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- (54) **REAGENT CARRIER FOR USE IN AN AUTOMATED ANALYZER**
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(57) **CLAIM**

We claim the ornamental design for a reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer, hereinafter referred to as the reagent carrier.

FIG. 2 is a side view in elevation of the reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer of FIG. 1.

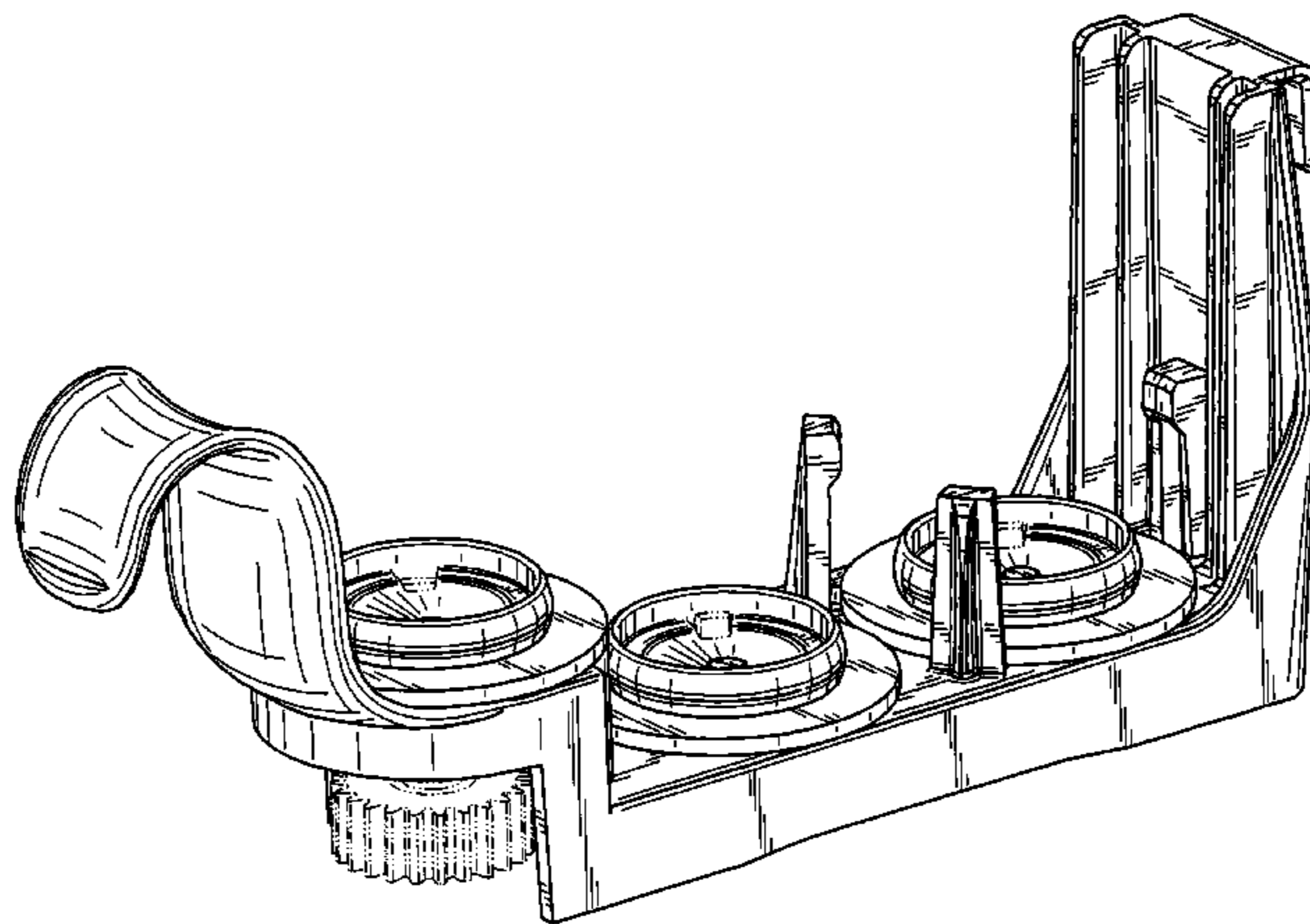
FIG. 4 is a rear view in elevation of the reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front view in elevation of the reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view reagent carrier for use in an automated analyzer of FIG. 1.

The broken line showing of the base structure and reagent container indexing tabs is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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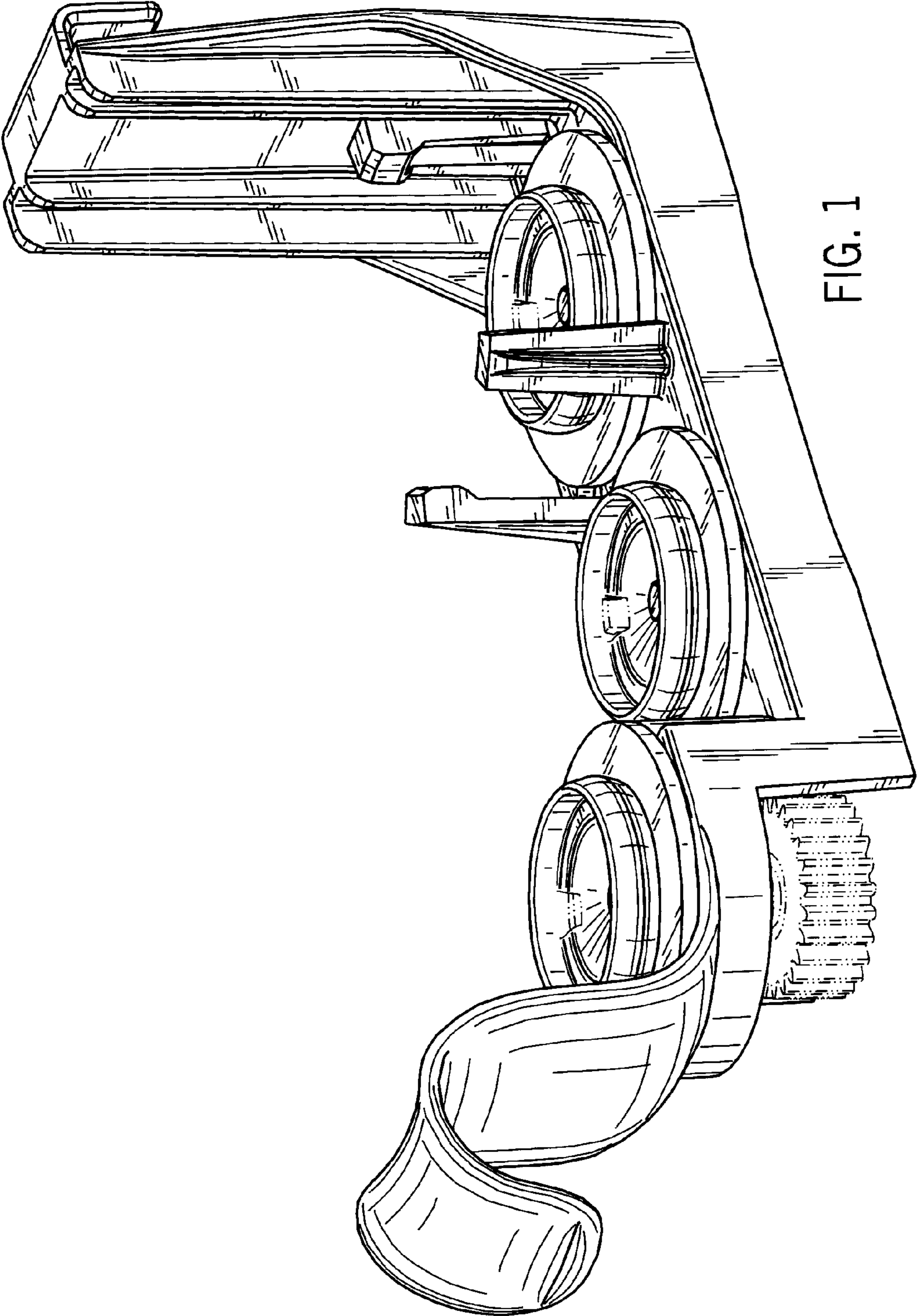


FIG. 1

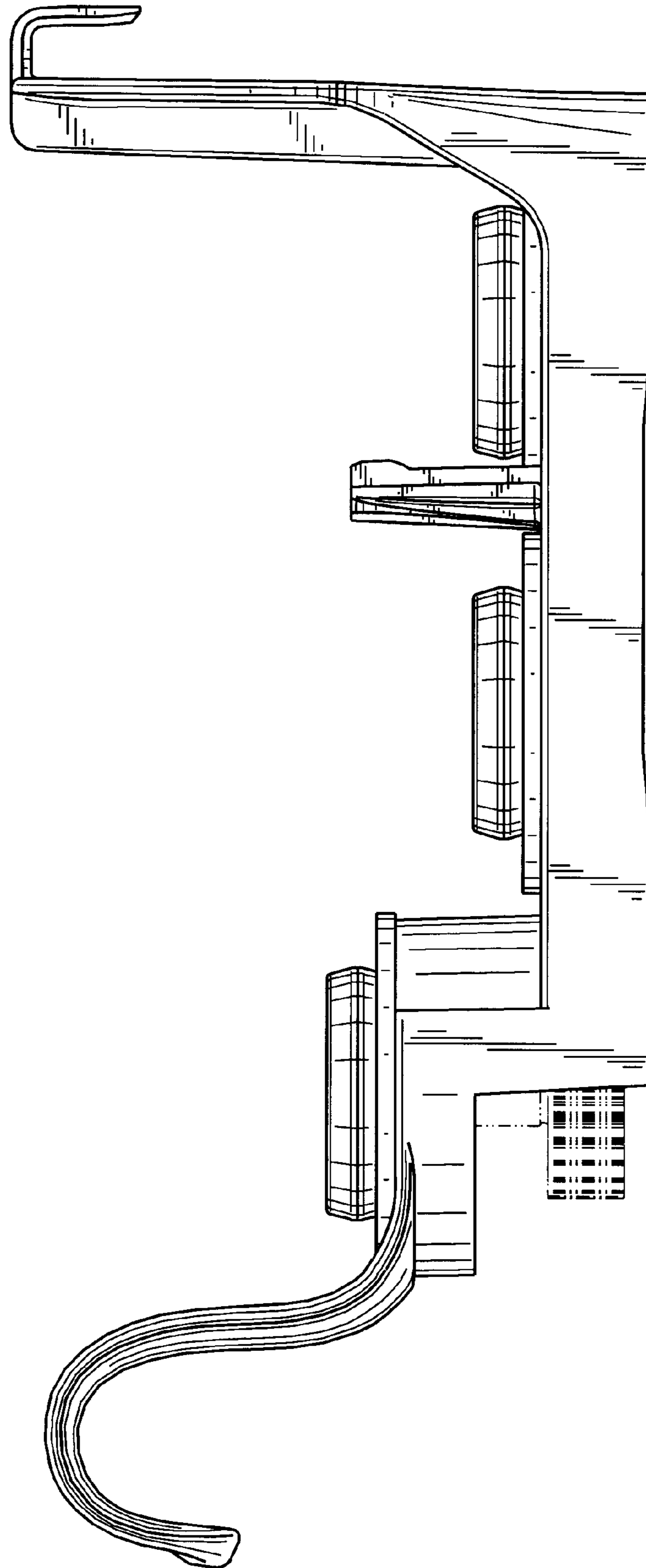


FIG. 2

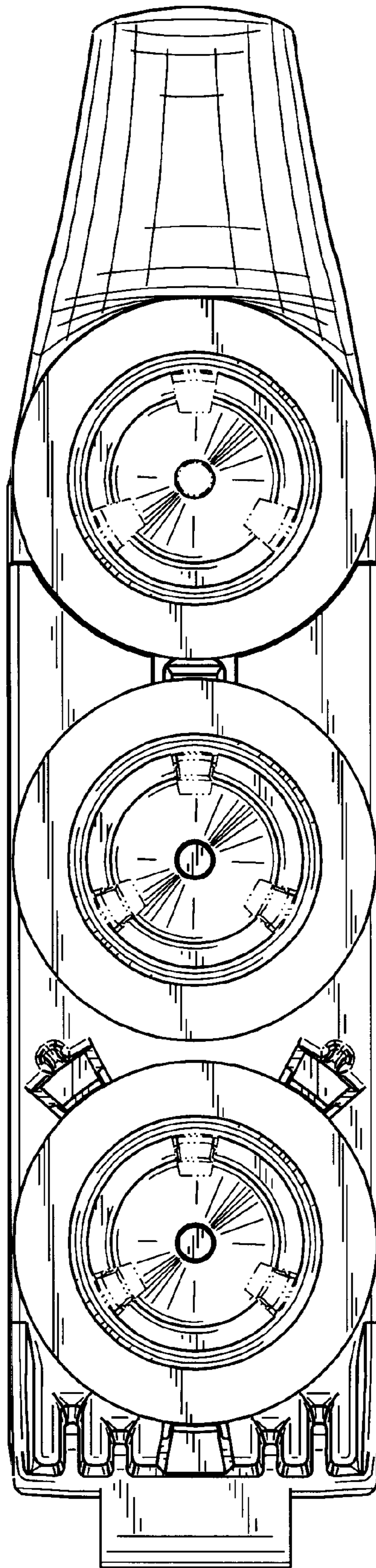


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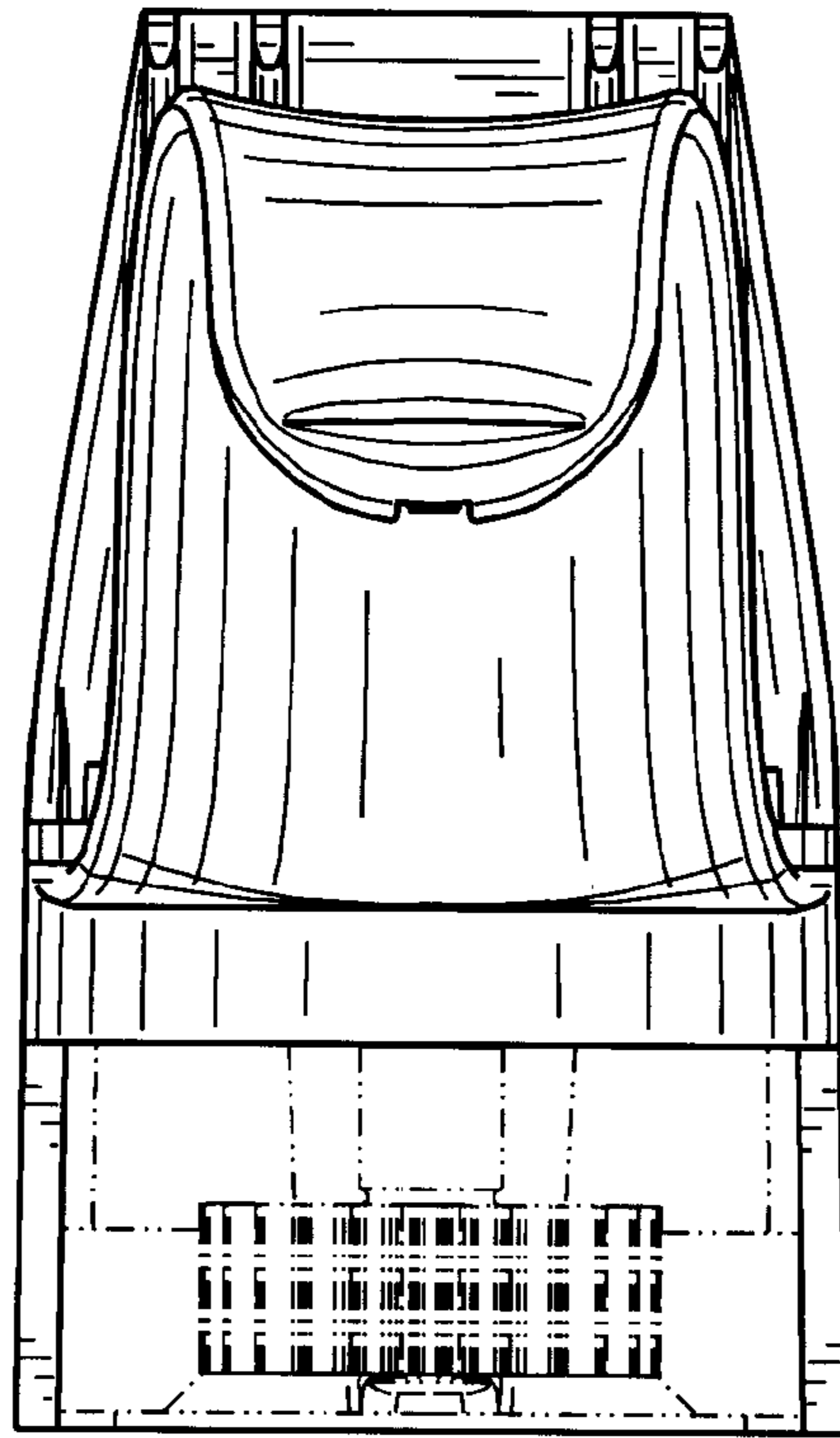


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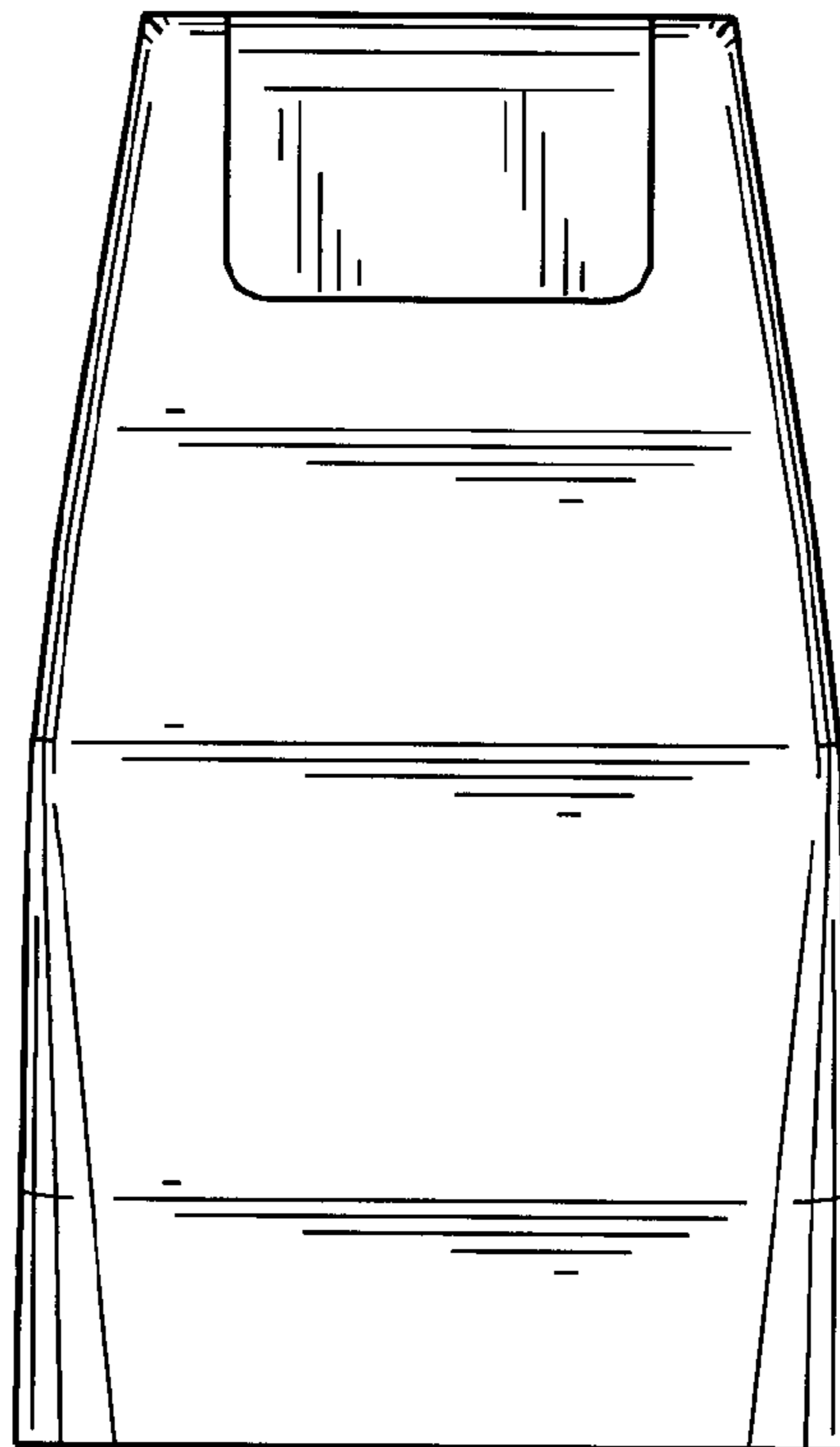


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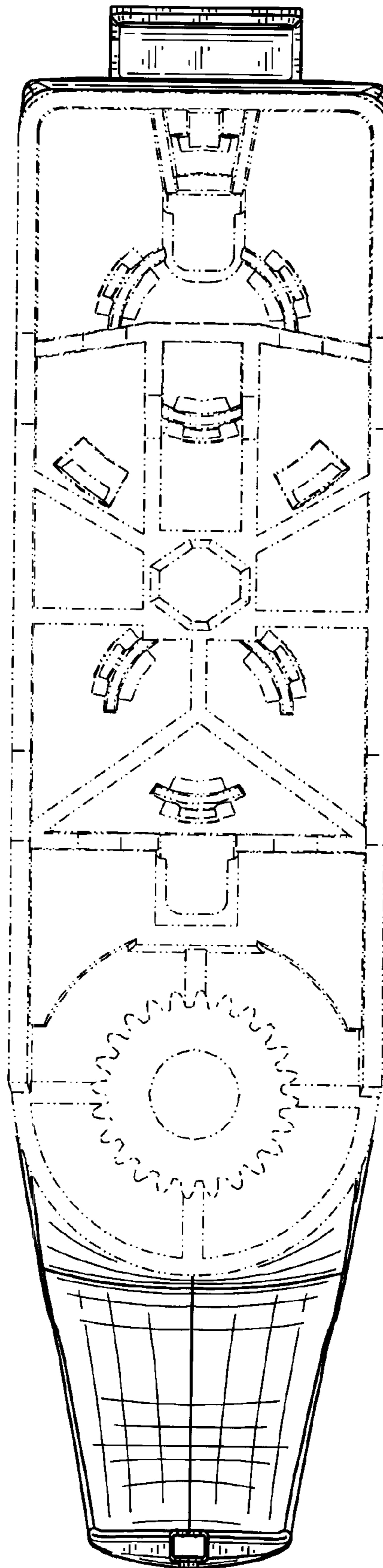


FIG. 6