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(54) **STAPLE CARTRIDGE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a staple cartridge, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a top, front perspective view of a staple cartridge showing our new design.

FIG. 2 is a rear, bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof.

FIG. 4 is a rear elevational view thereof.

FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof.

FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view thereof.

FIG. 7 is a top plan view thereof.

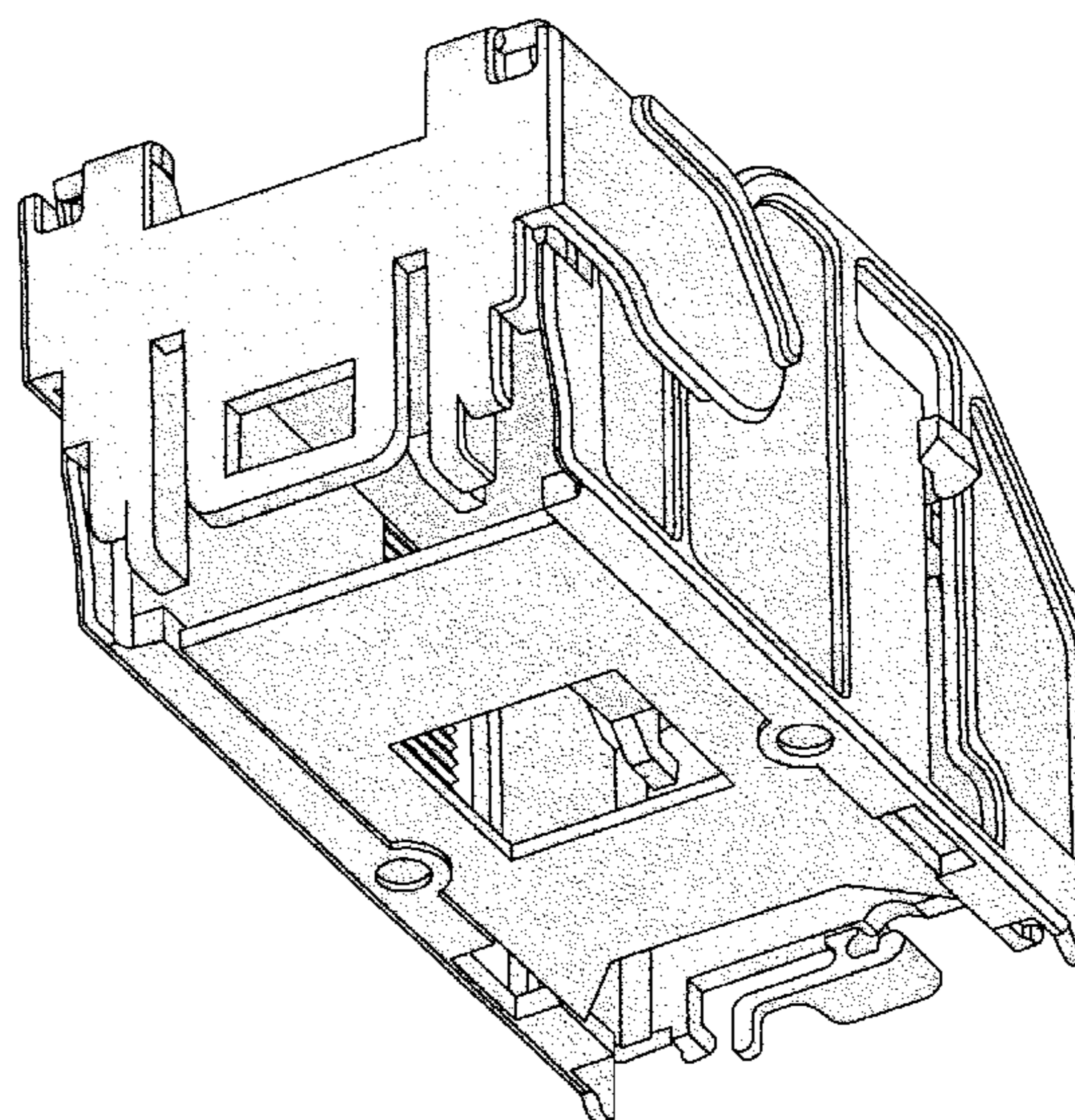
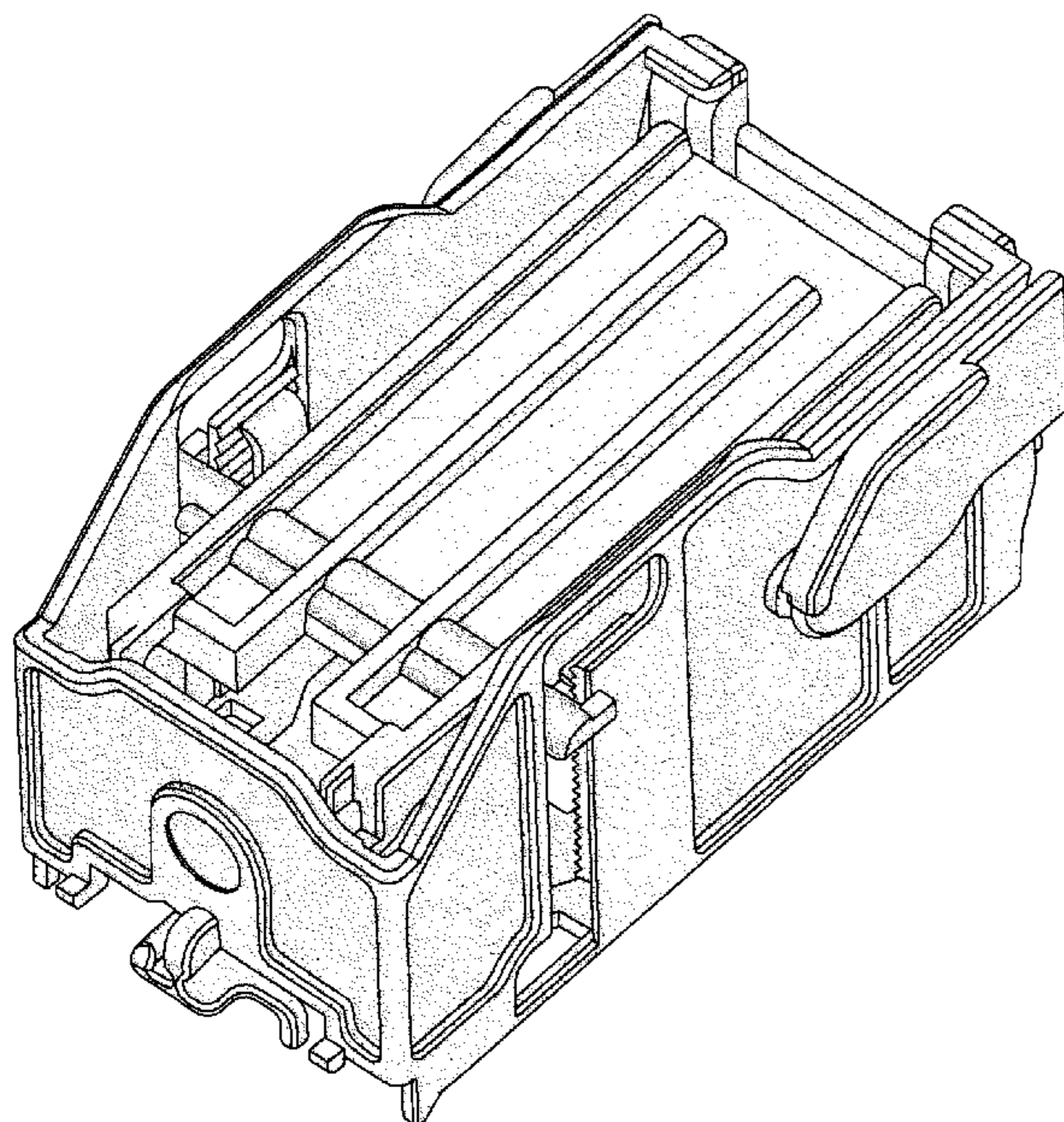
FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view taken generally along the line 9—9 shown in FIG. 5, with staples inserted in the staple cartridge; and,

FIG. 10 is a cross-sectional view taken generally along the line 10—10 shown in FIG. 7, with staples inserted in the staple cartridge.

The stipple shading illustrating the contrast throughout the views is limited to distinguish contours between the open and closed areas and does not represent any color, texture or material.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



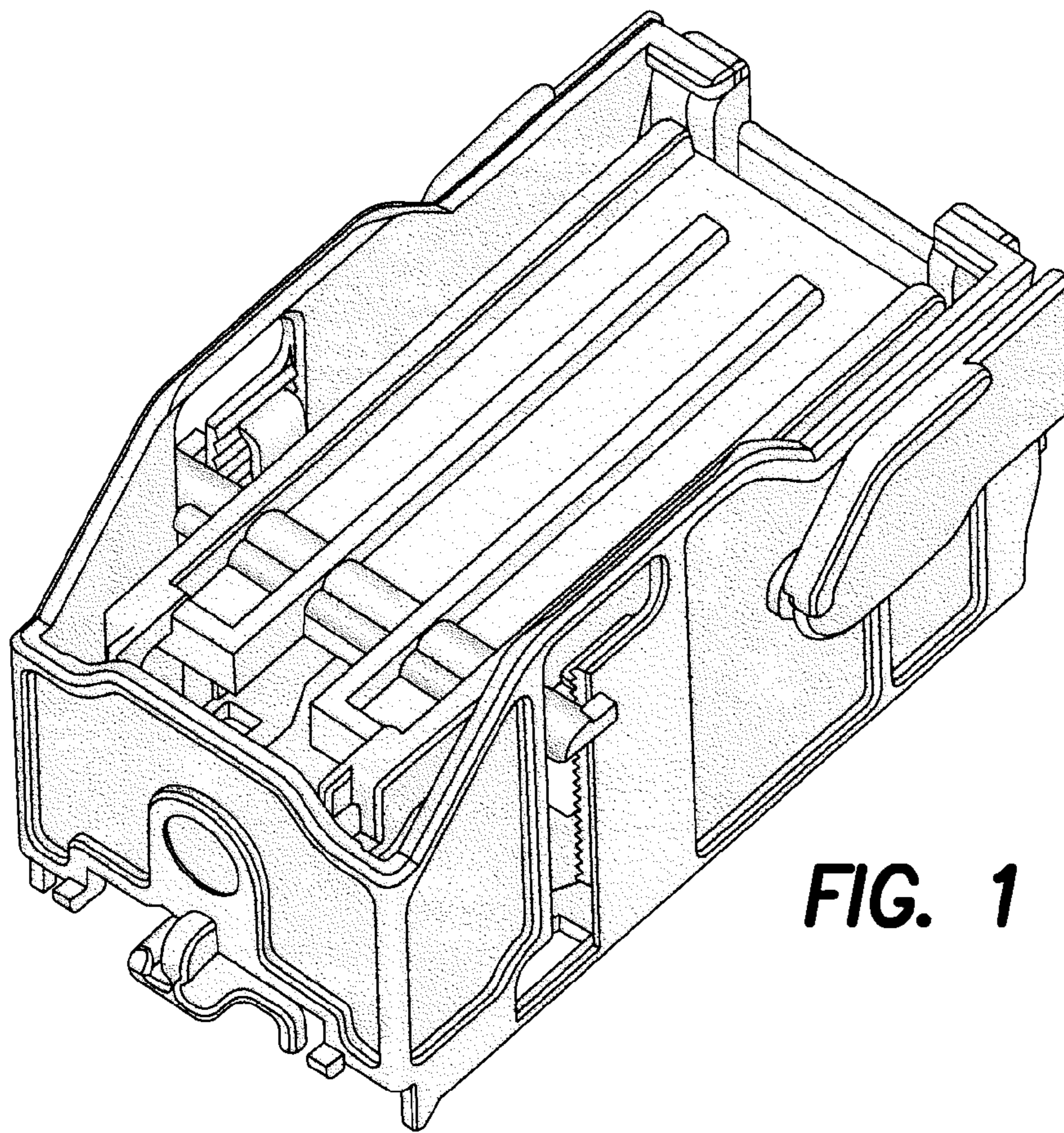


FIG. 1

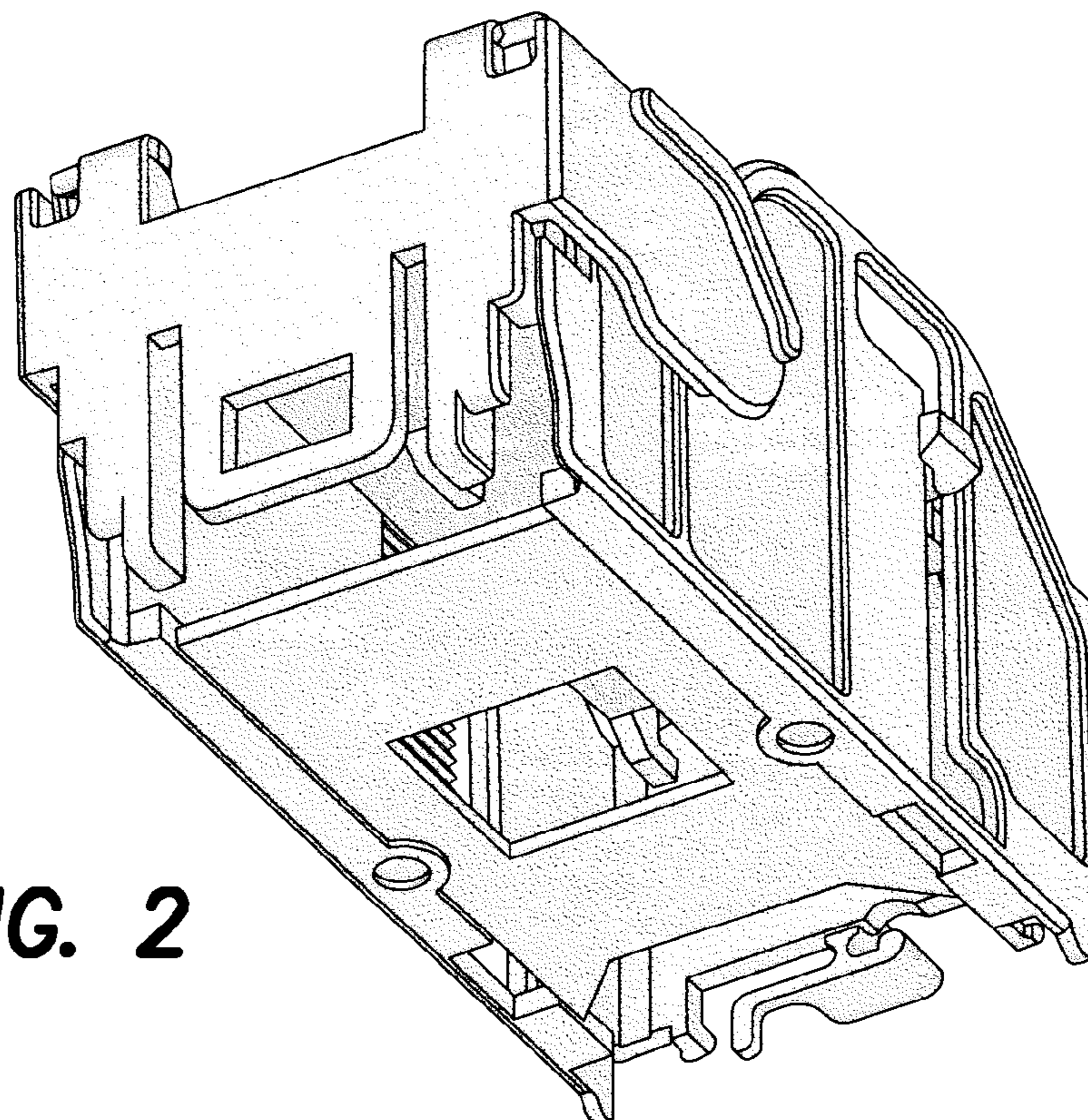


FIG. 2

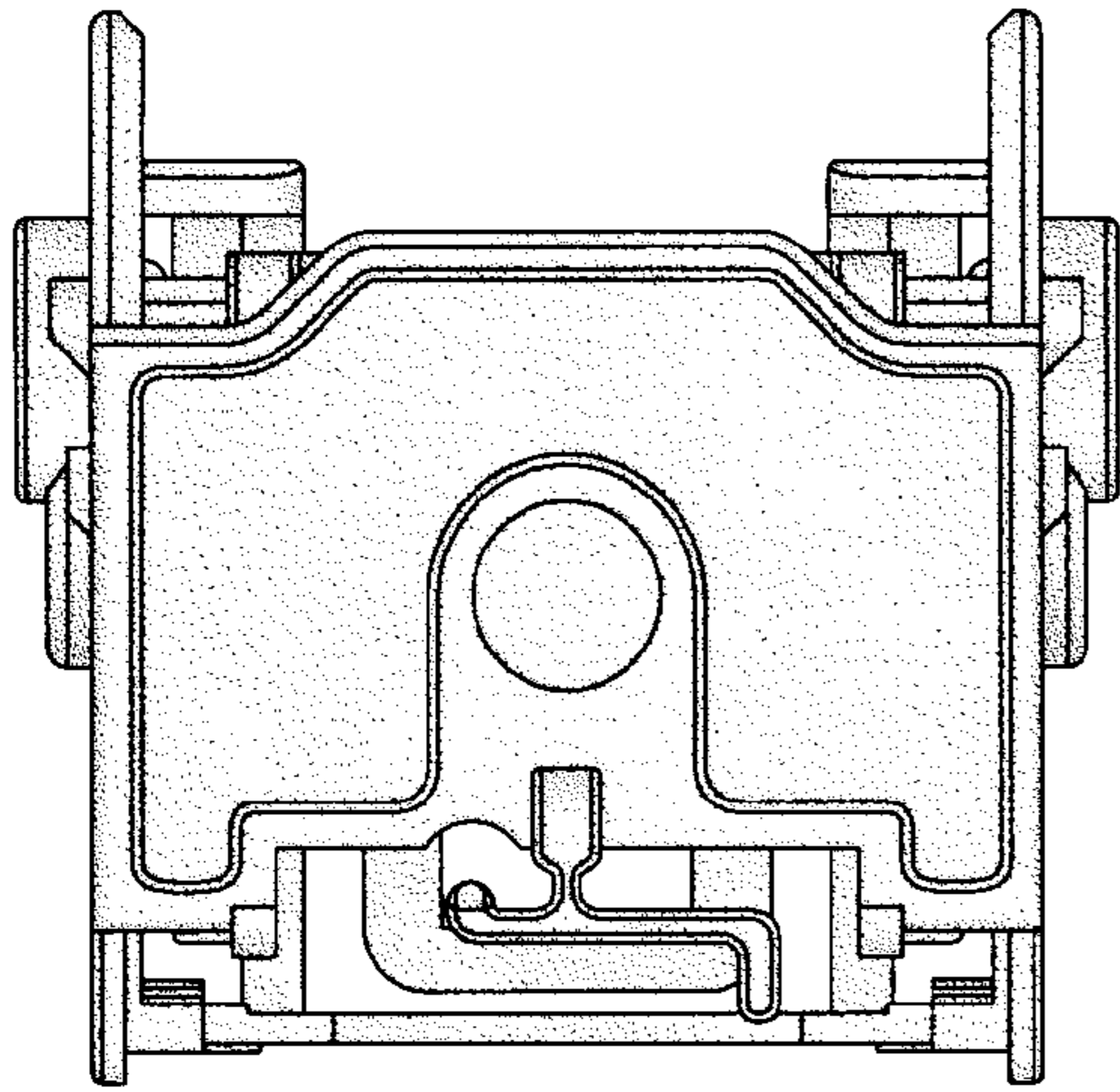


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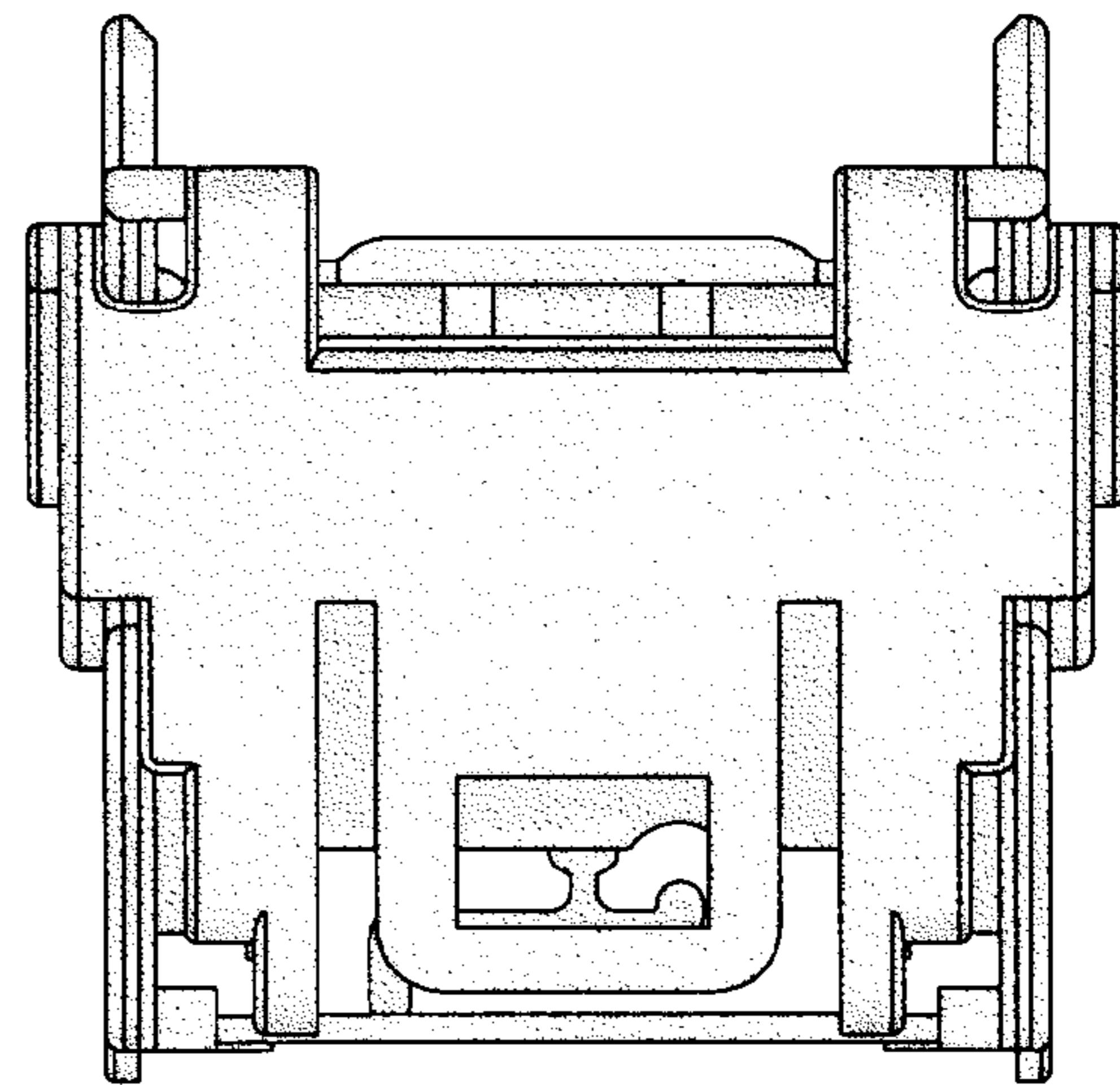
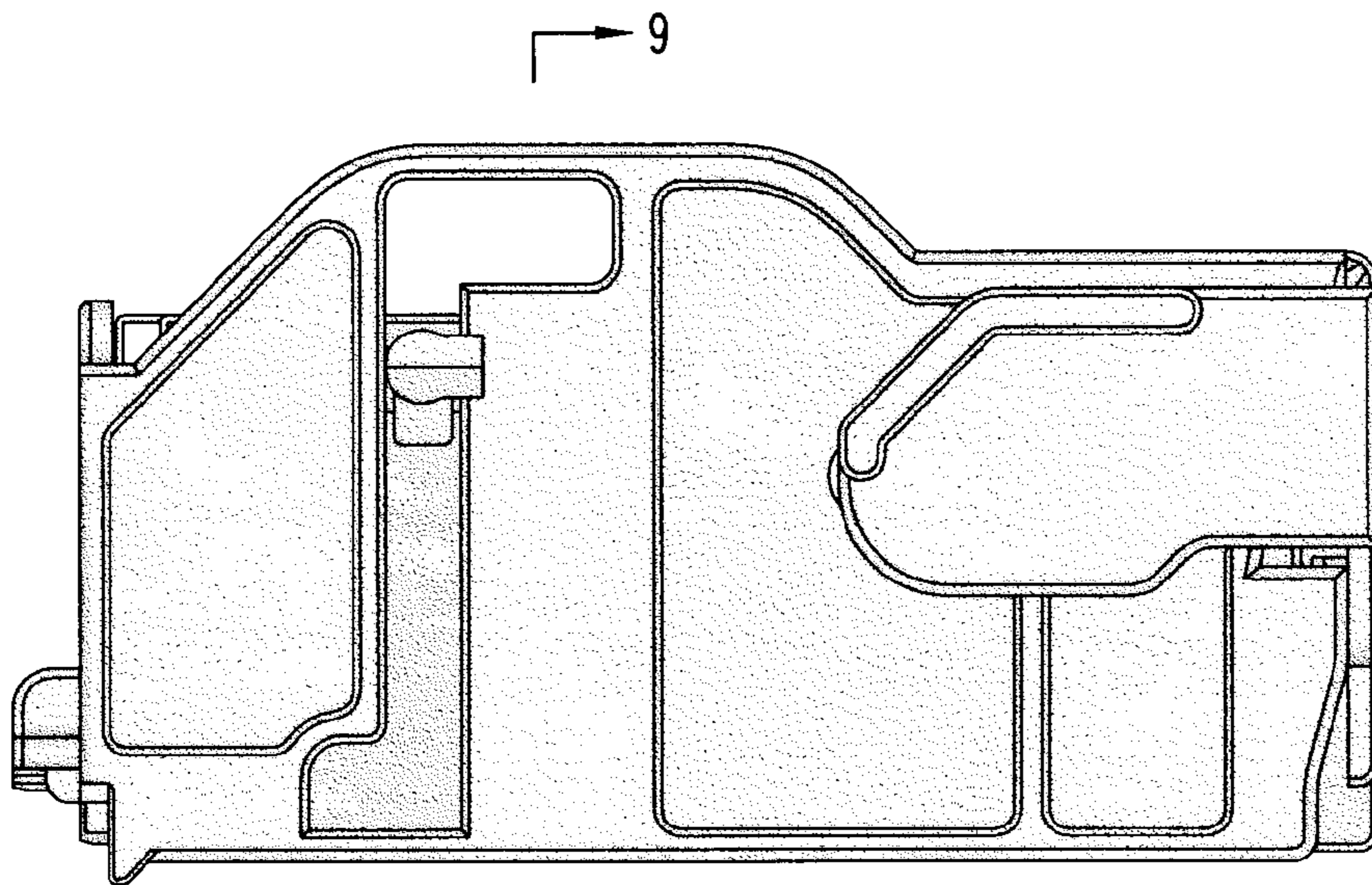


FIG. 4



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FIG. 5

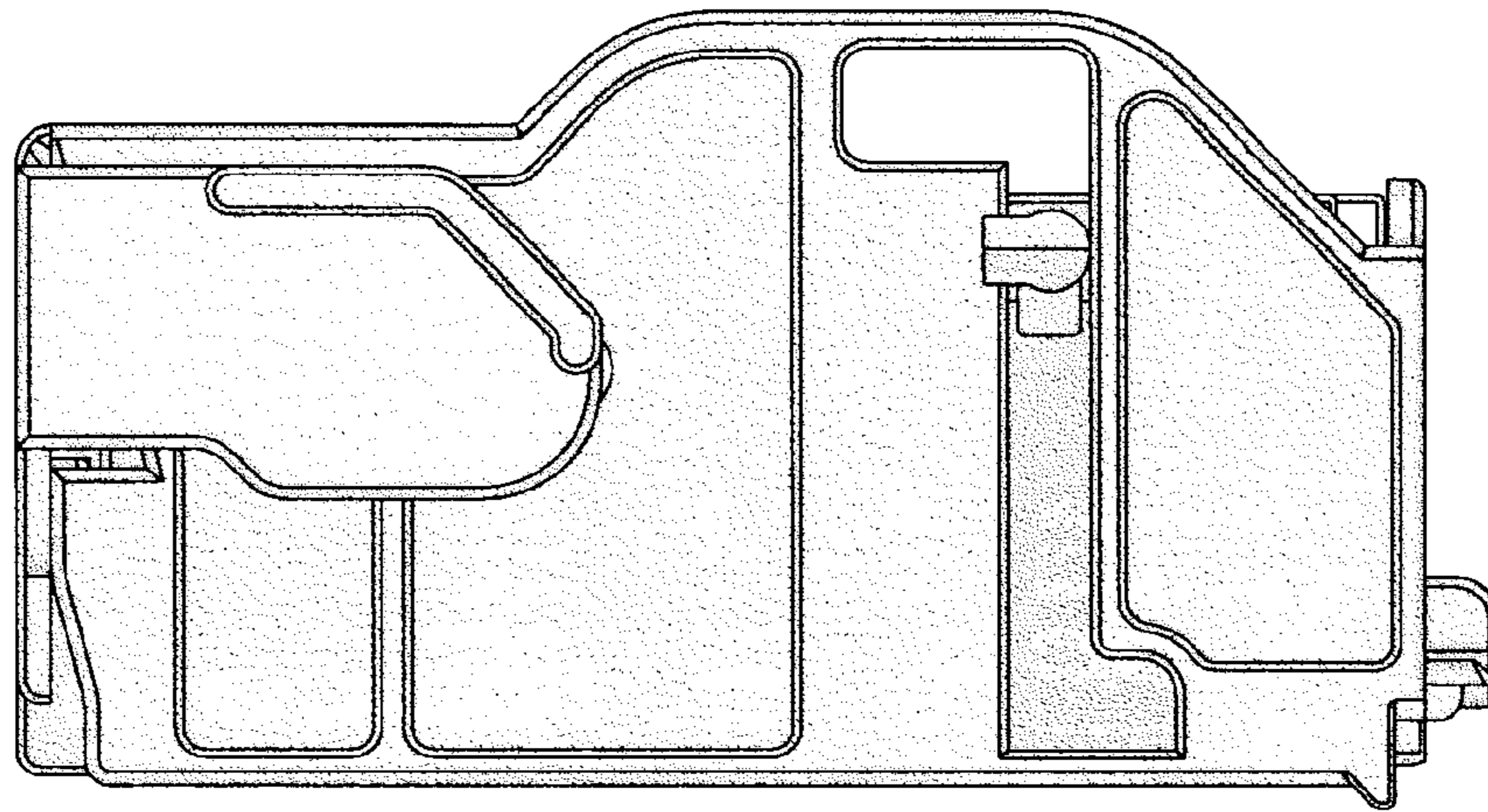
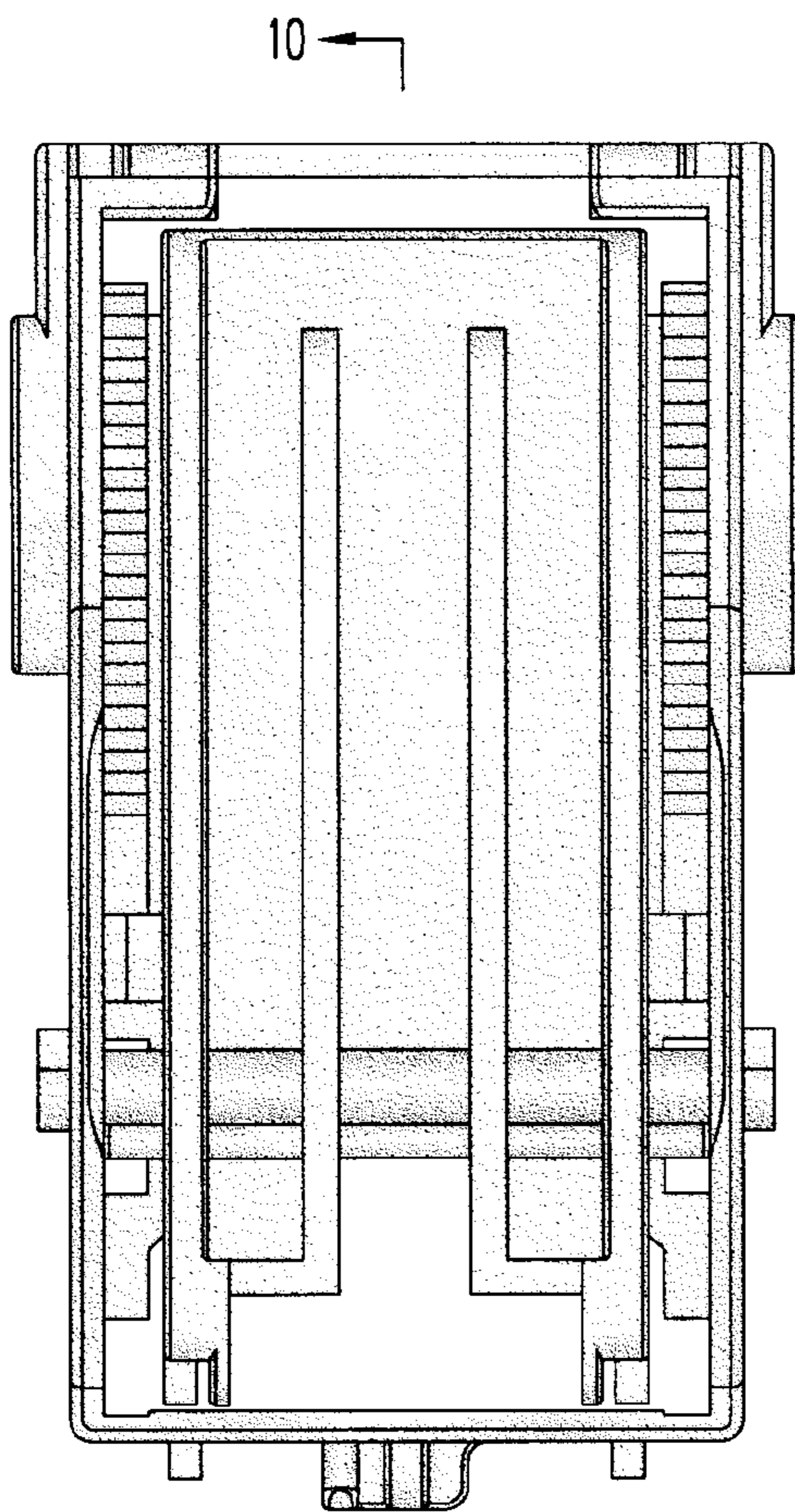


FIG. 6



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FIG. 7

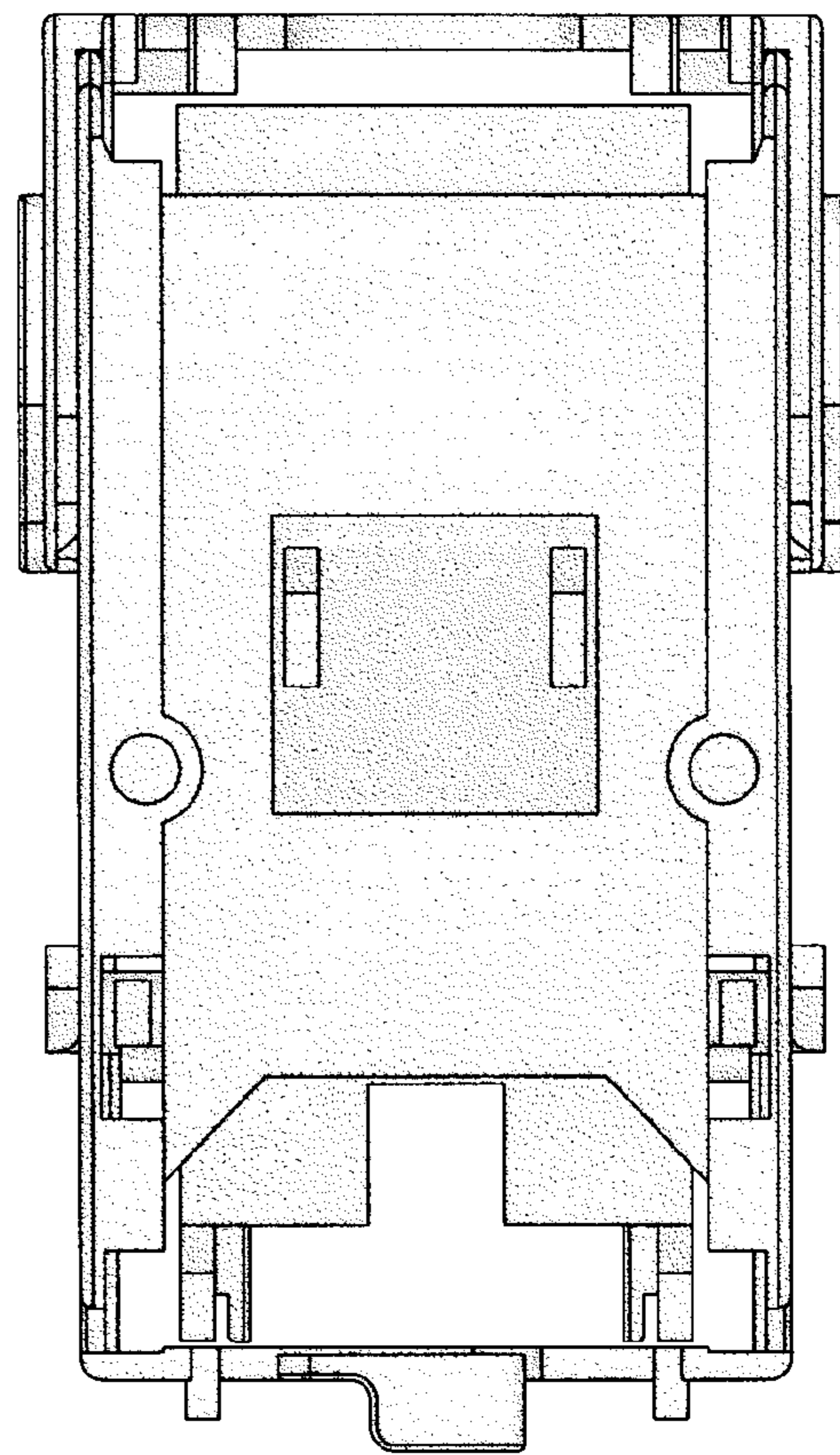


FIG. 8

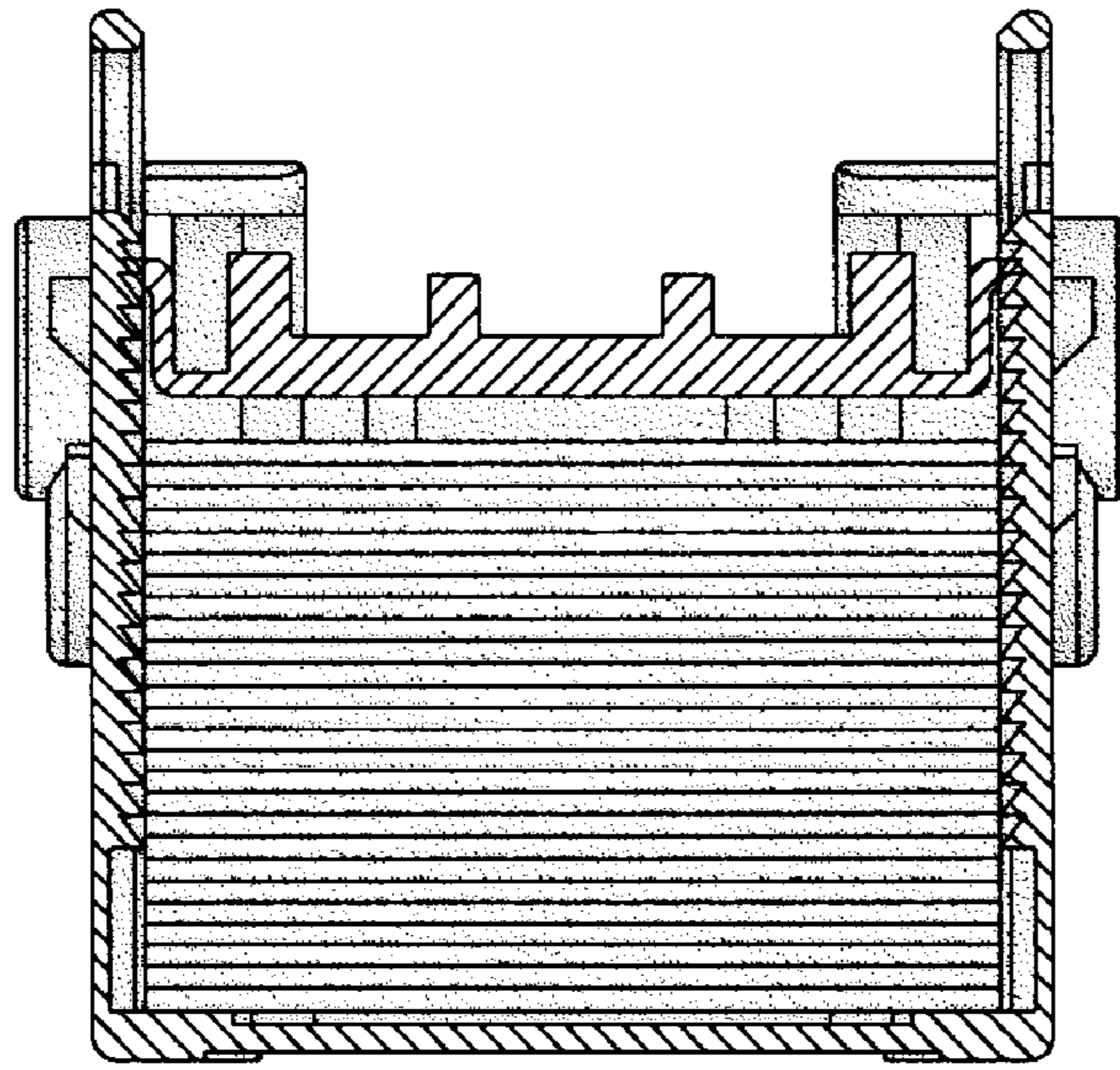


FIG. 9

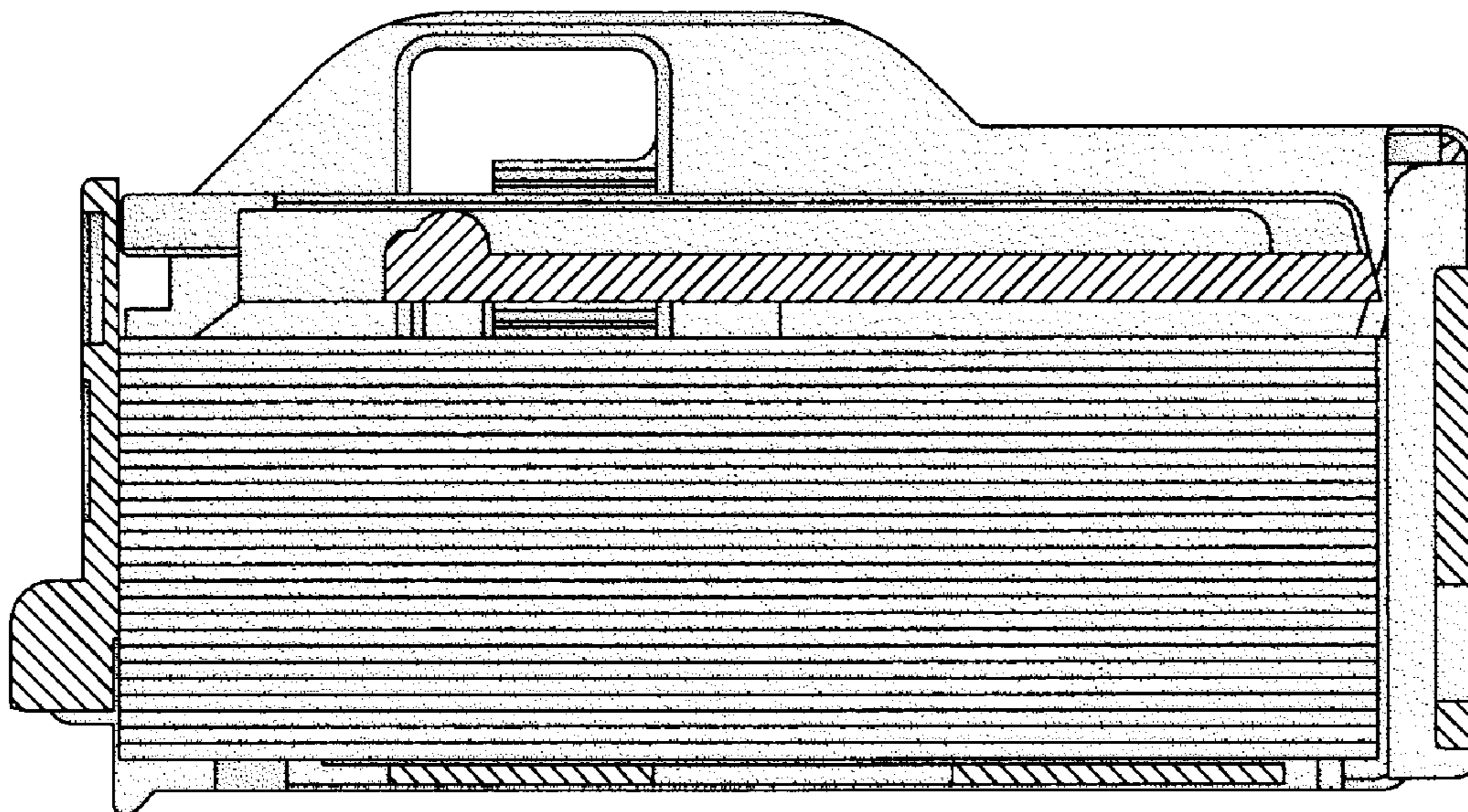


FIG. 10