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(54) **SHARPS CONTAINER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of the sharps container of my new design;

FIG. 2 is a front view of the new design;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the new design;

FIG. 4 is a rear view of the new design;

FIG. 5 is a left side view of the new design;

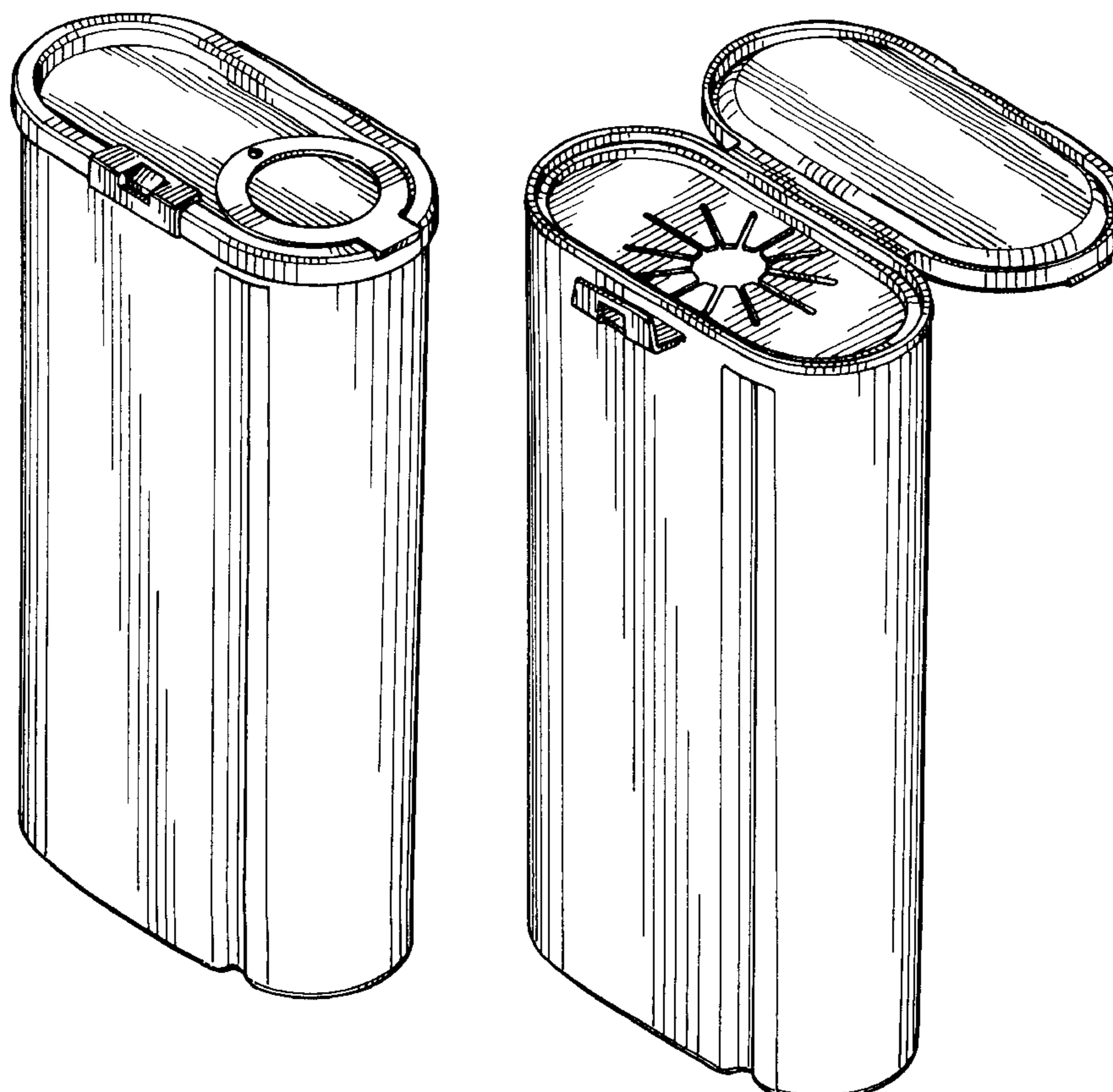
FIG. 6 is a right side view of the new design;

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the new design;

FIG. 8 is a front perspective view of the new design with the lid open; and,

FIG. 9 is a front perspective view of the new design with the lid closed but with the handle out.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



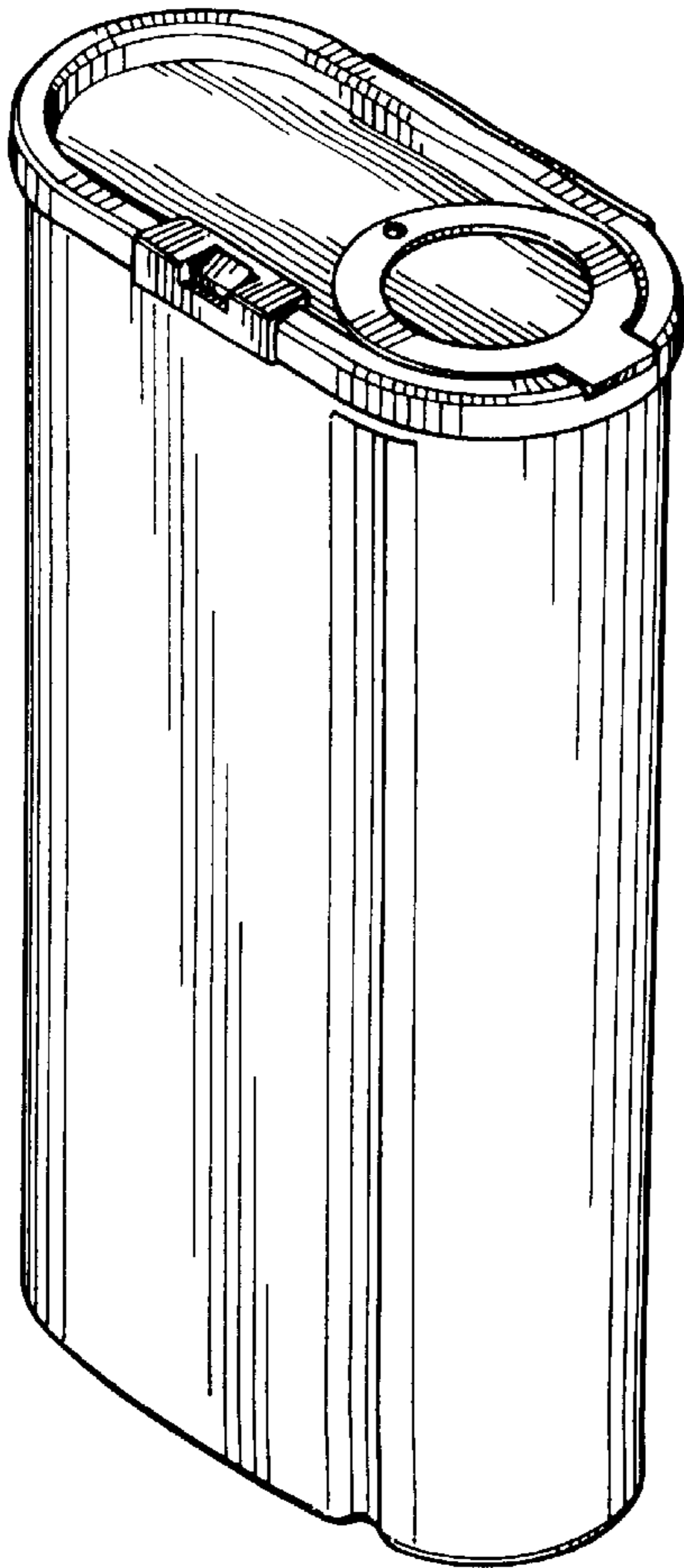


FIG. 1

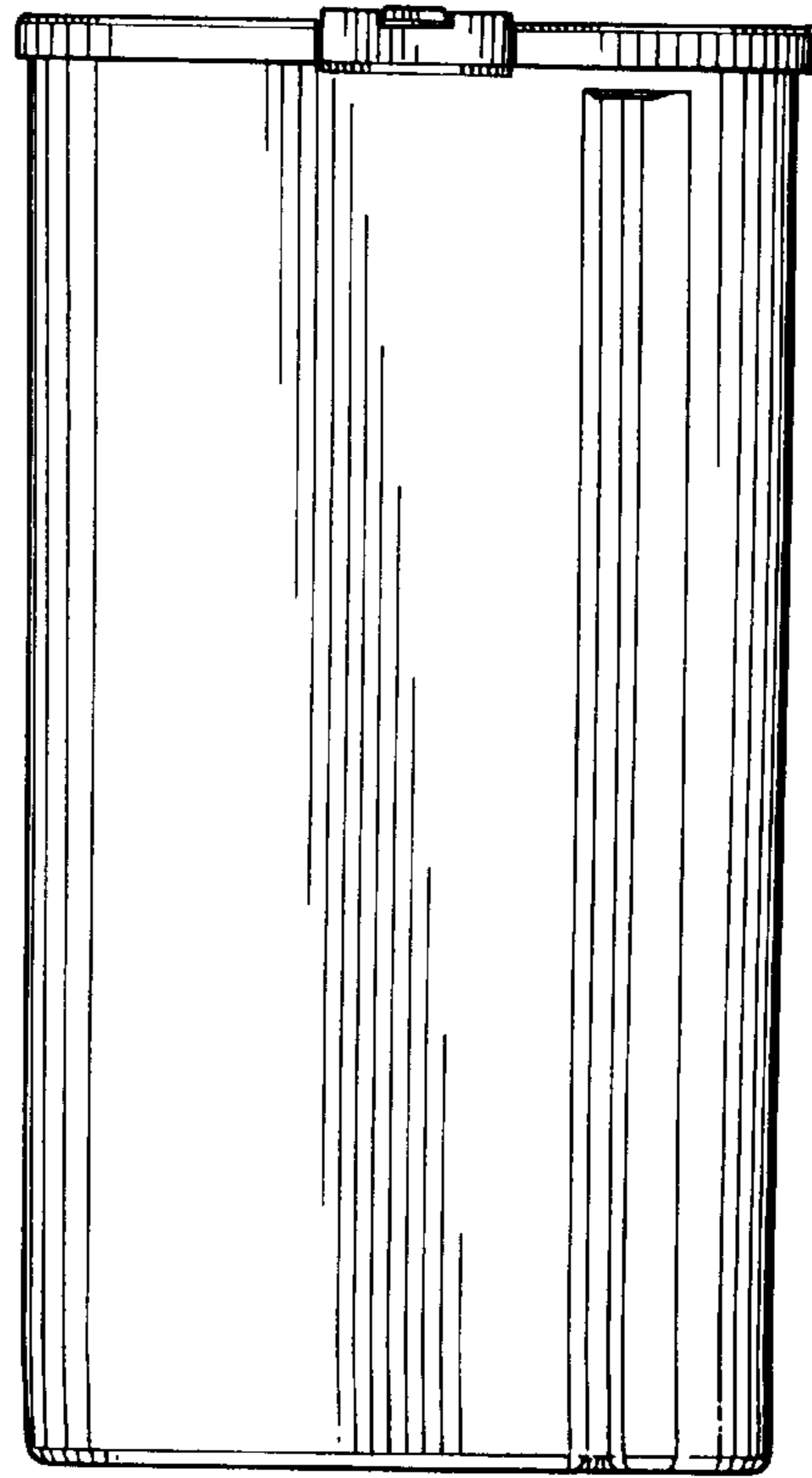


FIG. 2

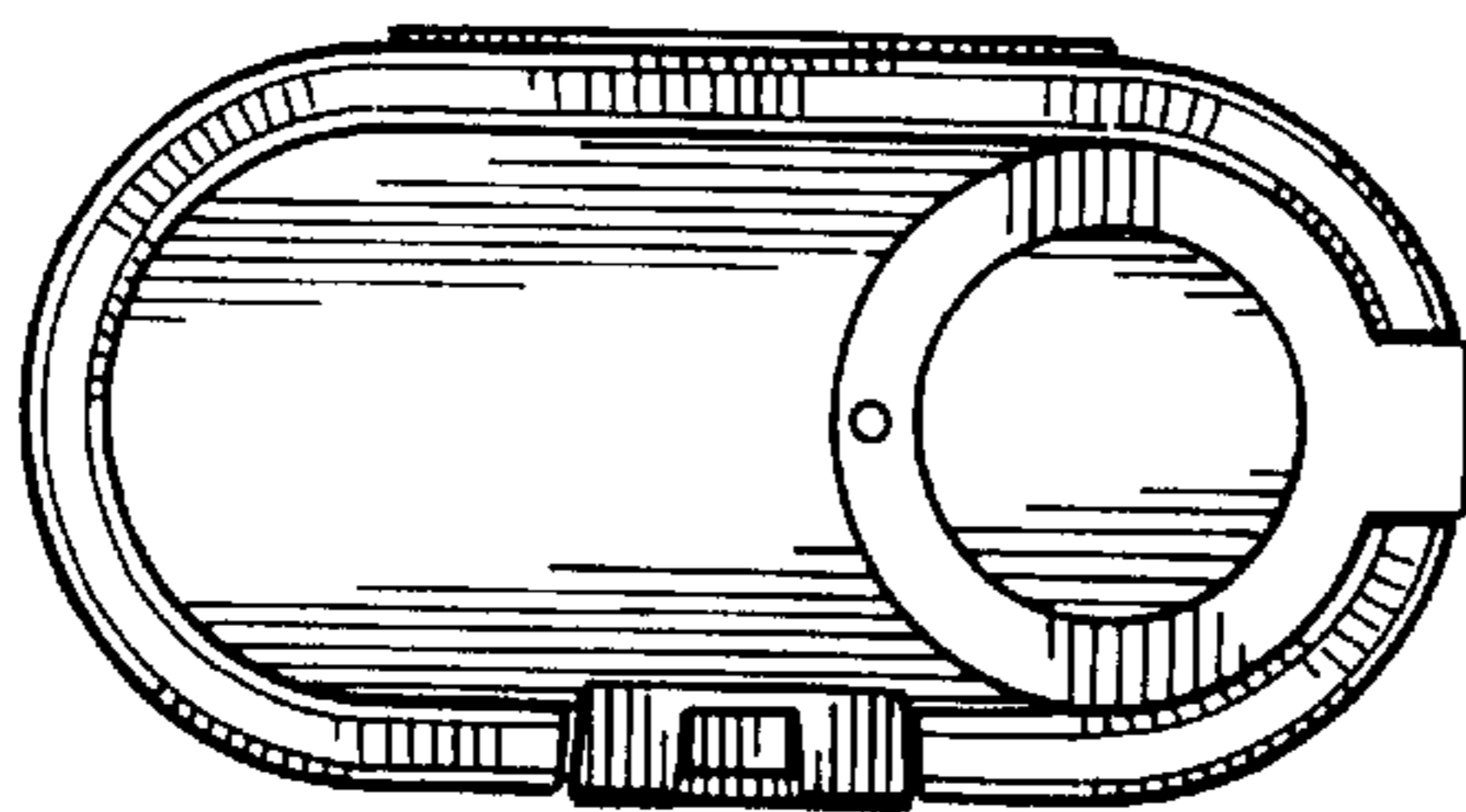


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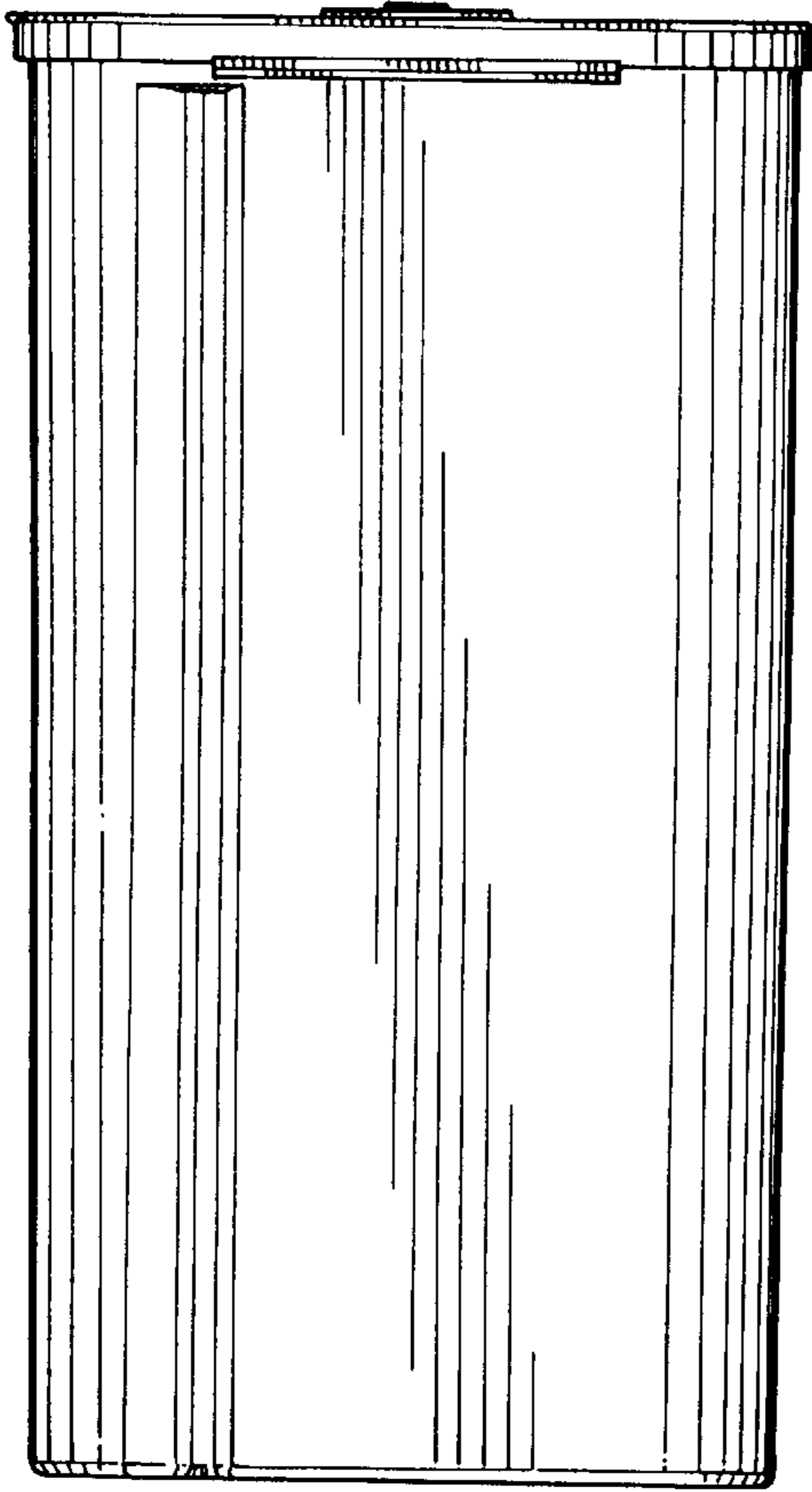


FIG. 4

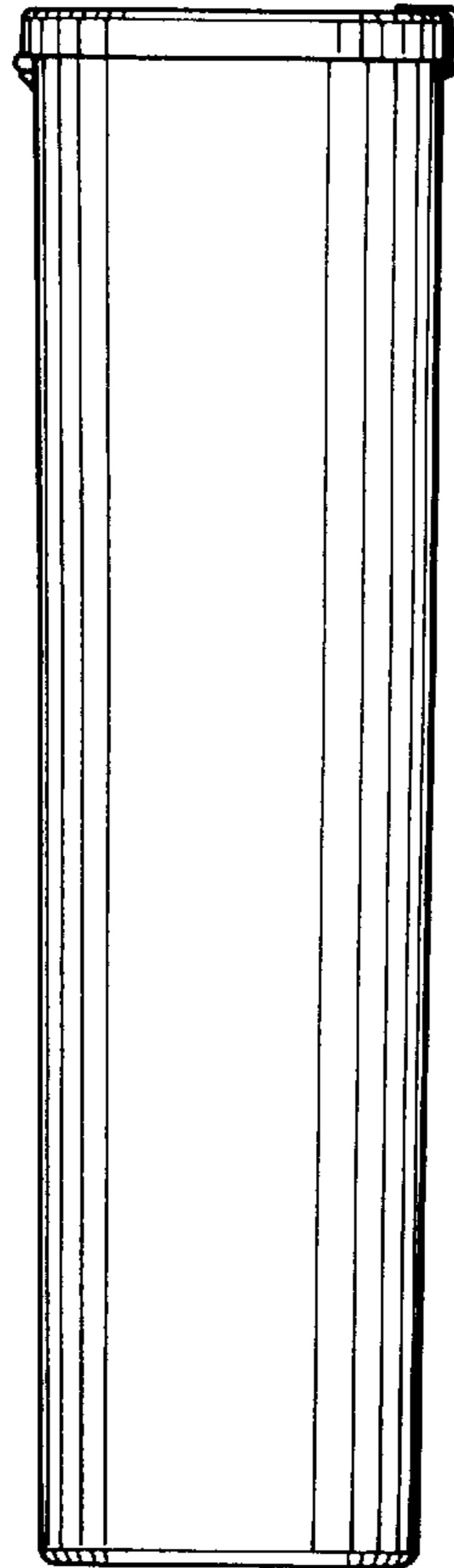


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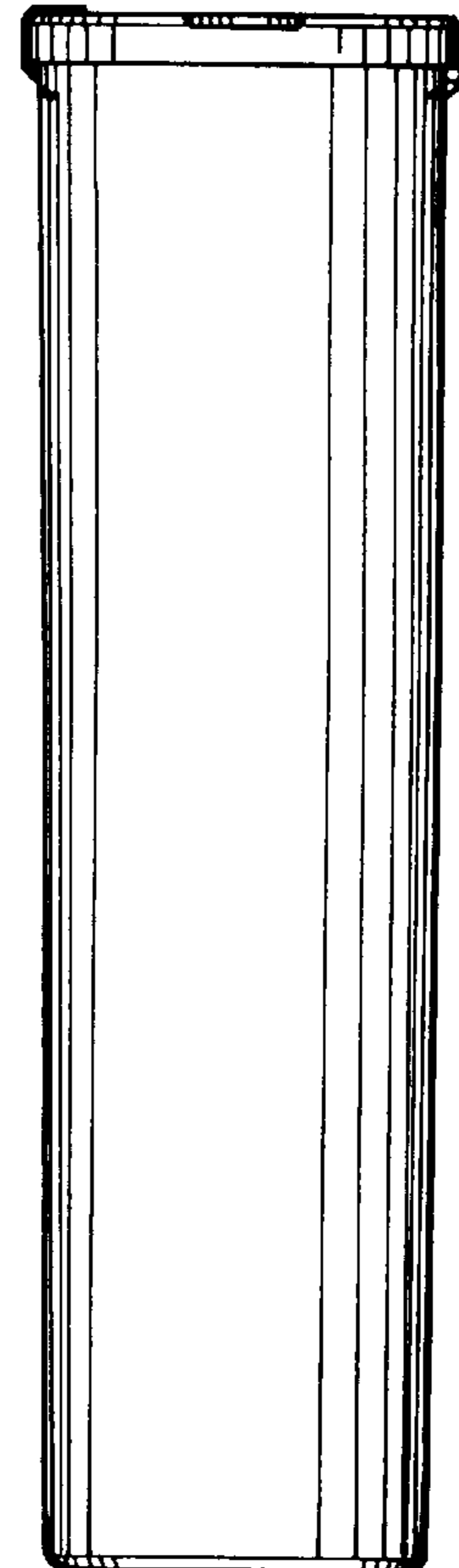


FIG. 6

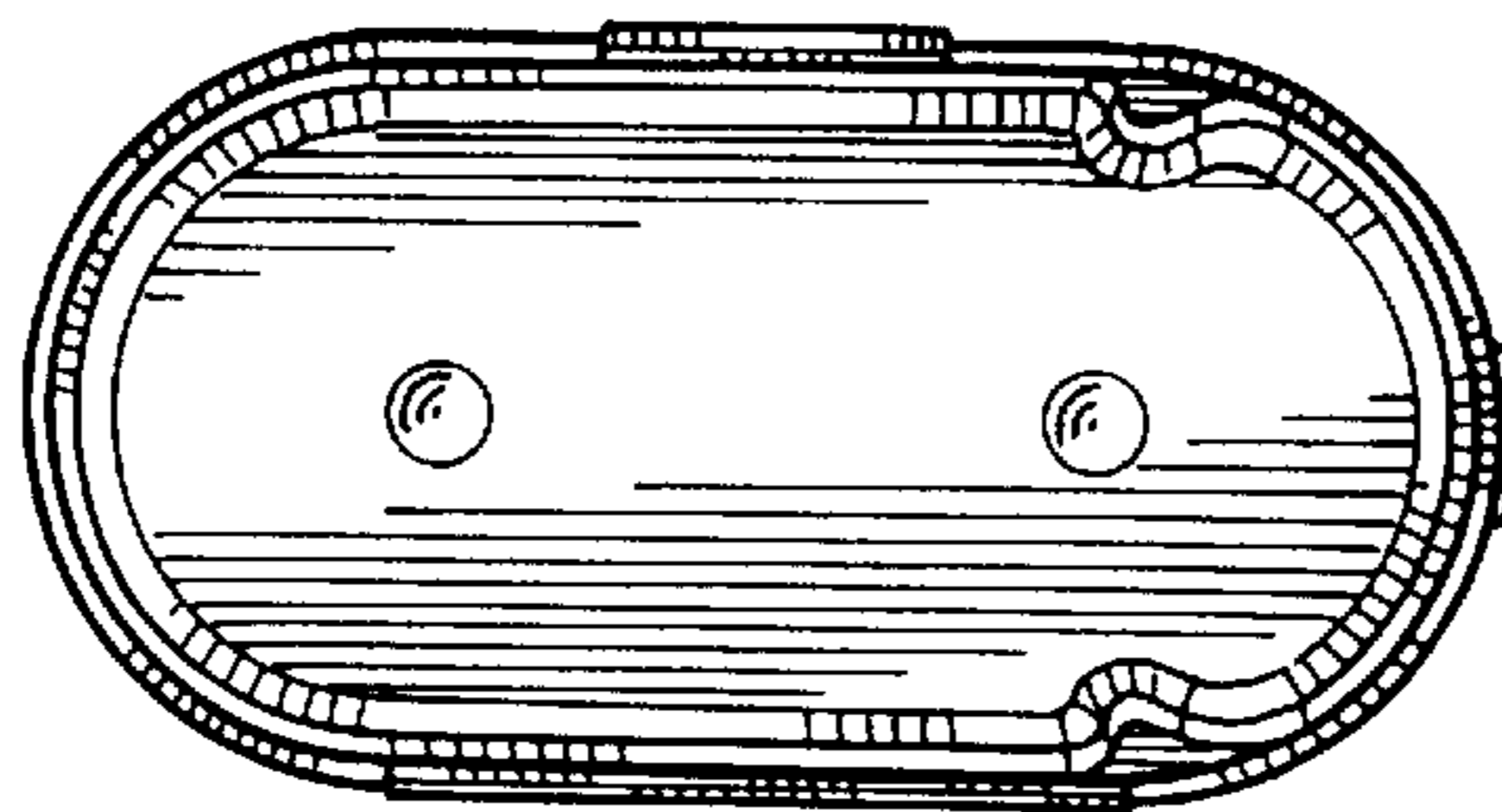


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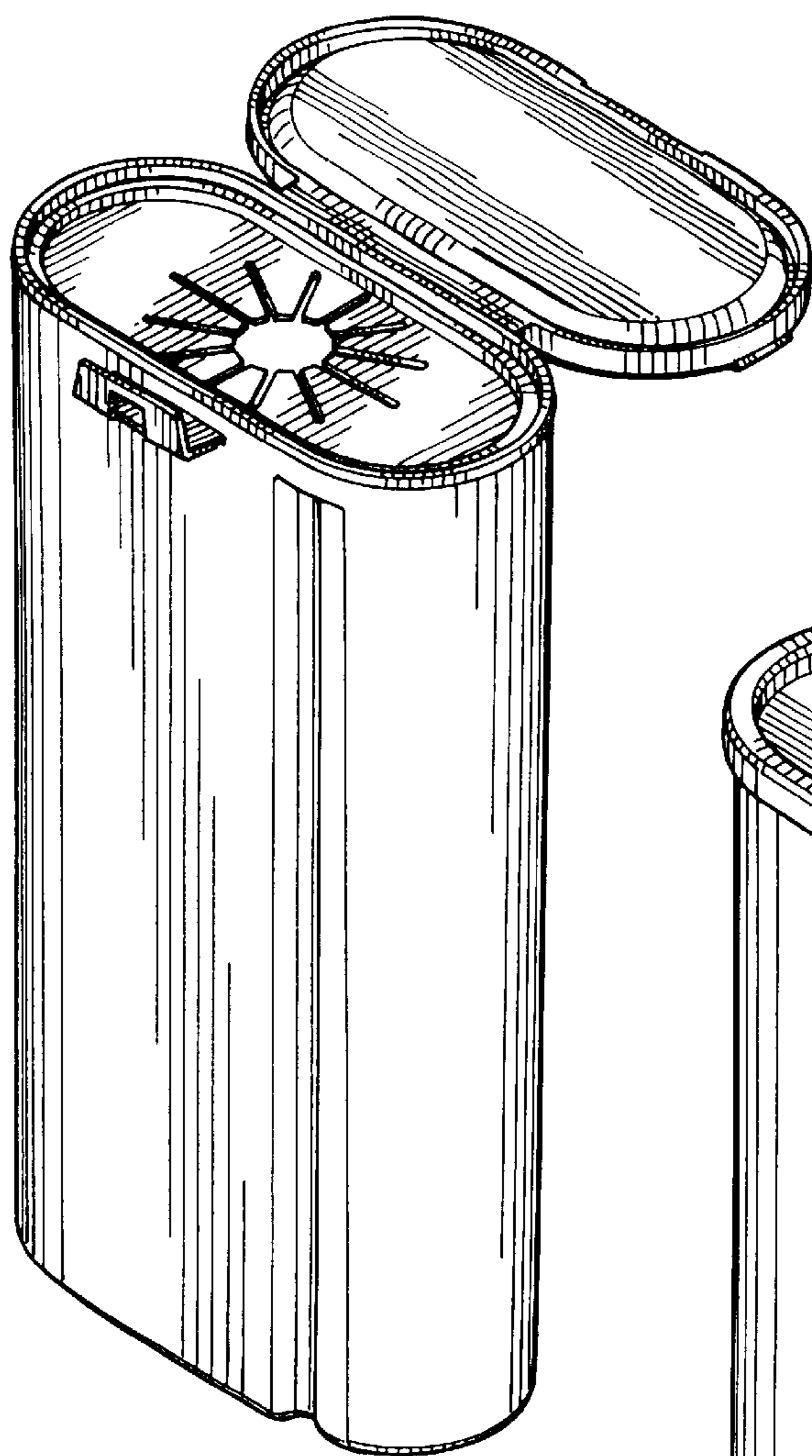


FIG. 8

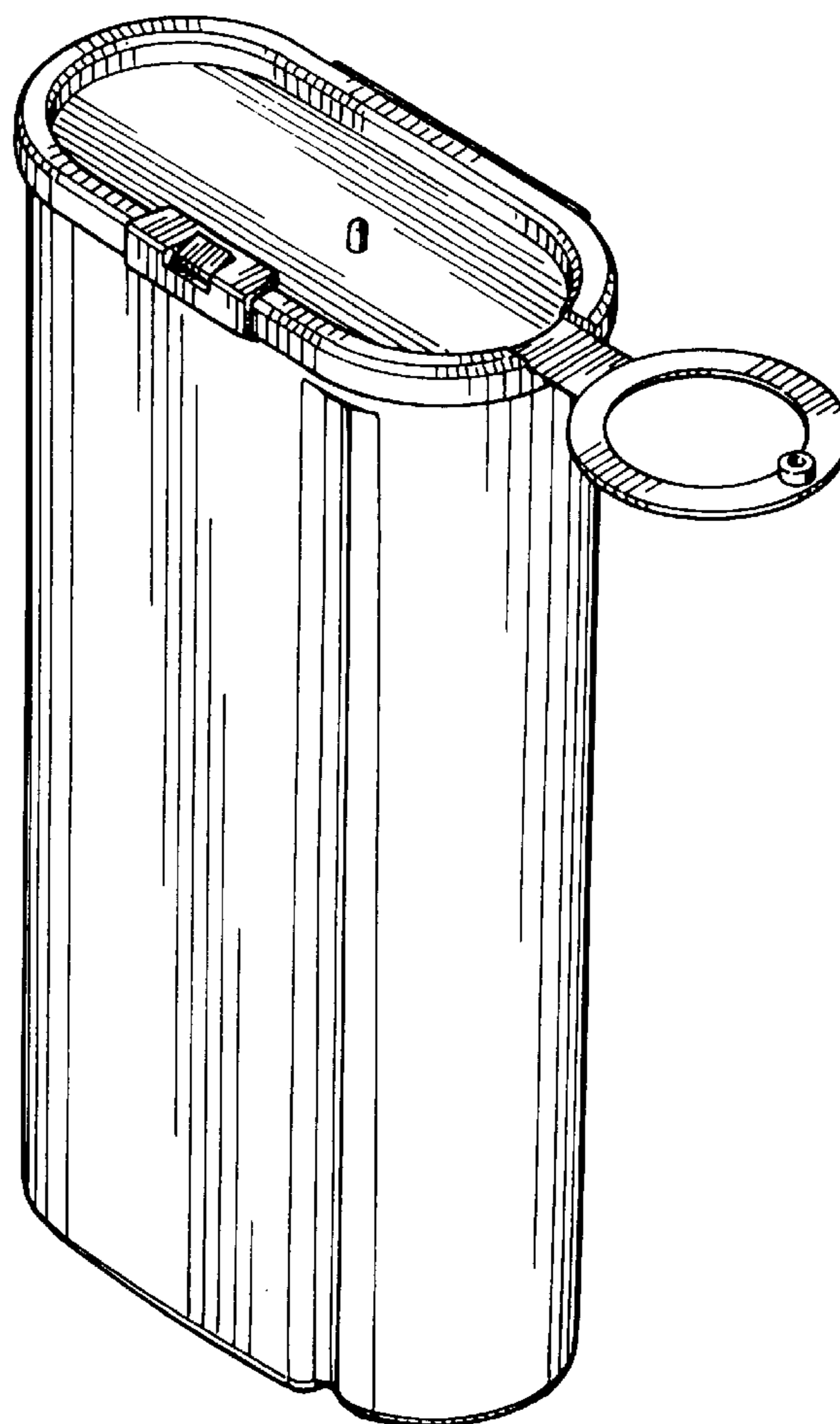


FIG. 9