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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a pipe coupling, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of our design for a pipe coupling;

FIG. 2 is a side view of the pipe coupling shown in FIG. 1, the opposite side, the top and bottom views being identical thereto;

FIG. 3 is an end view of the pipe coupling shown in FIG. 1, the opposite end view being identical;

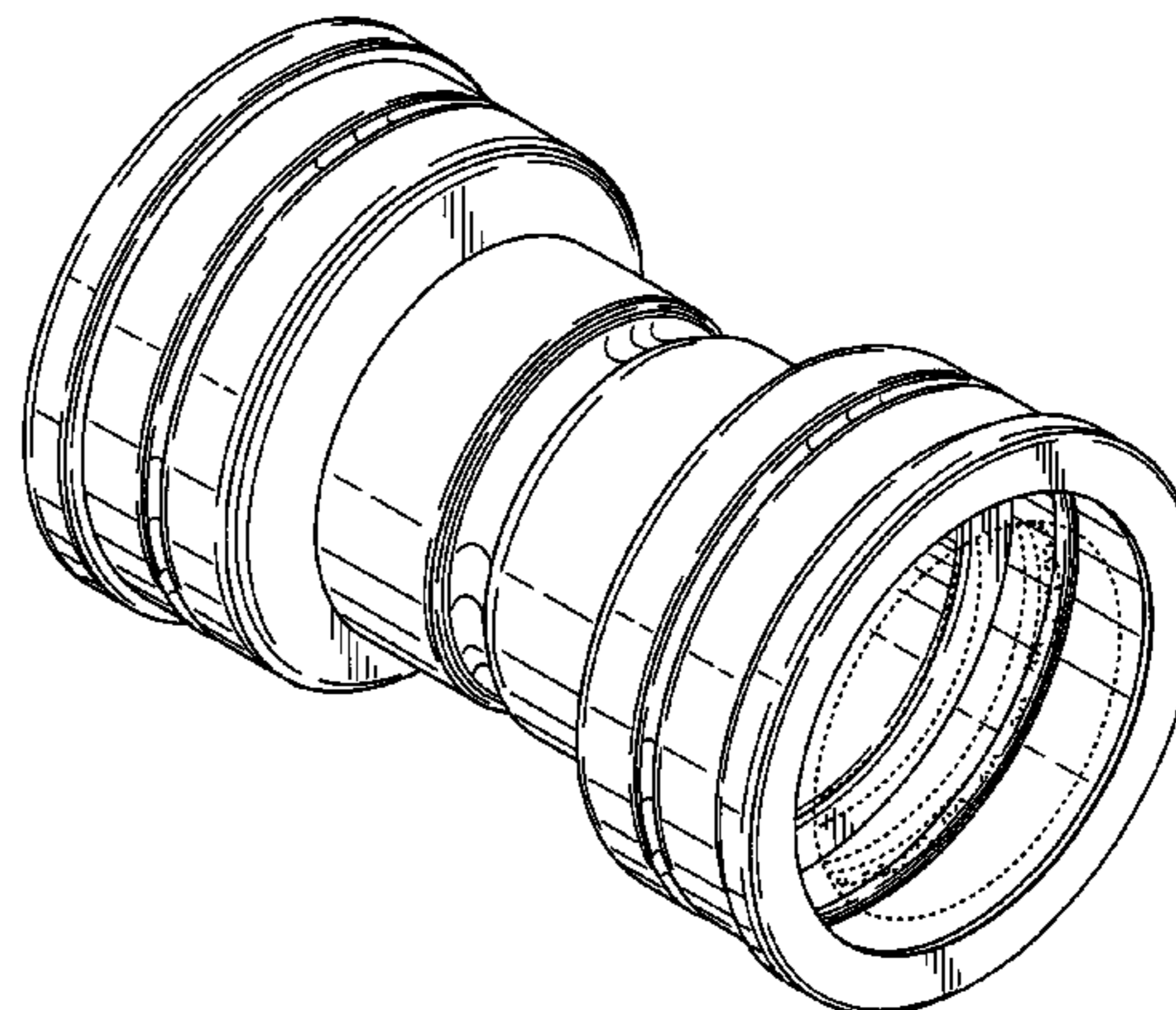
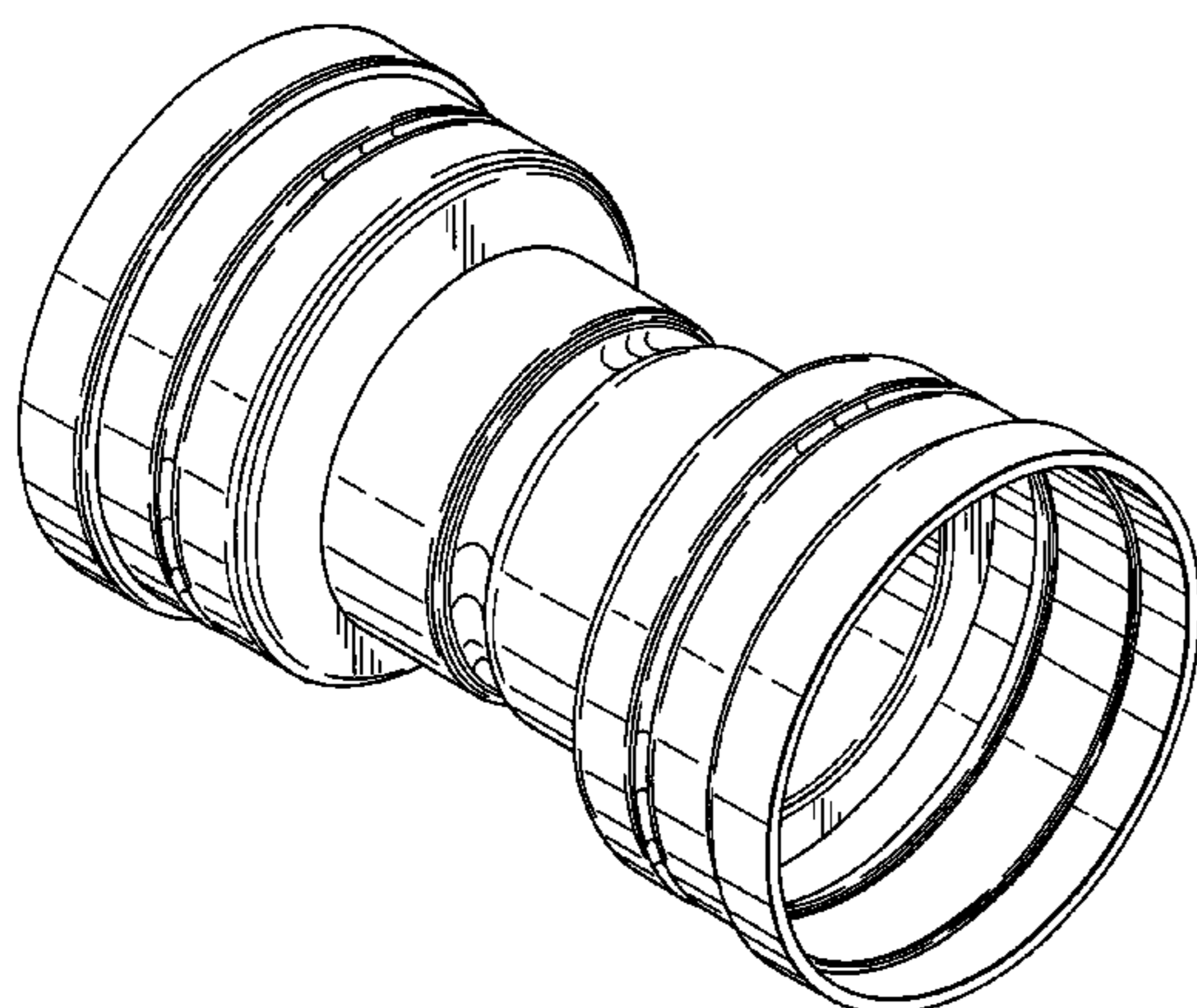
FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of our design for a pipe coupling;

FIG. 5 is a side view of the pipe coupling shown in FIG. 4, the opposite side, the top and bottom views being identical thereto; and,

FIG. 6 is an end view of the pipe coupling shown in FIG. 4, the opposite end view being identical.

The broken lines shown in FIGS. 4 and 6 are shown for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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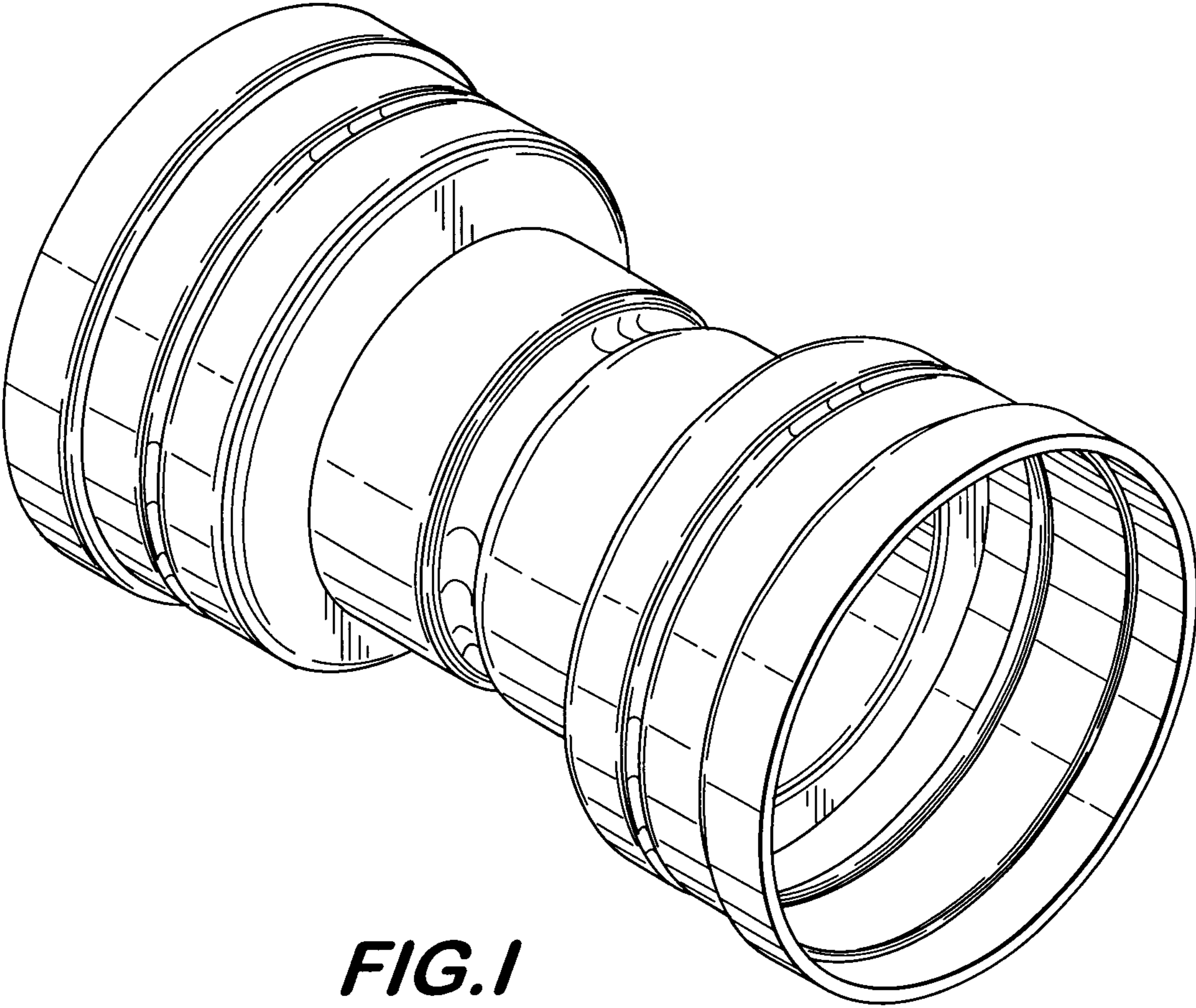


FIG. 1

FIG. 2

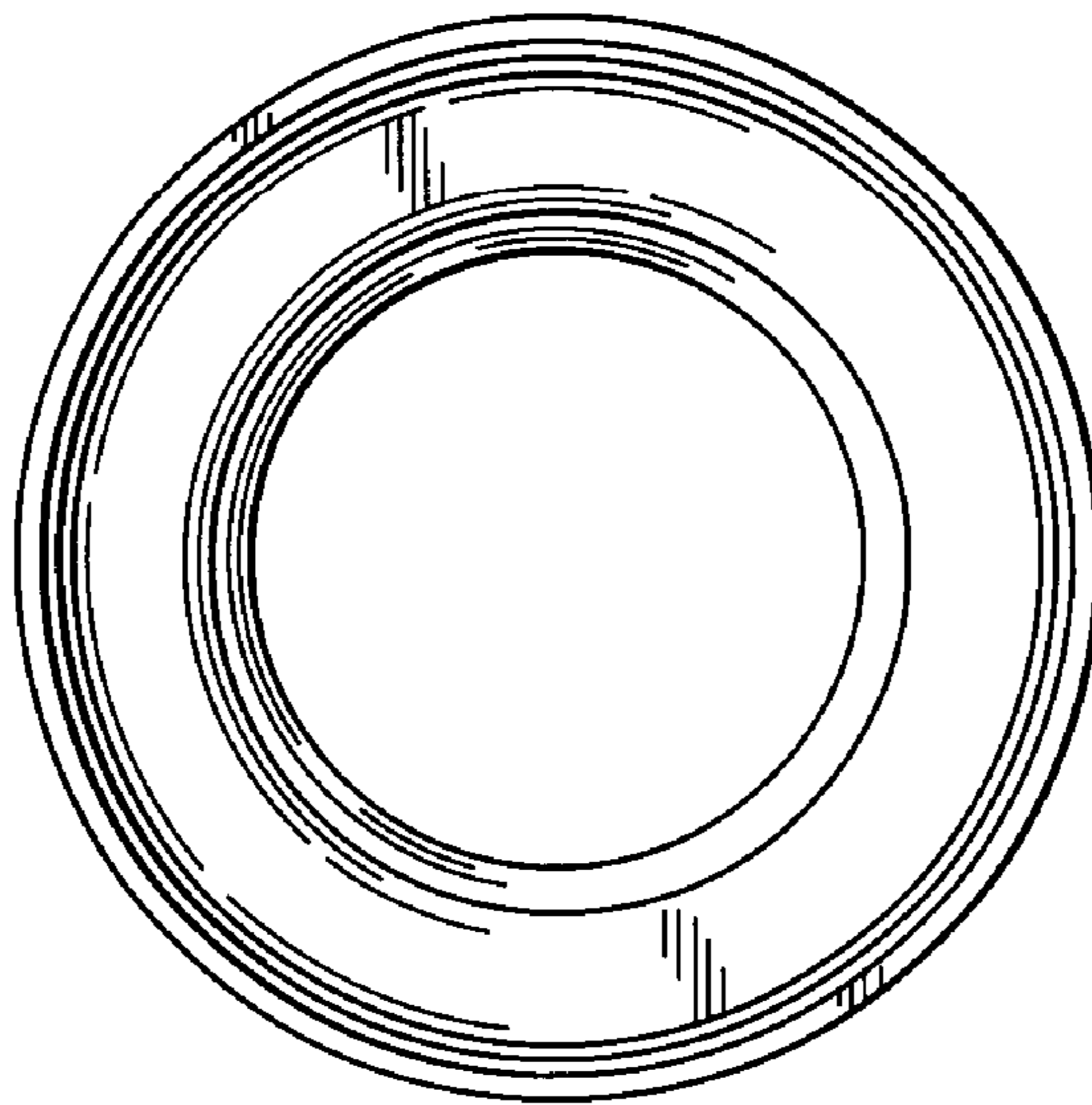
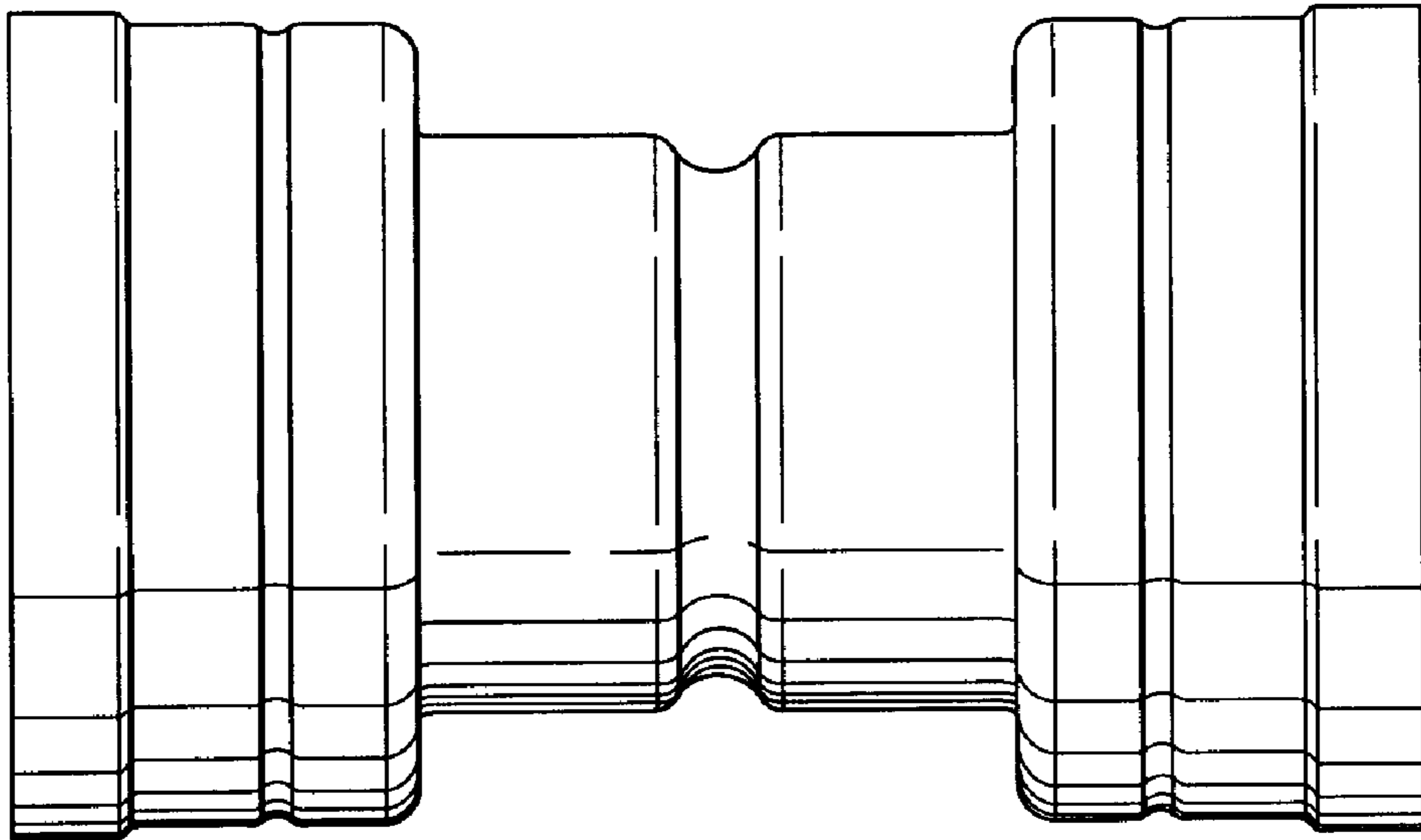


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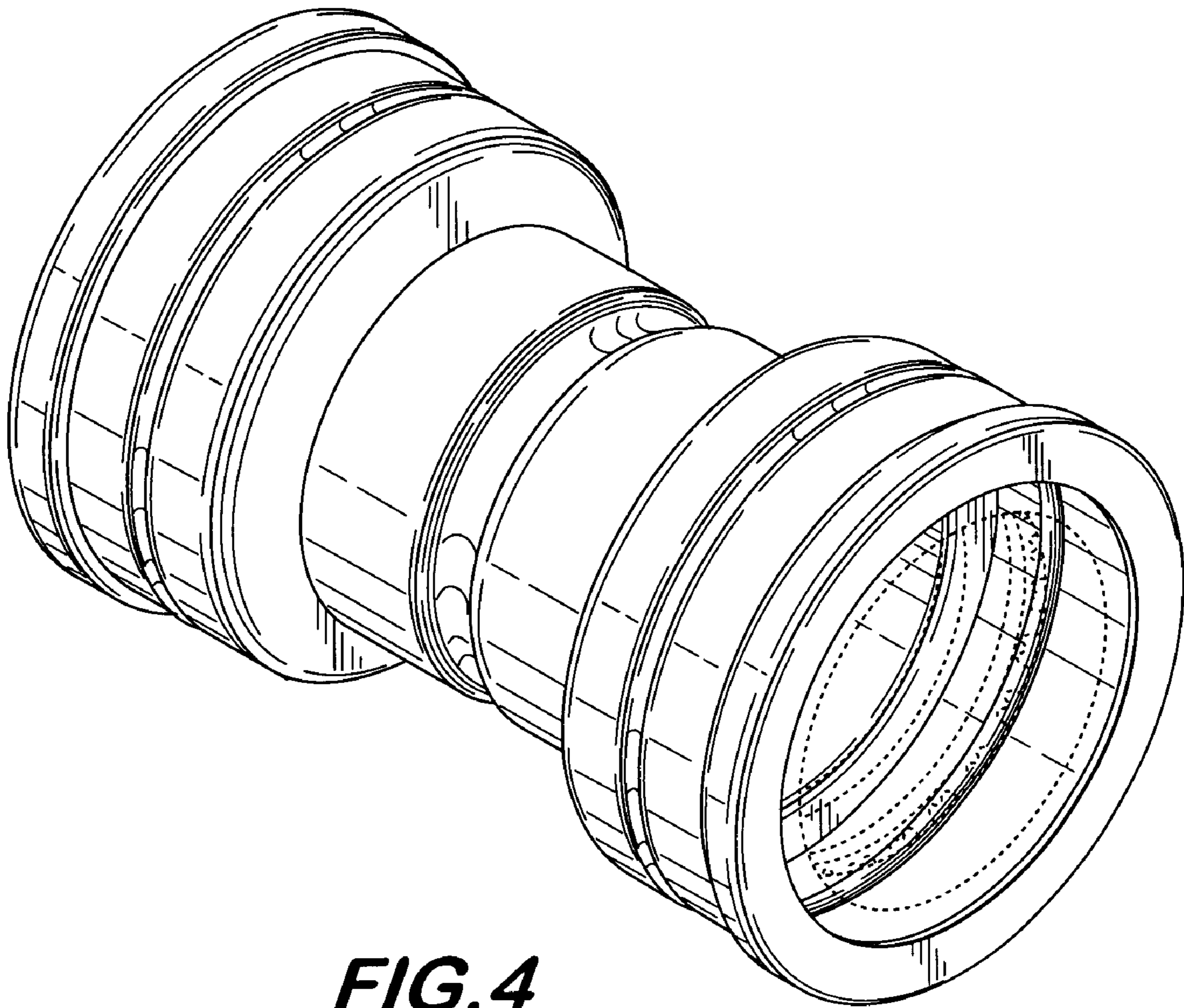


FIG. 4

FIG. 5

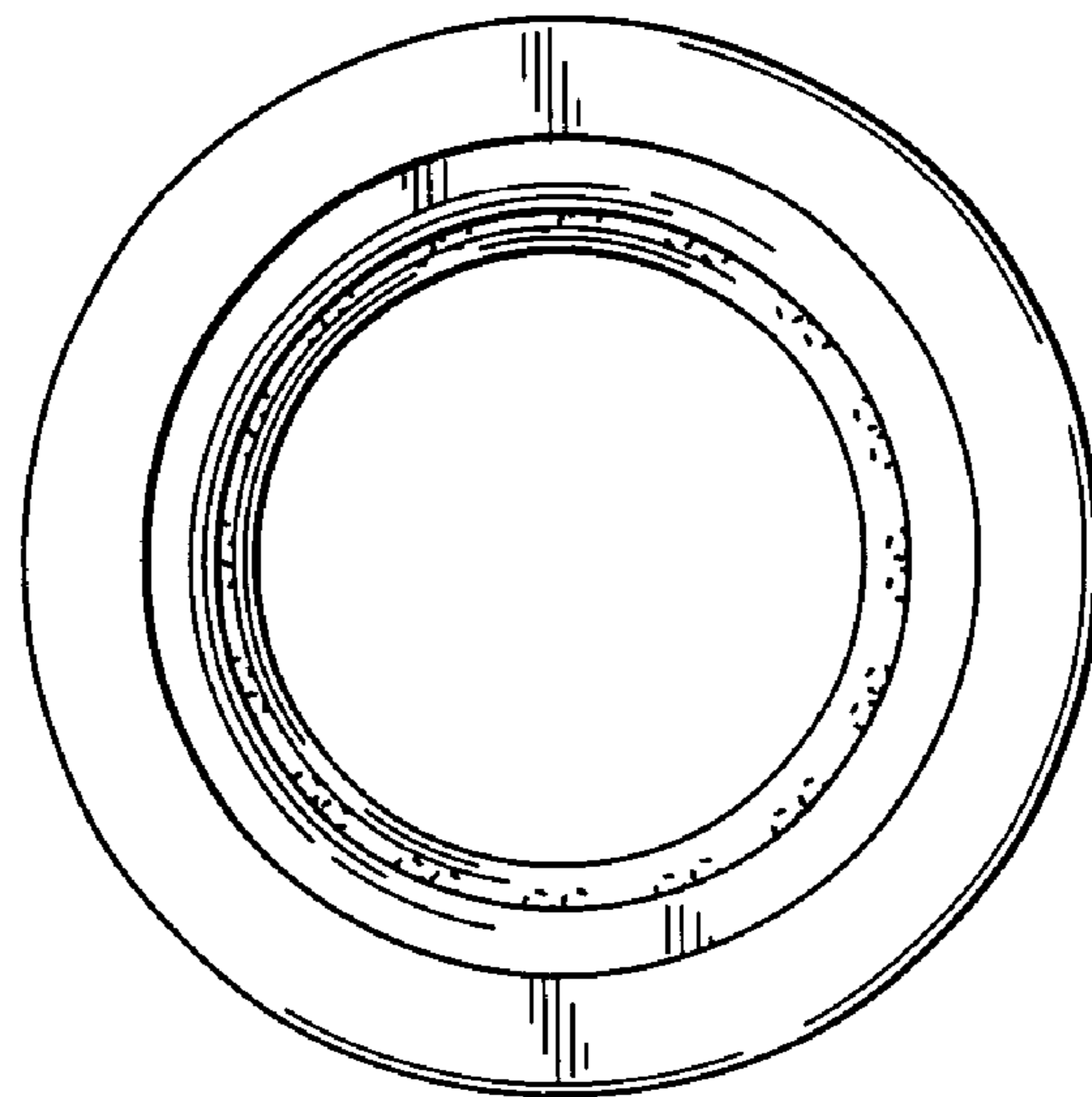
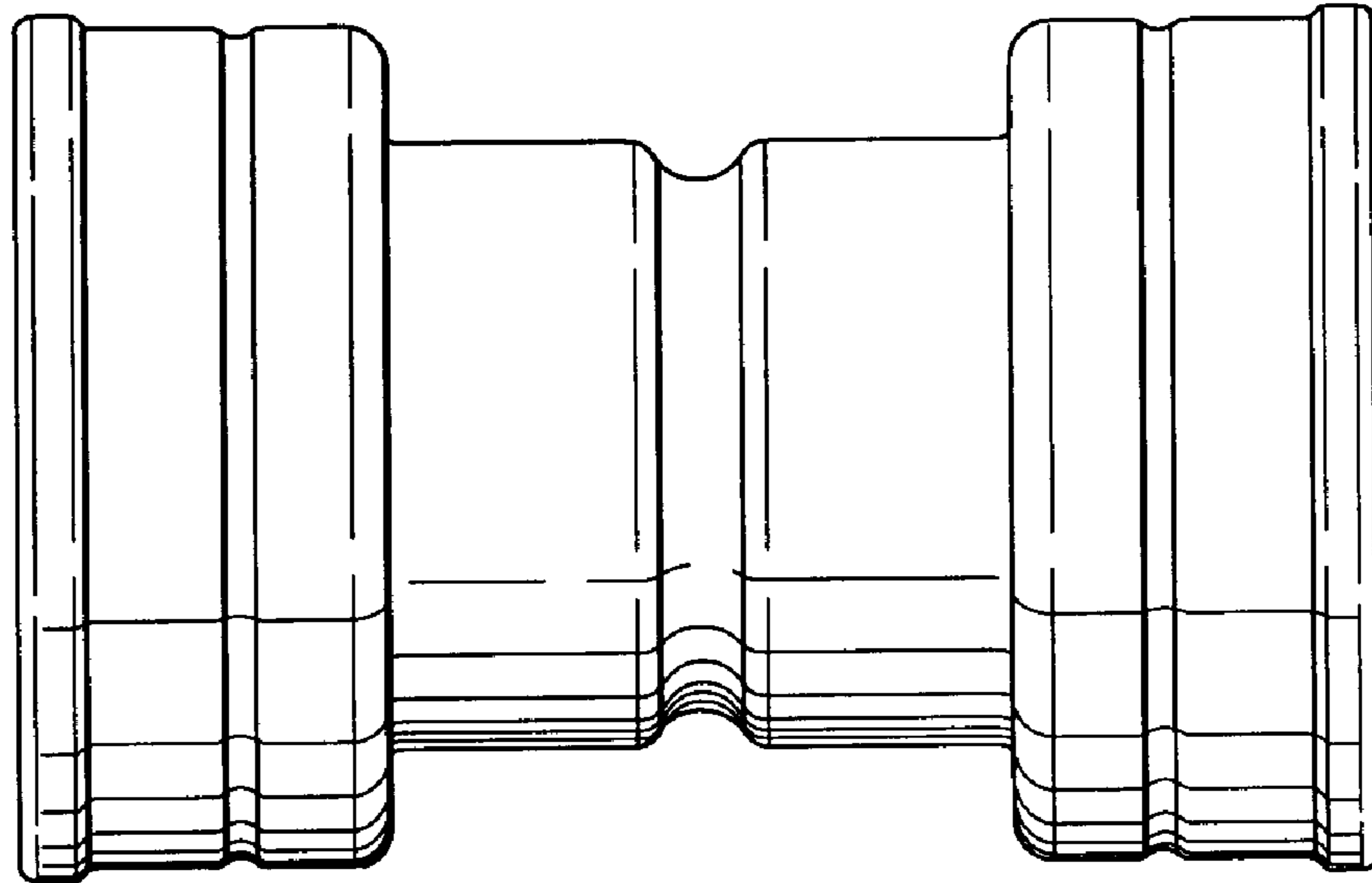


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