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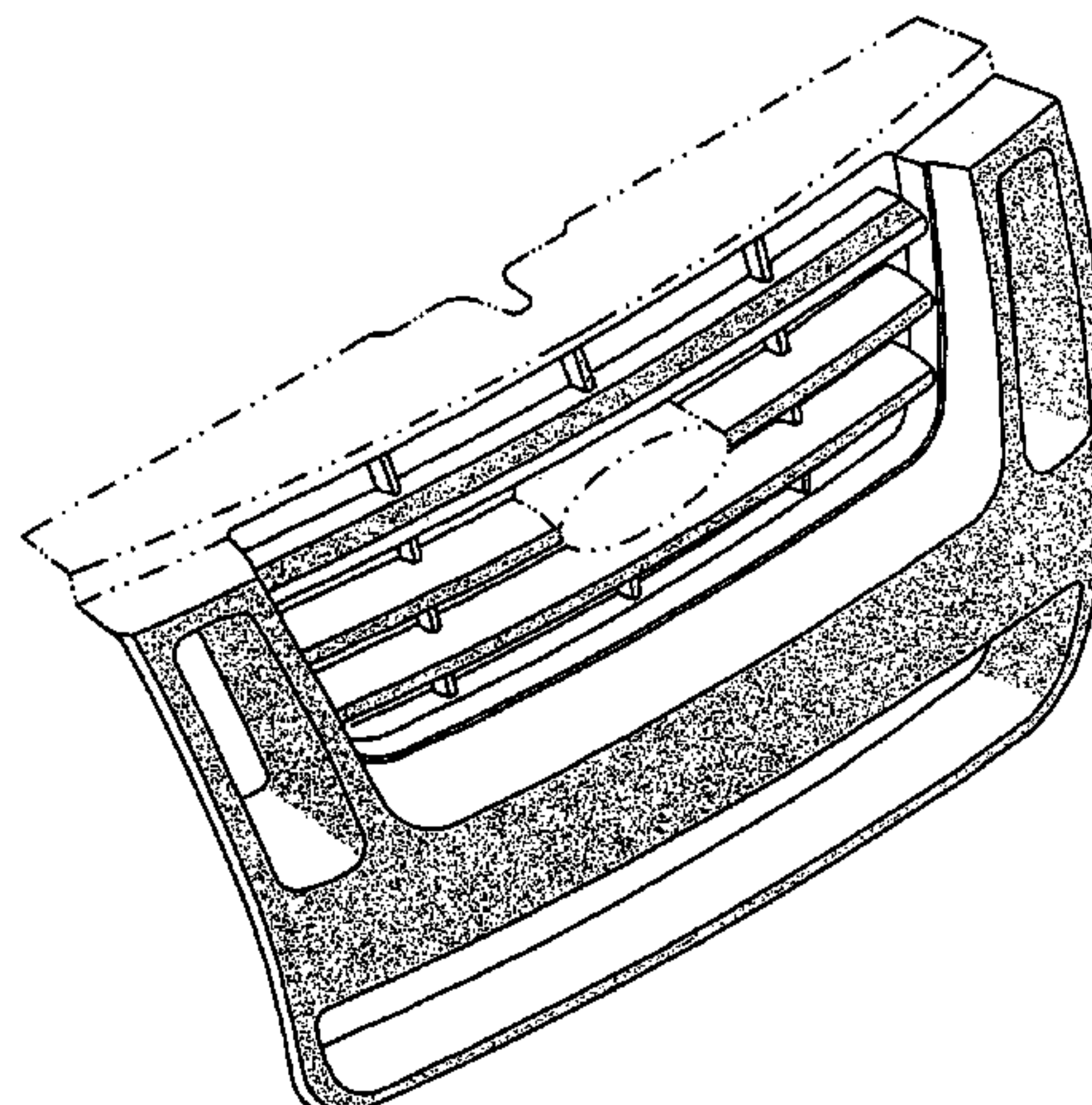
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a vehicle grille, as shown and
described in FIGS. 1-5.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a vehicle grille attached
to a vehicle, no part of the vehicle is claimed;
FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the vehicle grille;
FIG. 3 is a front view of the vehicle grille;
FIG. 4 is a top view of the vehicle grille; and,
FIG. 5 is a left side view of the vehicle grille (the right side
view is a mirror of the left side view and is not shown).
The broken lines shown throughout the drawing are for
illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed
design.

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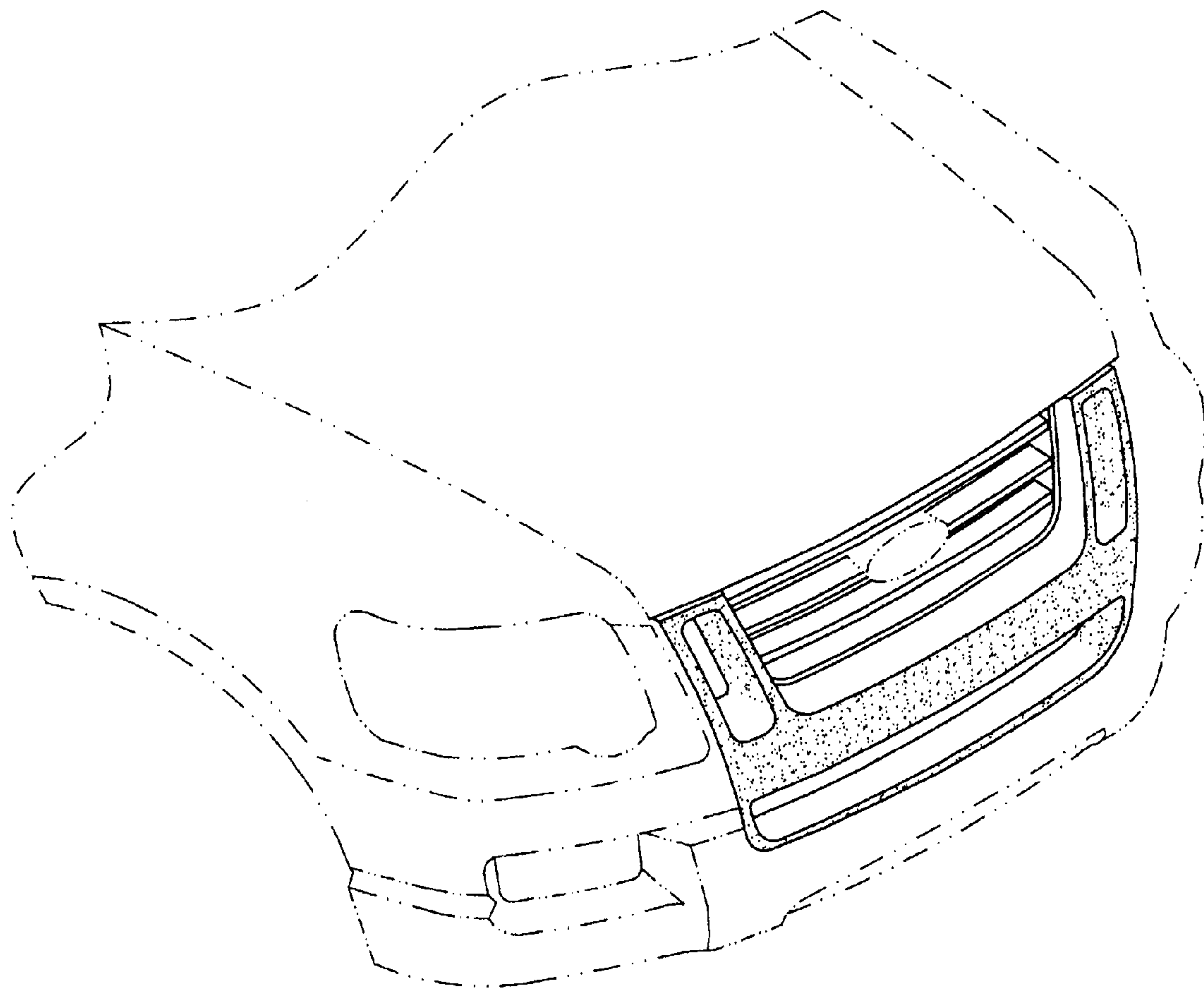


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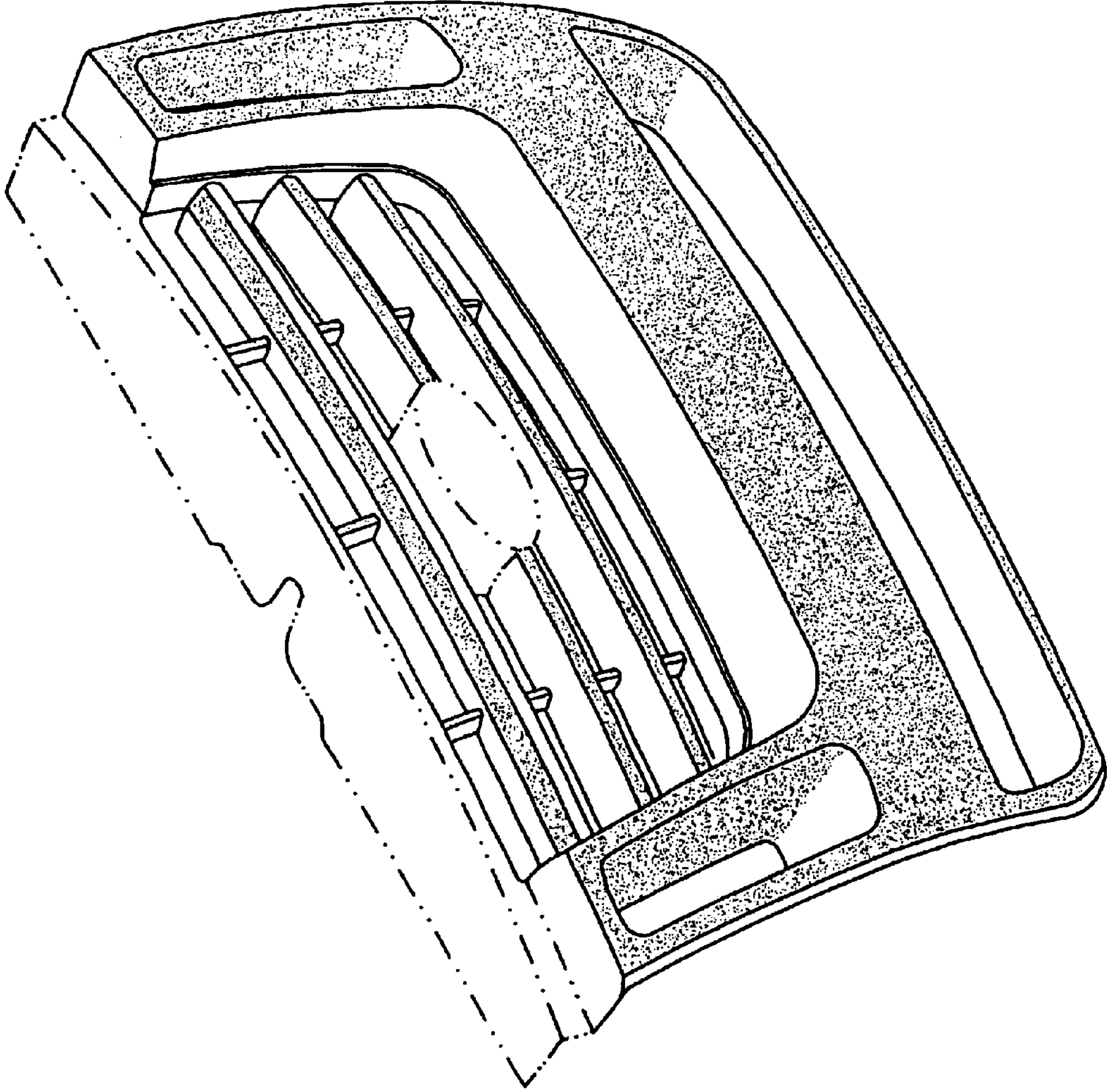


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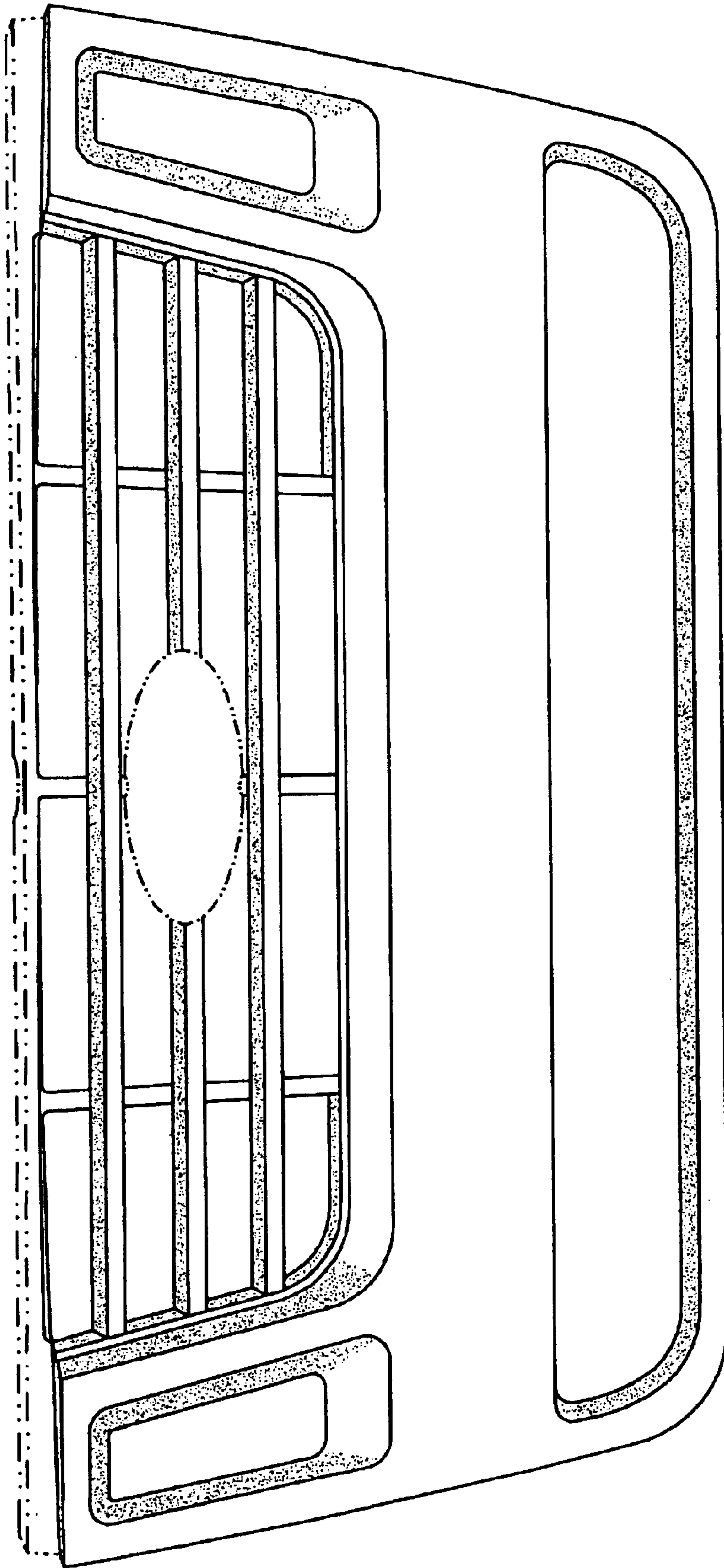


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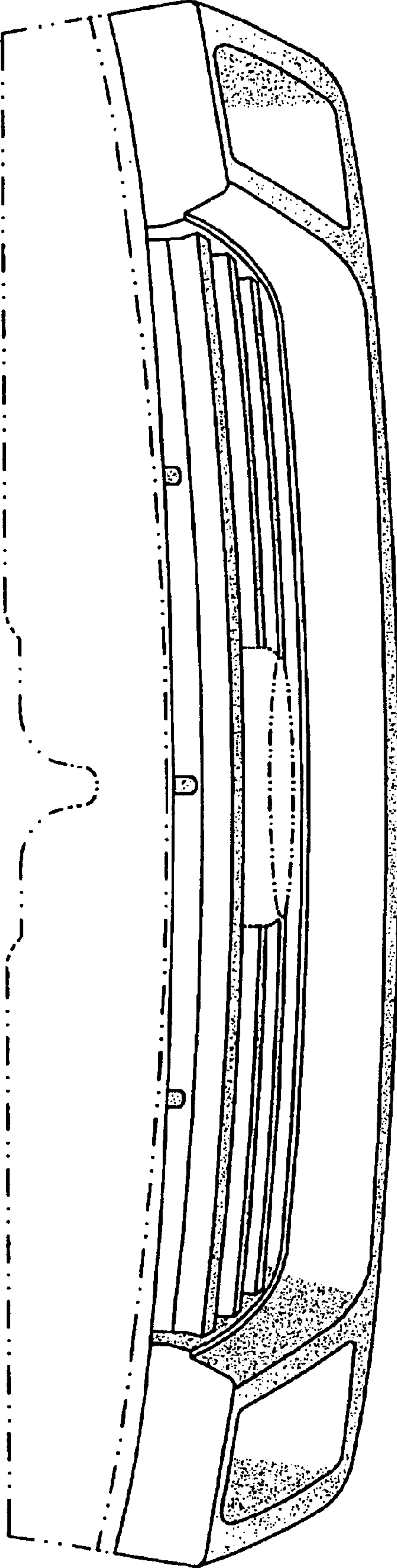


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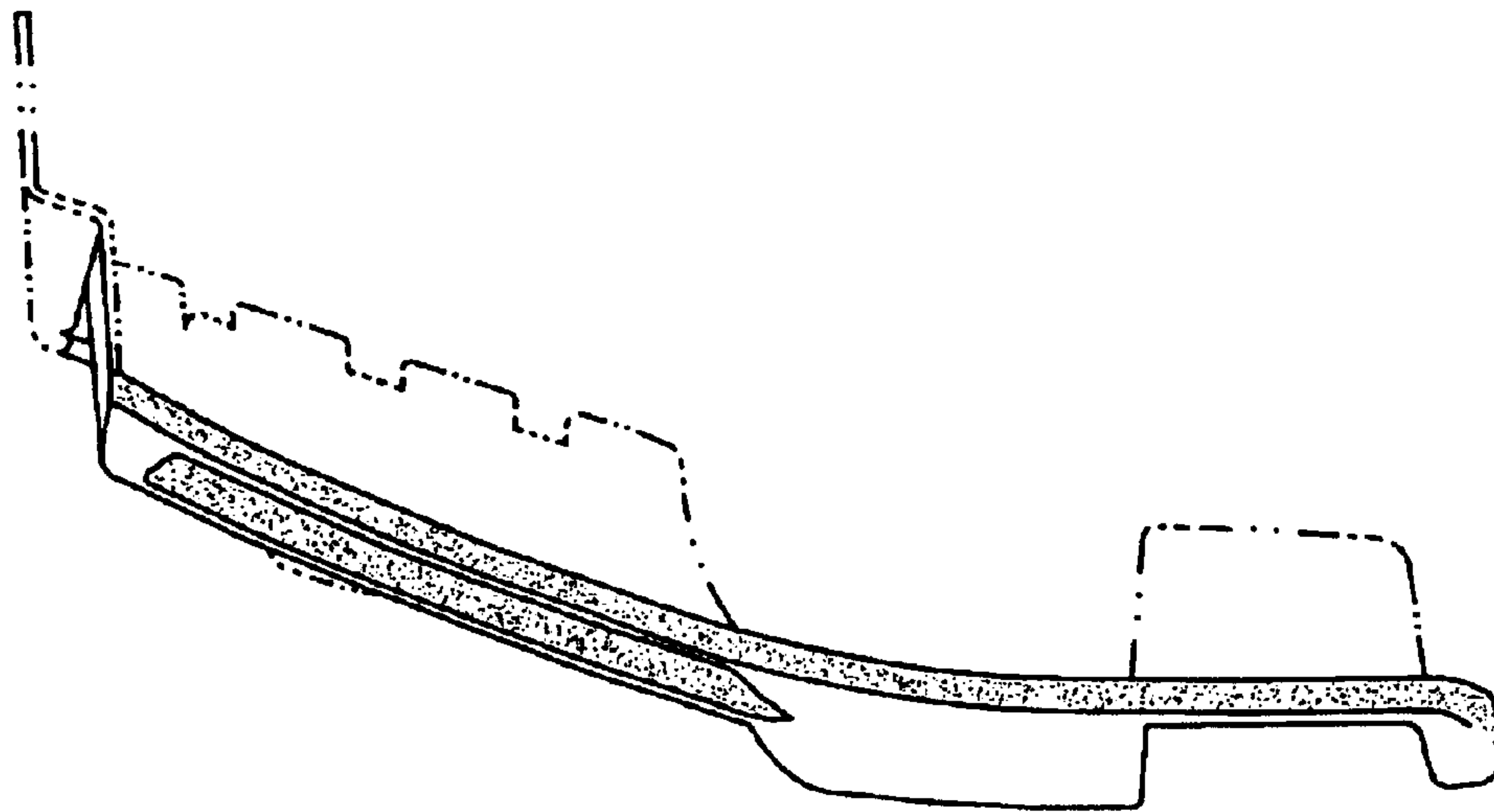


Figure 5