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(54) WATER SOFTENER

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(57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a water softener, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of the water softener of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a rear elevational view of the water softener of the present invention, the portions shown in broken lines forming no part of the design sought to be patented;

FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view of the water softener of the present invention the broken lines shown forming no part of the claimed design;

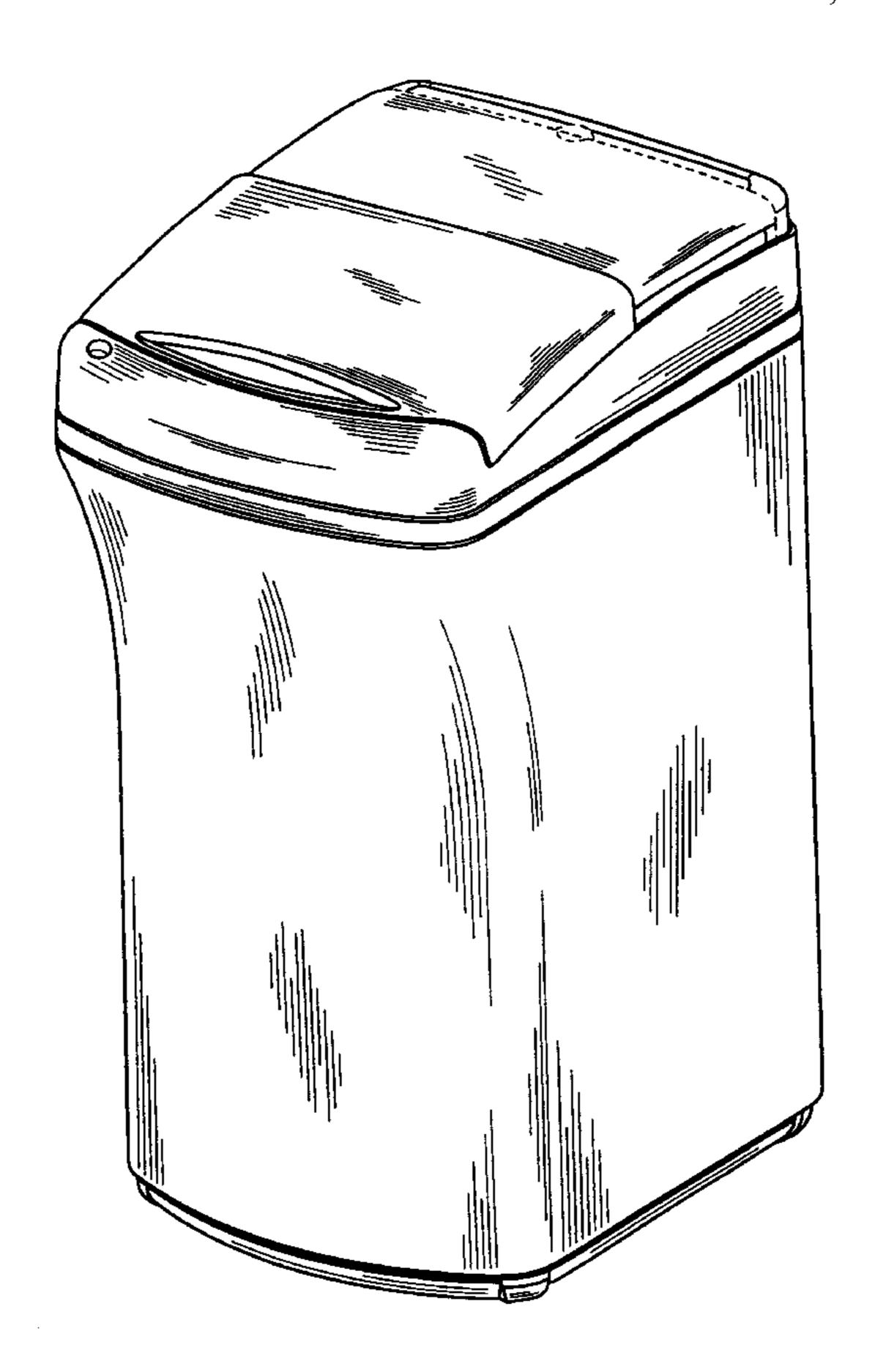
FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view of the water softener of the present invention the broken lines shown forming no part of the claimed design;

FIG. 5 is a top plan view of the water softener of the present invention, the portions shown in broken lines forming no part of the design sought to be patented;

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view of the water softener of the present invention, the portions shown in broken lines forming no part of the design sought to be patented; and,

FIG. 7 is a front perspective view of the water softener of the present invention, the portions shown in broken lines forming no part of the design sought to be patented.

1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets



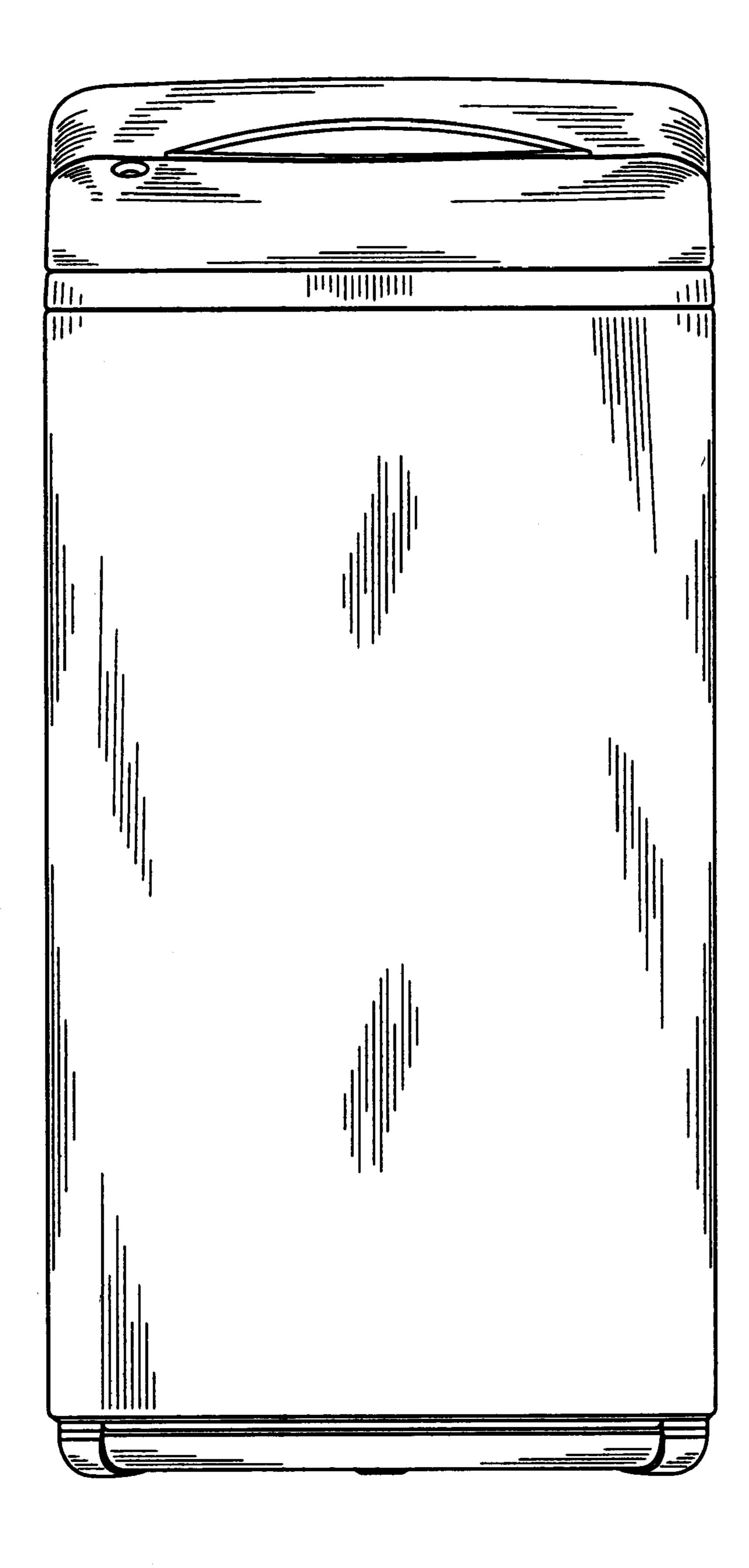


FIG. 1

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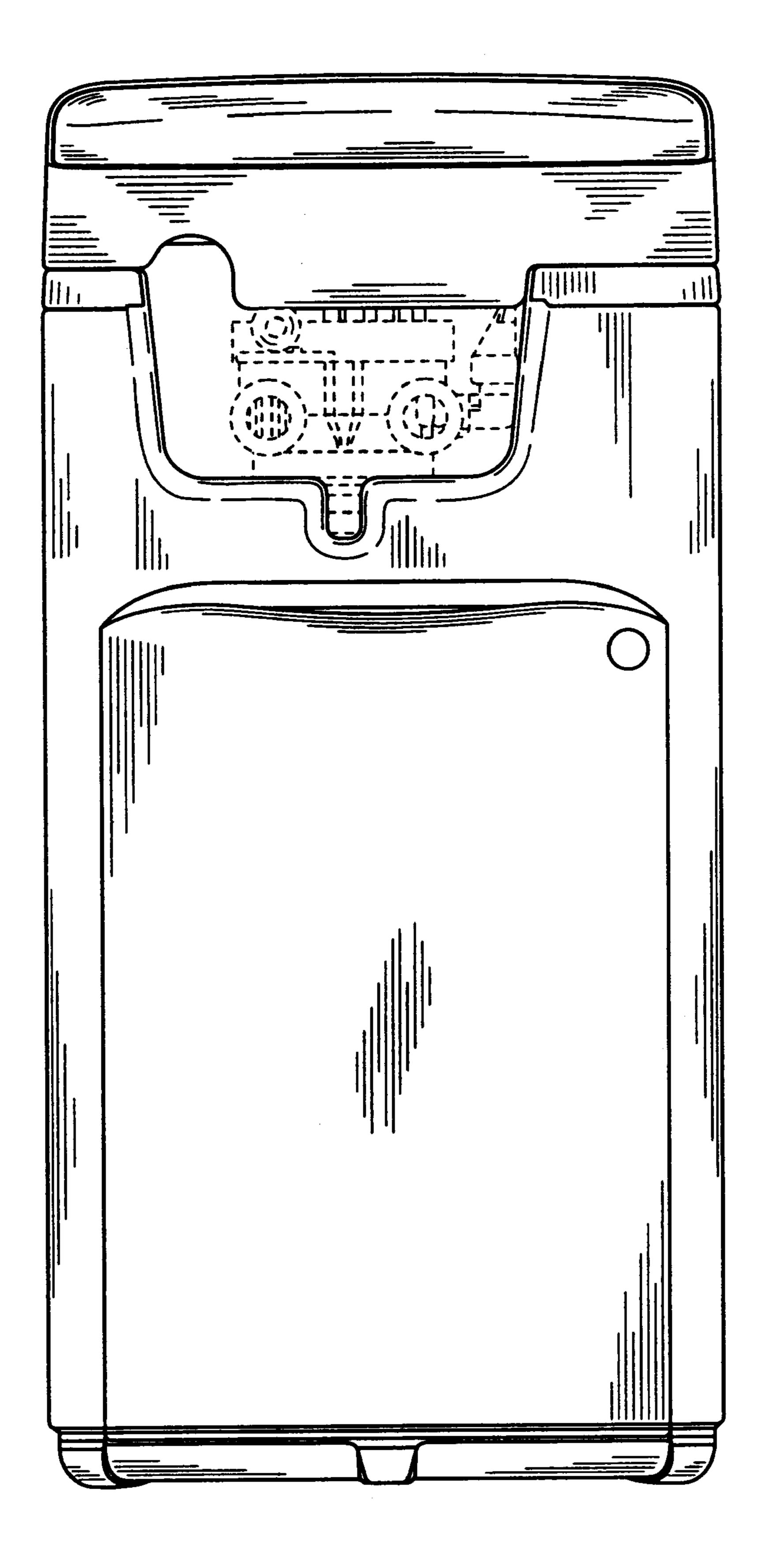


FIG. 2

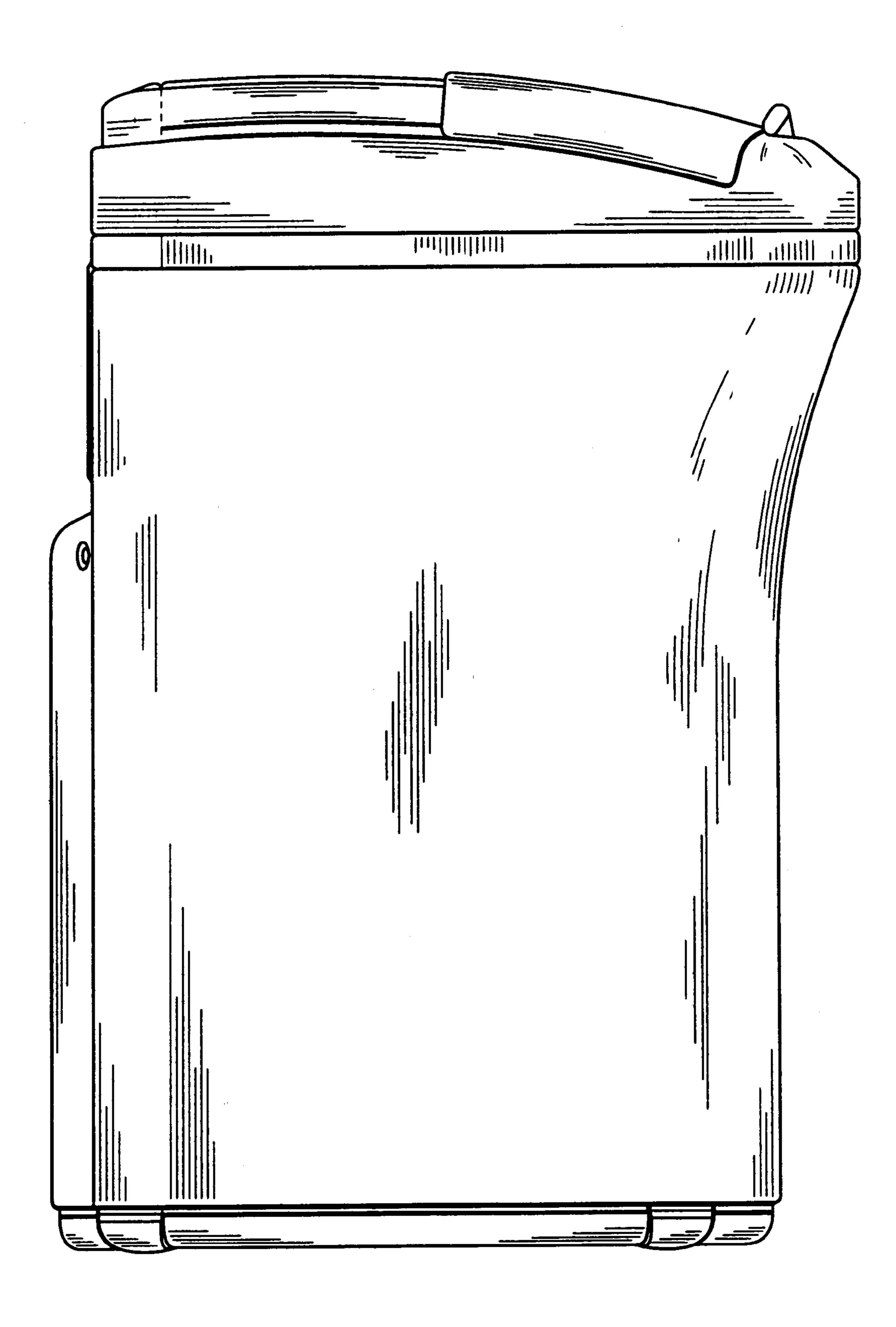


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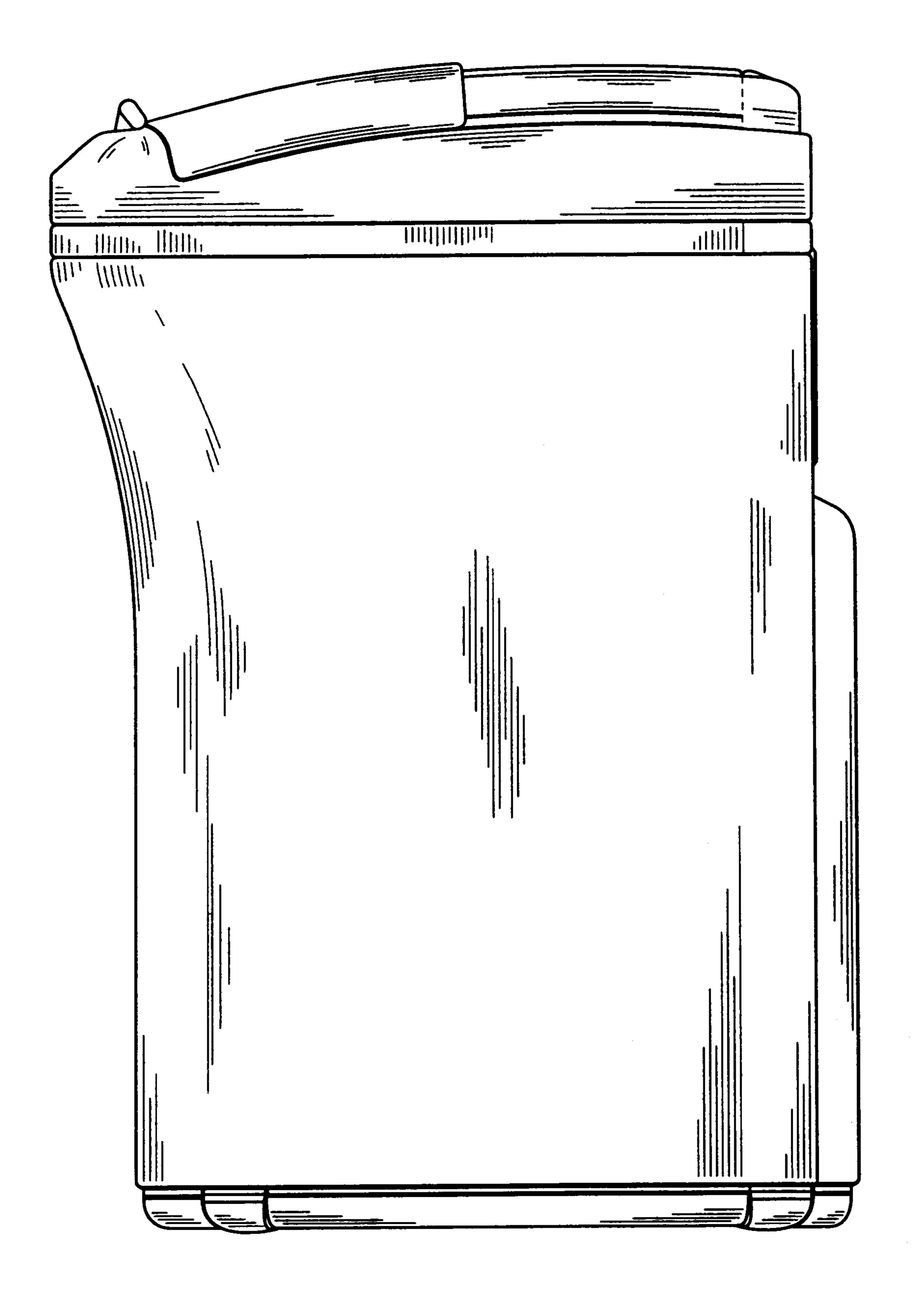


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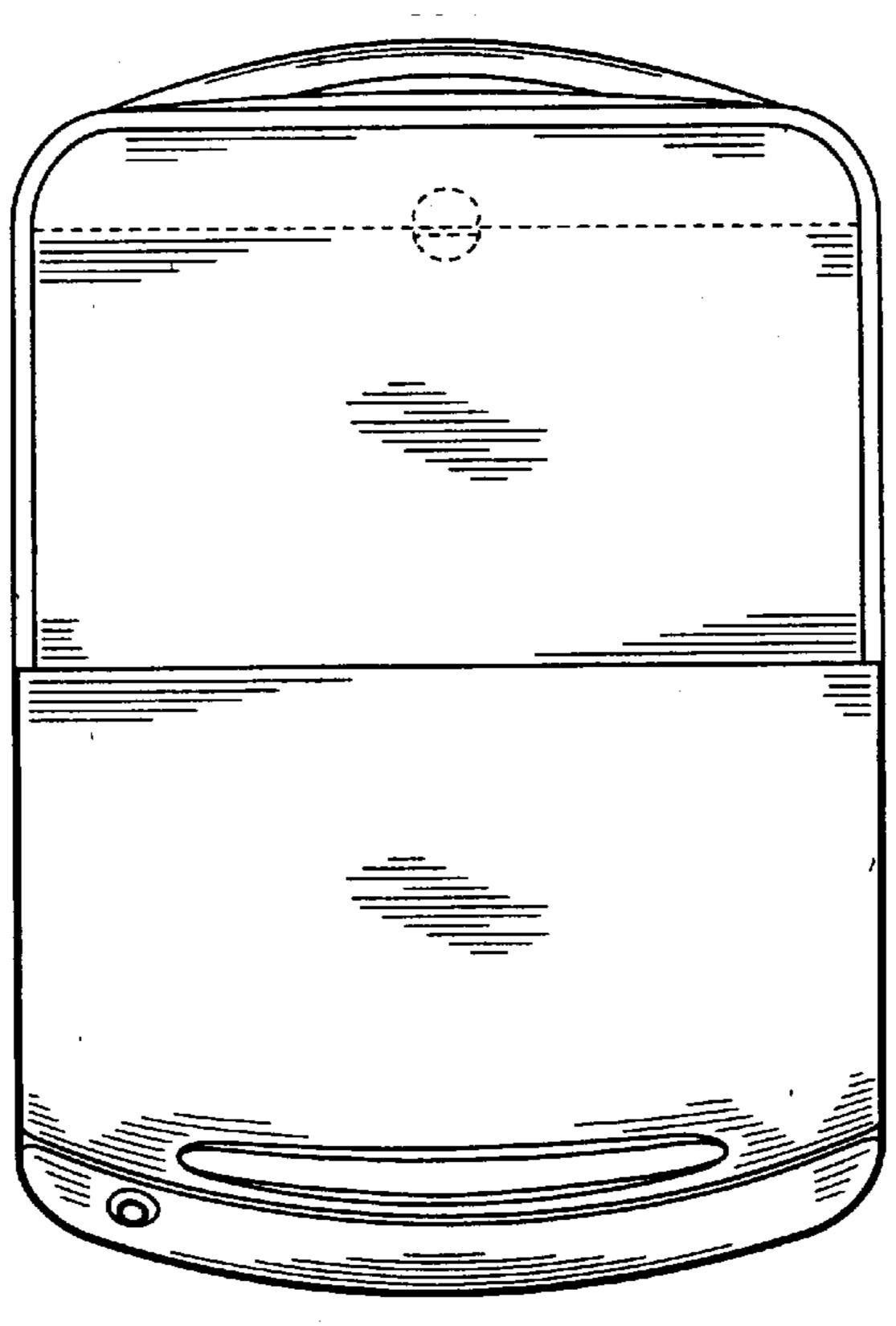


FIG. 5

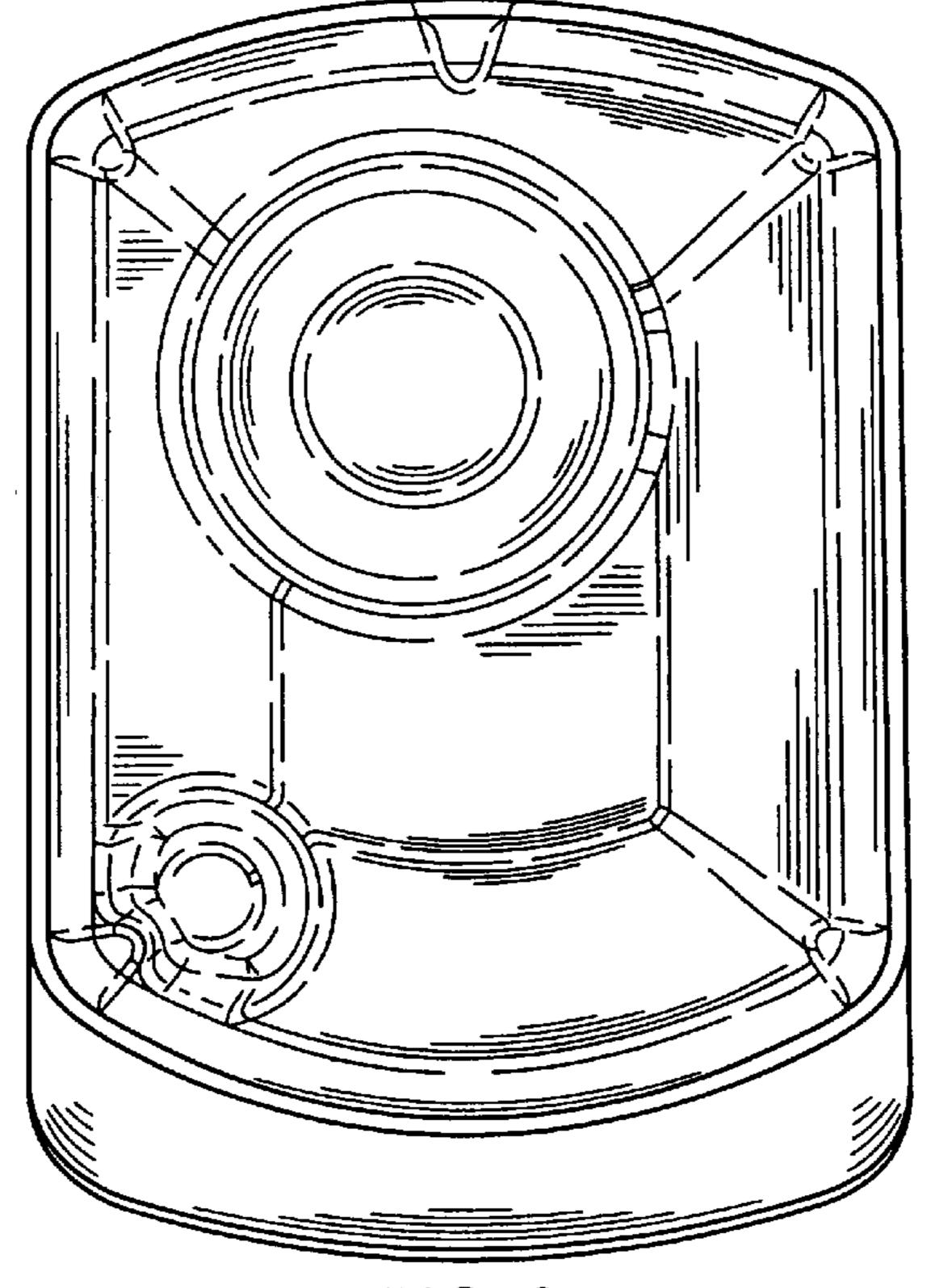


FIG. 6

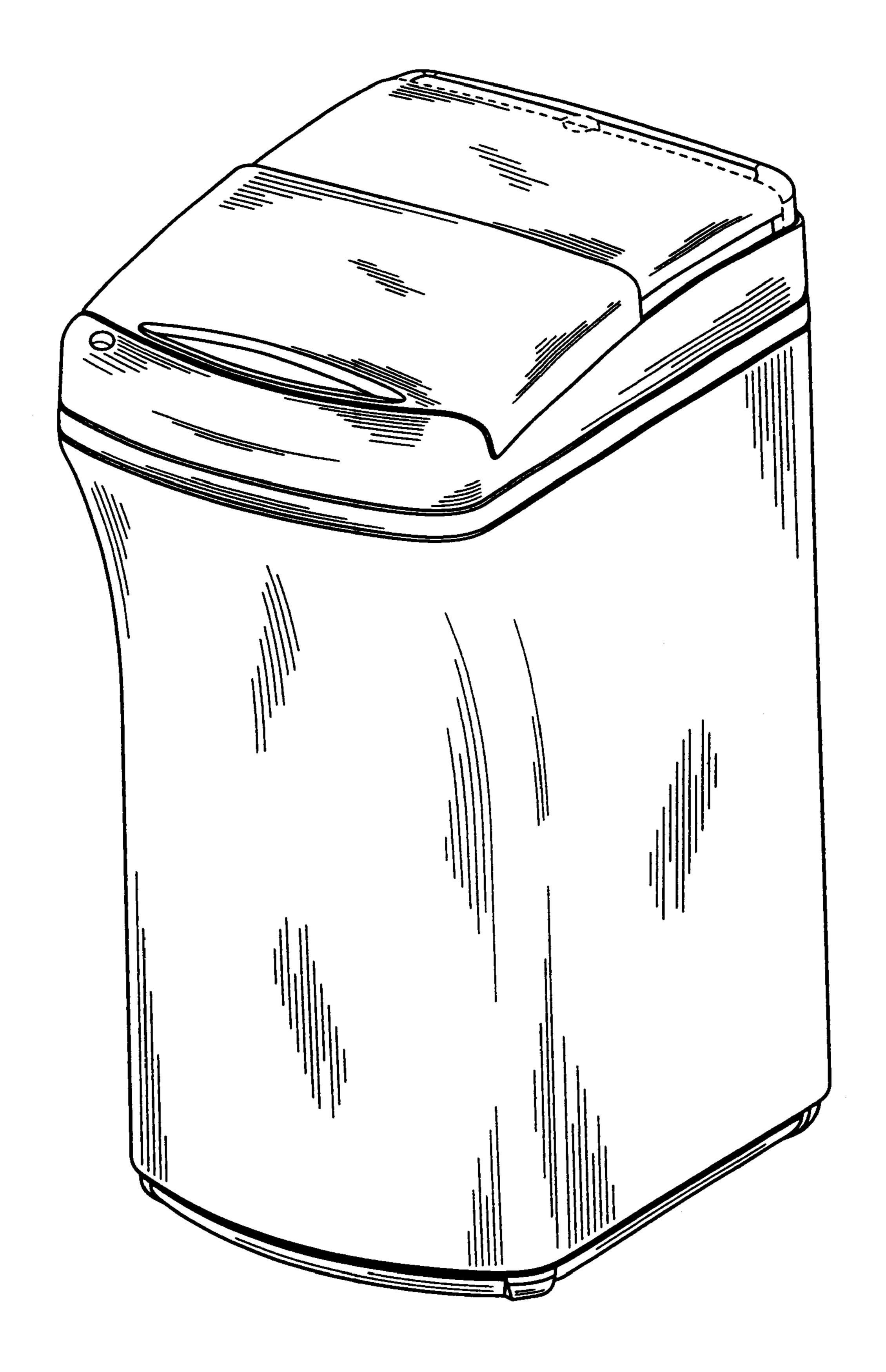


FIG. 7