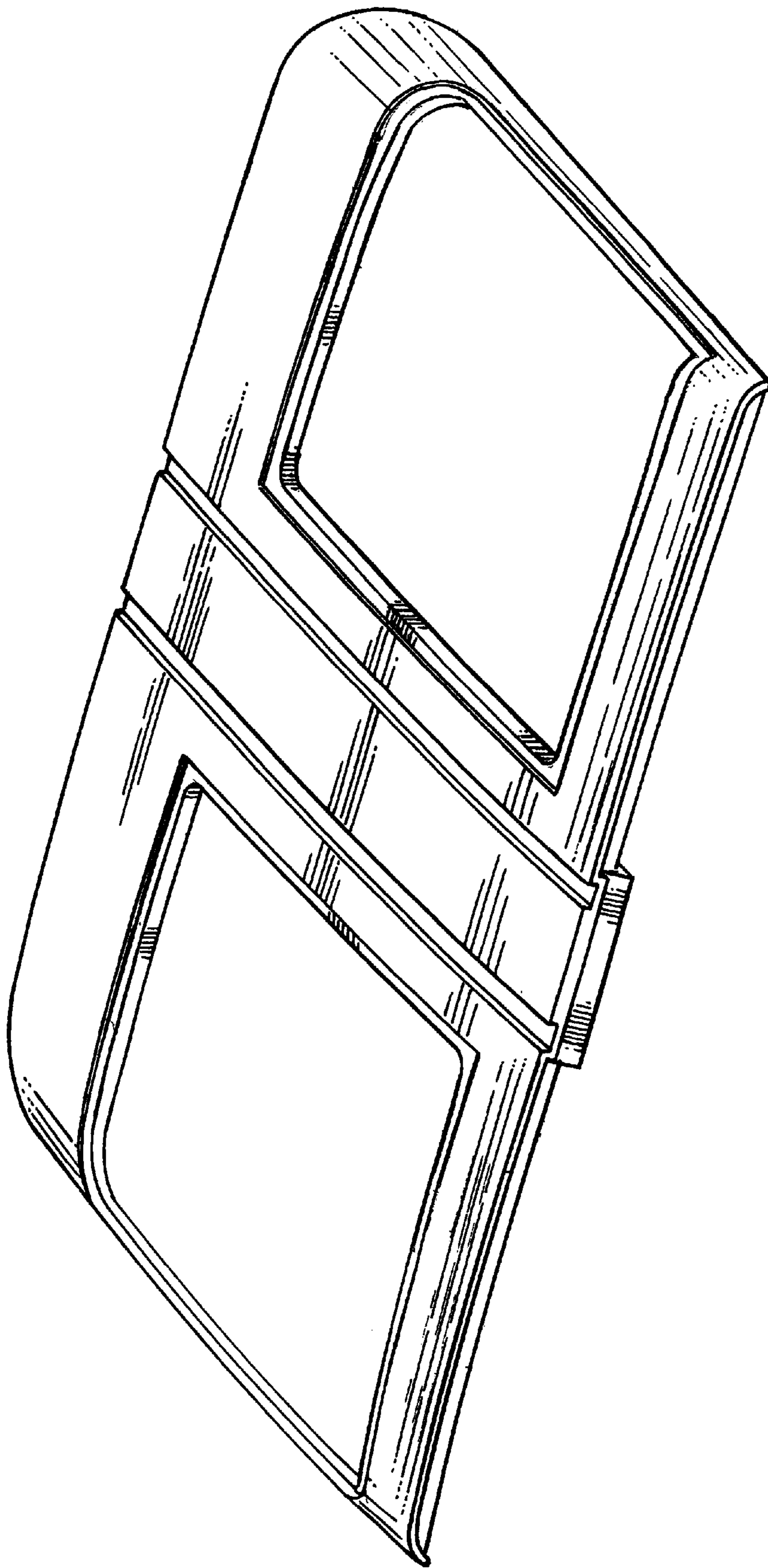


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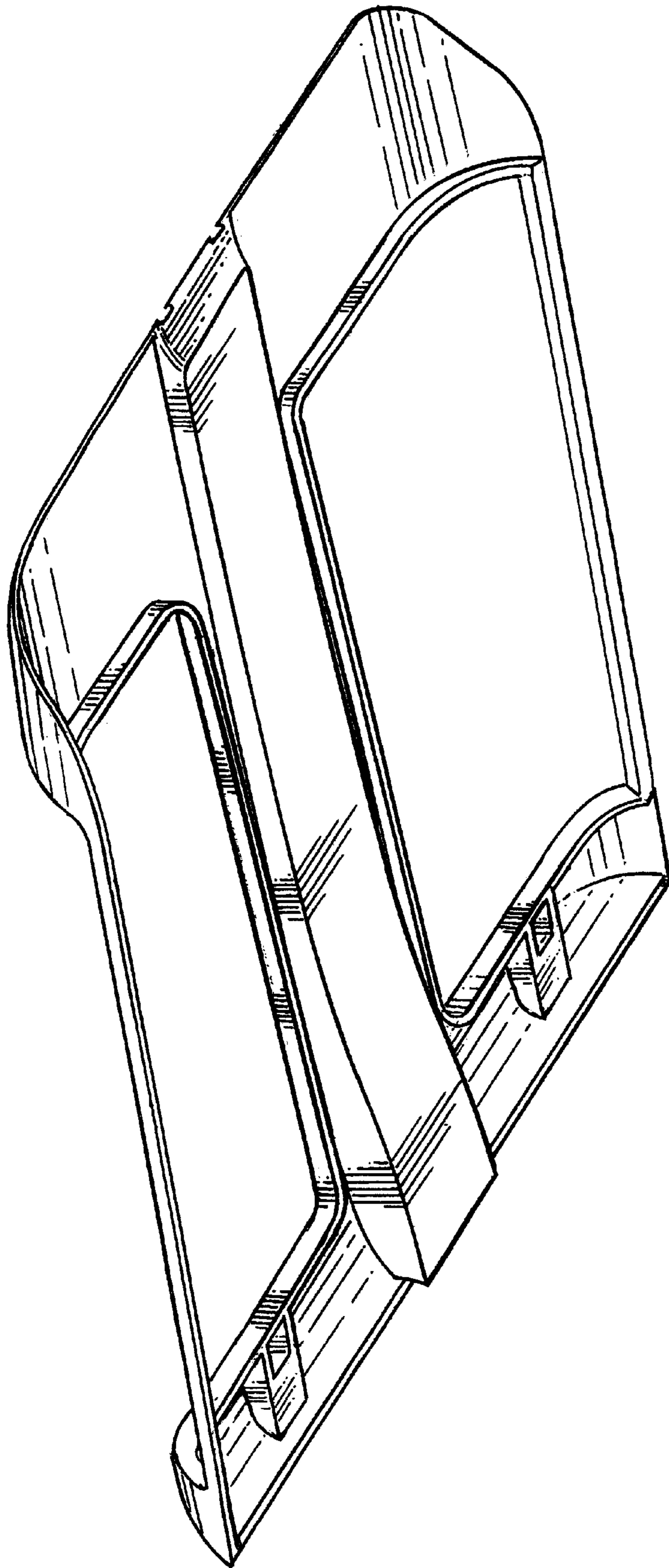


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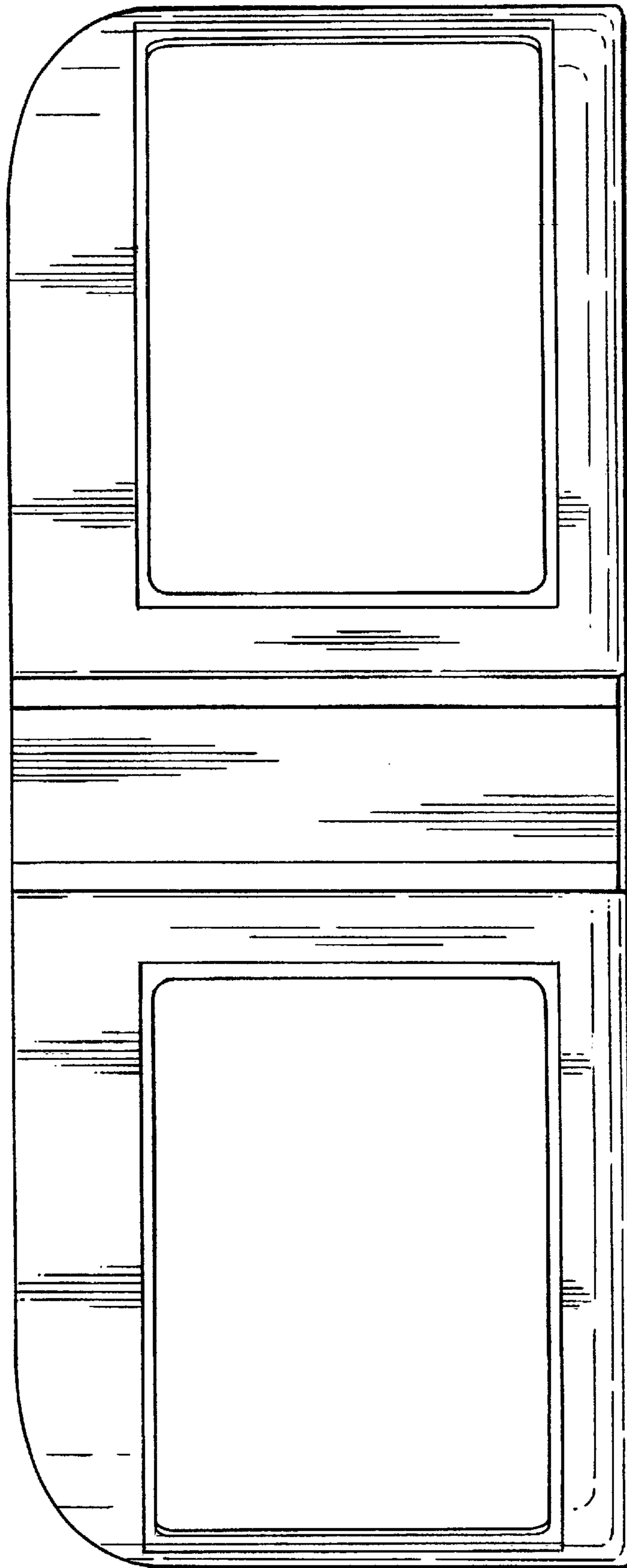


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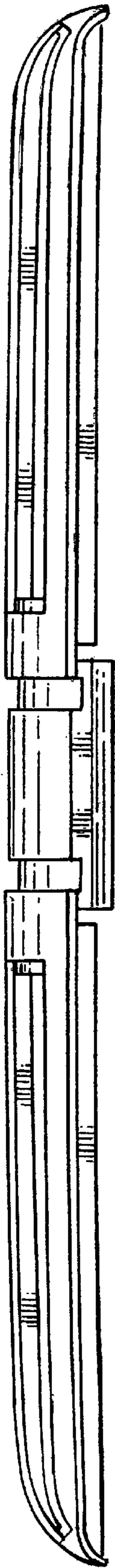


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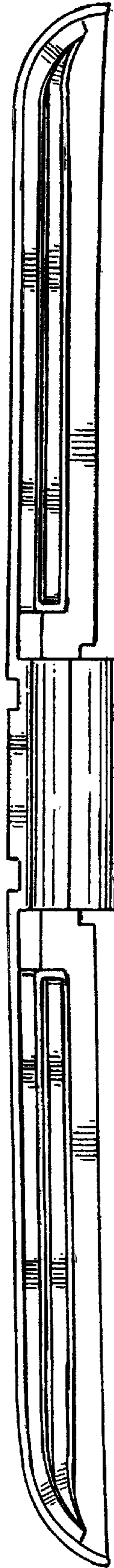


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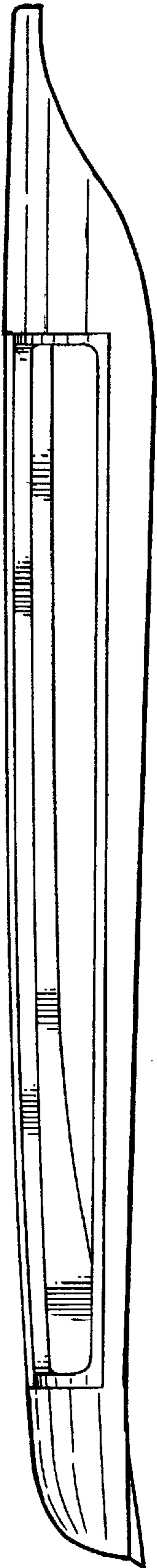


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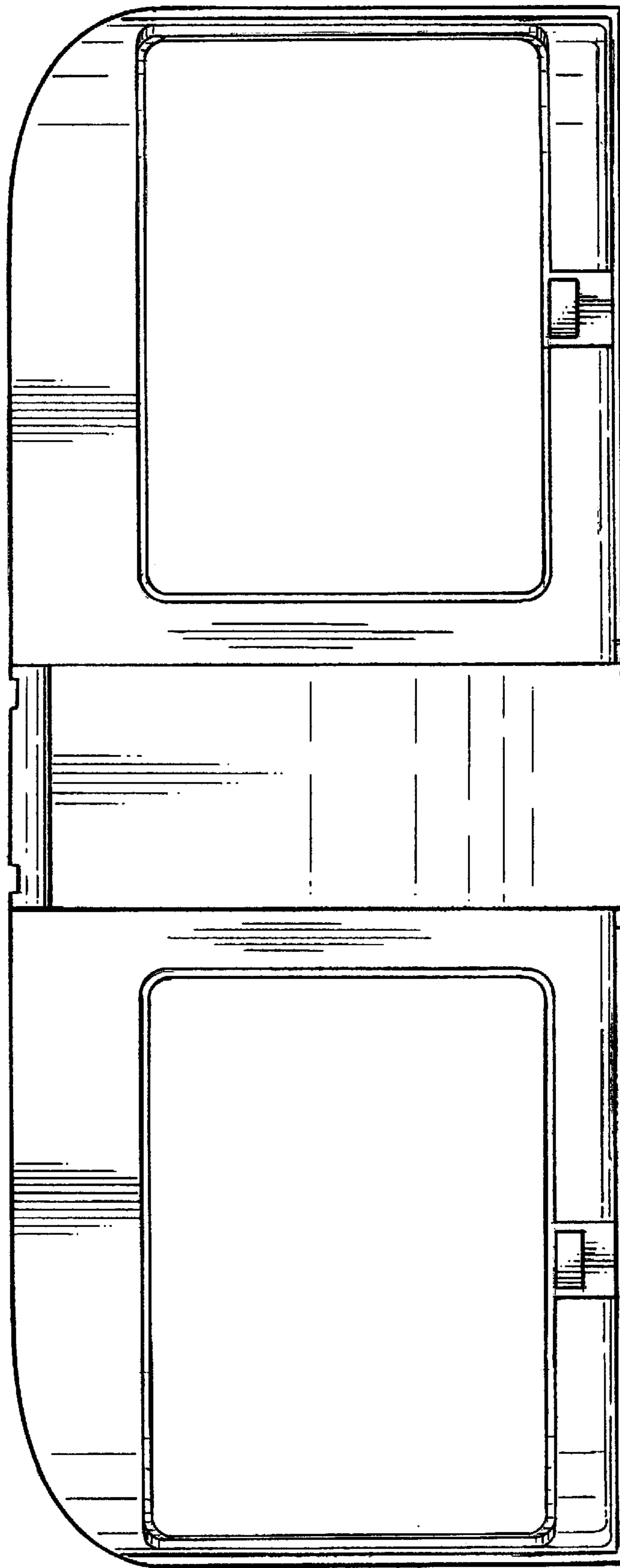


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