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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a writing instrument, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. **1** is a right front perspective view of a first embodiment of a writing instrument, with a transparent barrel, according to the present invention;
FIG. **2** is a front elevational view thereof;
FIG. **3** is a rear elevational view thereof;
FIG. **4** is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side view being a mirror image thereof;
FIG. **5** is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. **6** is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. **7** is a right side elevational view in an "in use" position;
FIG. **8** is a right side elevational view, a second internal actuation mechanism being shown for illustrative, environmental purposes only and forming no part of the claimed design;
FIG. **9** is a right front perspective view of a second embodiment of our design of FIG. **1**, with an opaque barrel;
FIG. **10** is a front elevational view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **11** is a rear elevational view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **12** is a left side elevational view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **13** is a right side elevational view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **14** is a top plan view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **15** is a bottom plan view of FIG. **9**;
FIG. **16** is a right side elevational view in an "in use" position; and,
FIG. **17** is a right front perspective view of a third embodiment of our design of FIG. **1**, with a transparent barrel and grip portion, all other views thereof being similar to FIGS. **2** through **7**.
All portions shown in broken lines are environmental and illustrative only and form no part of the claimed design.

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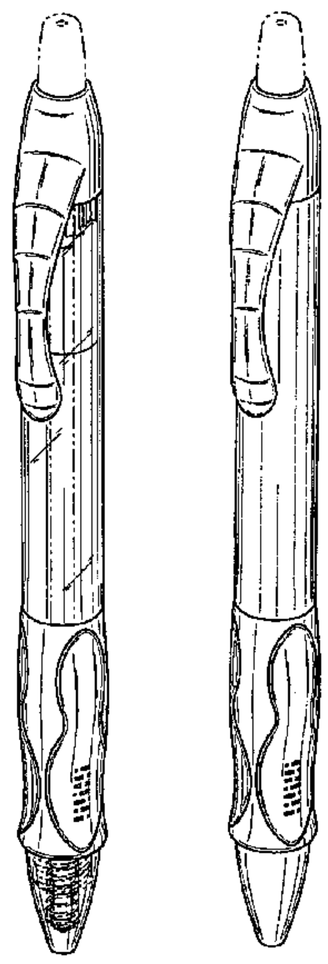

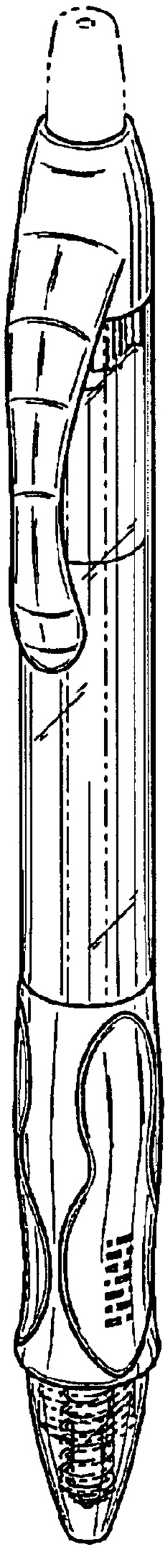

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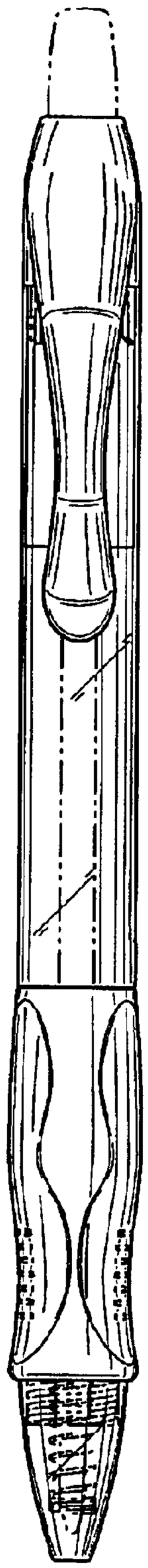

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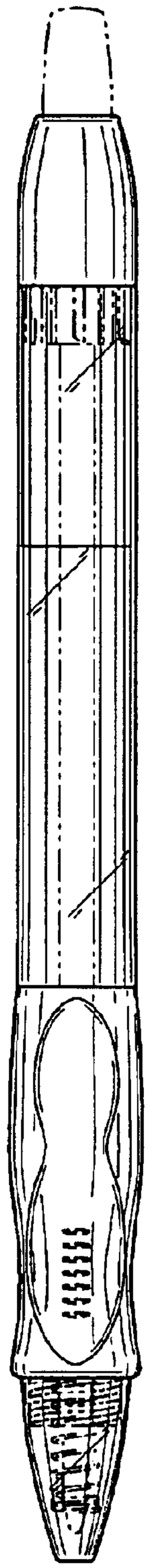

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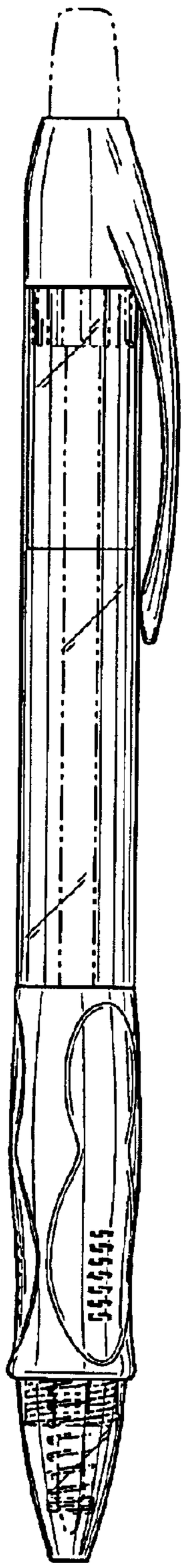

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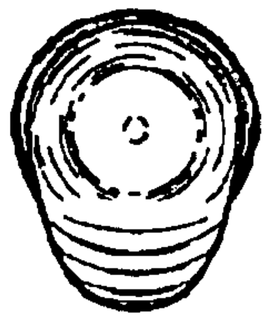

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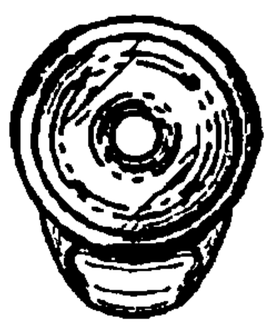

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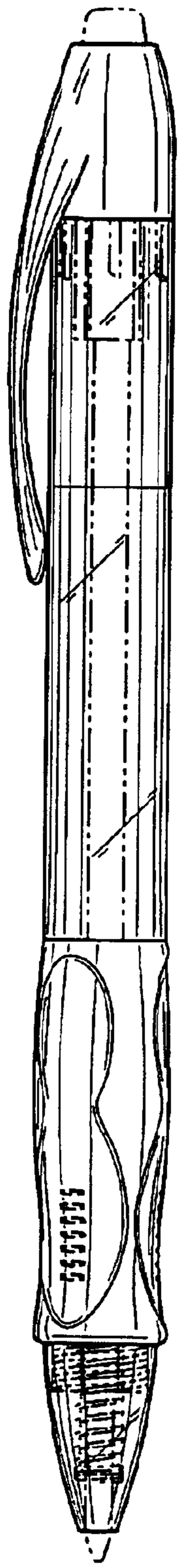

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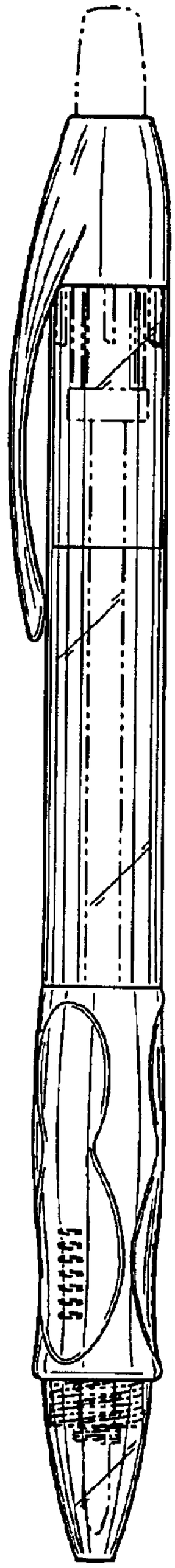

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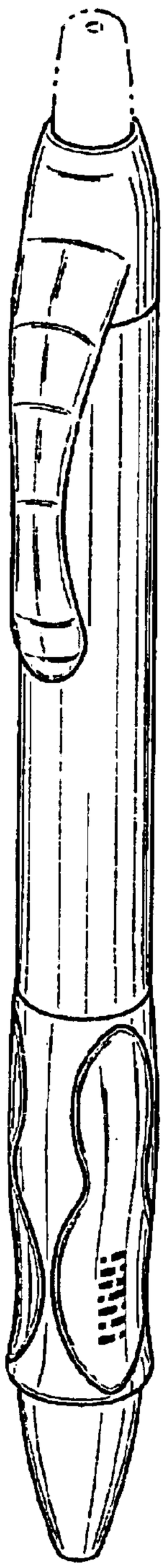

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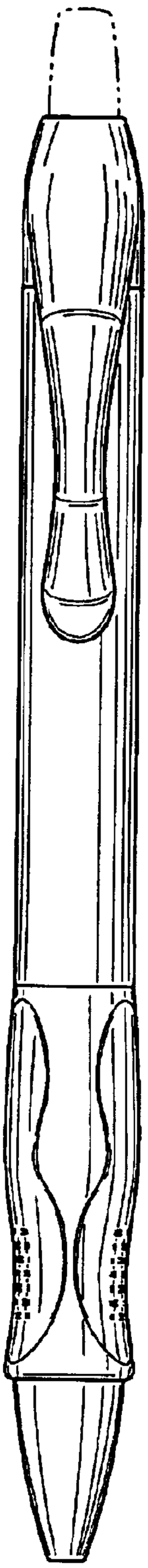

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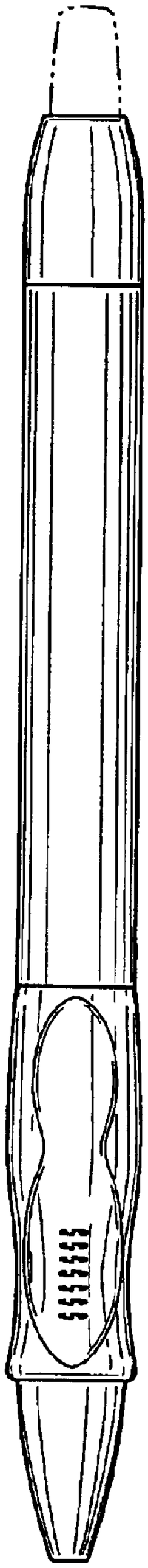

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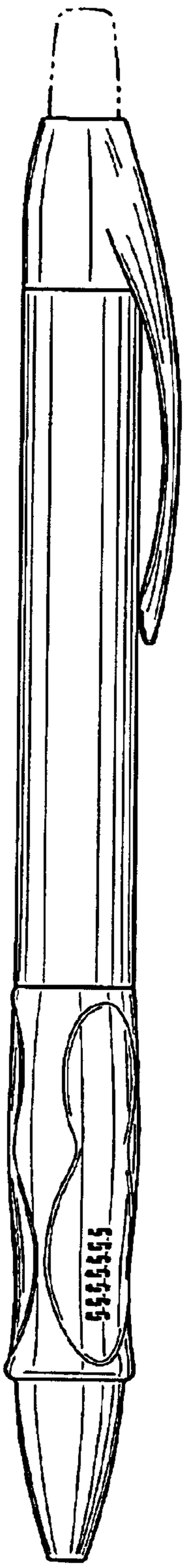

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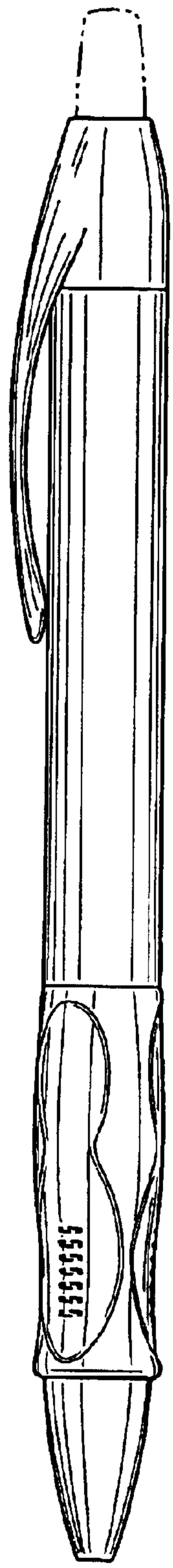

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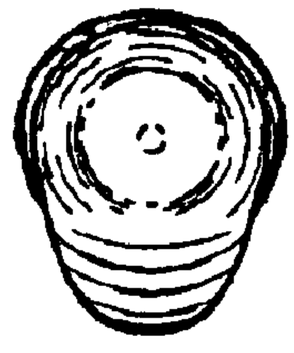

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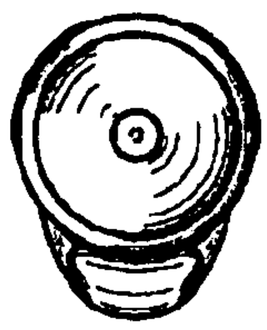

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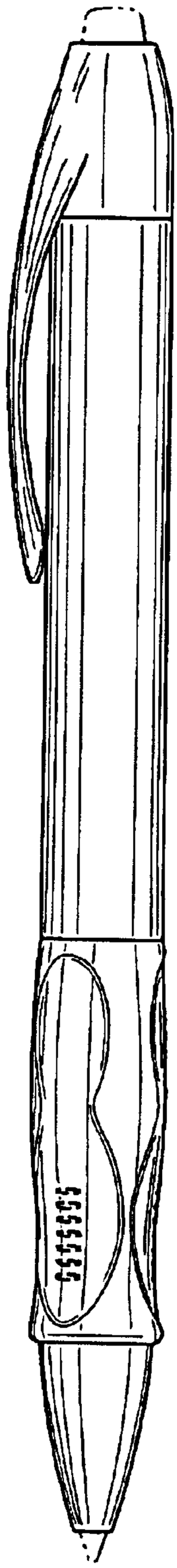

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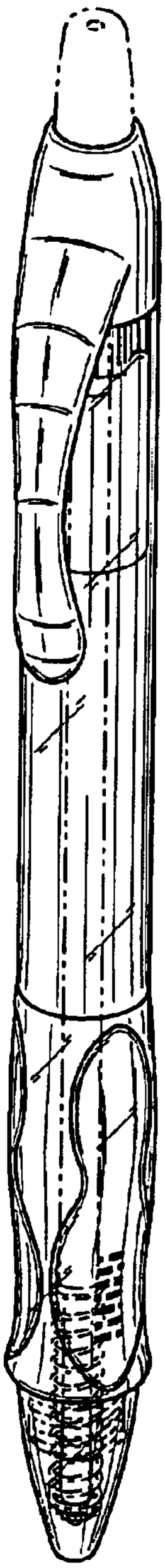

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