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(54) **AUTOMOTIVE TAILGATE**

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The ornamental design for an automotive tailgate, as shown  
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**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an automotive tailgate; and,  
FIG. 2 is a front end perspective view of the automotive  
tailgate of FIG. 1.

(56) **References Cited**

The rear of the design is not being claimed as part of the  
design.

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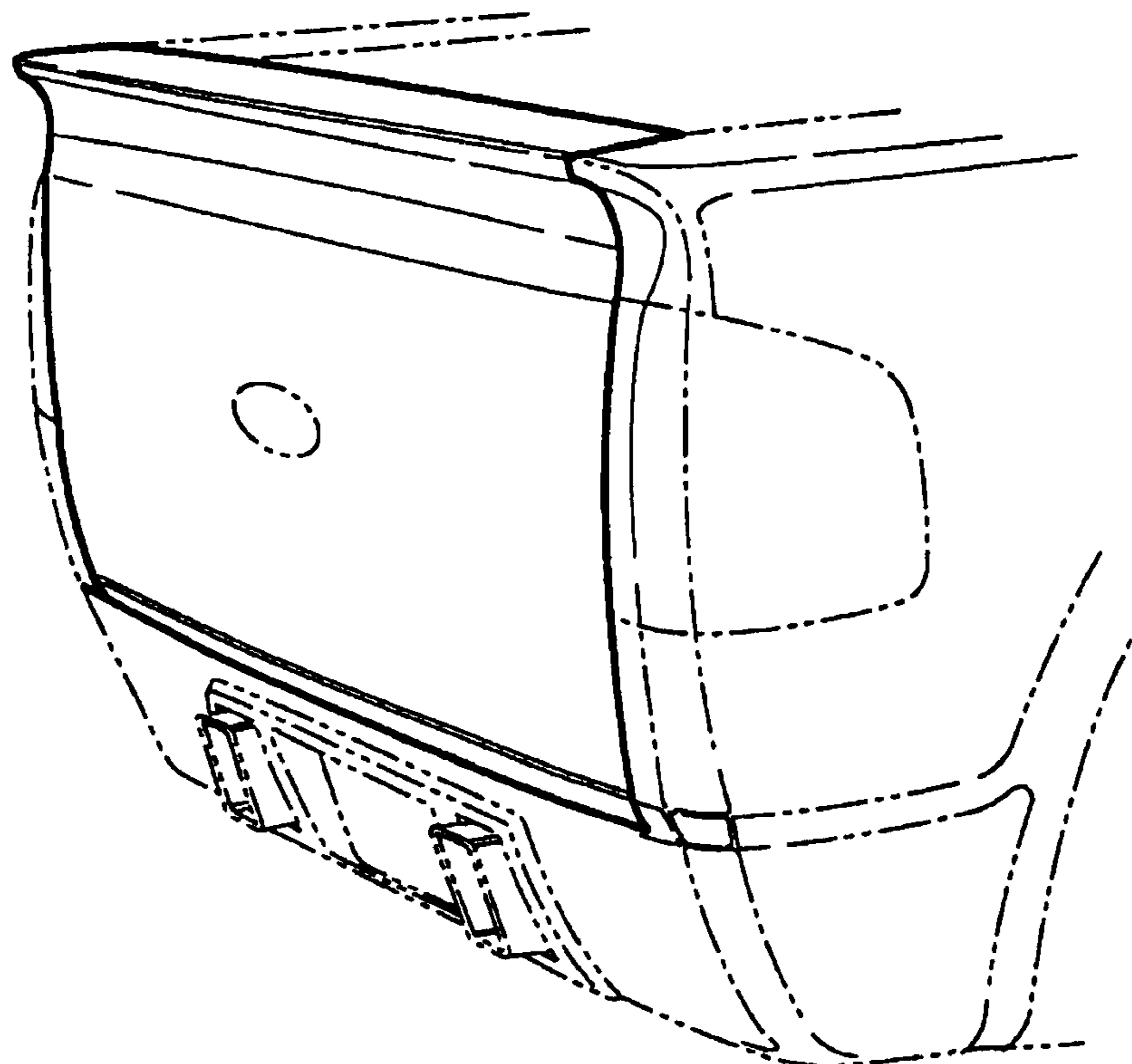
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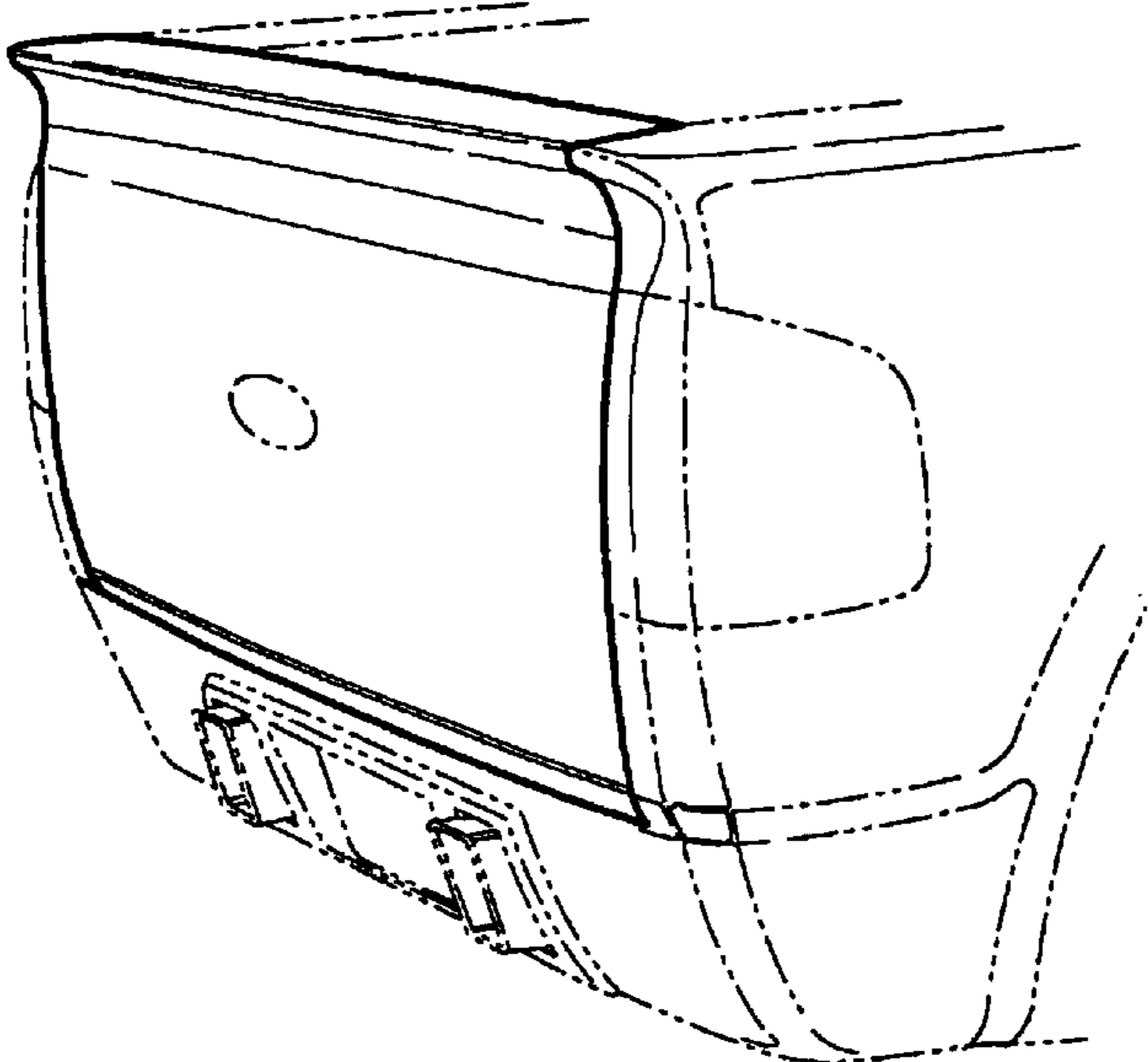
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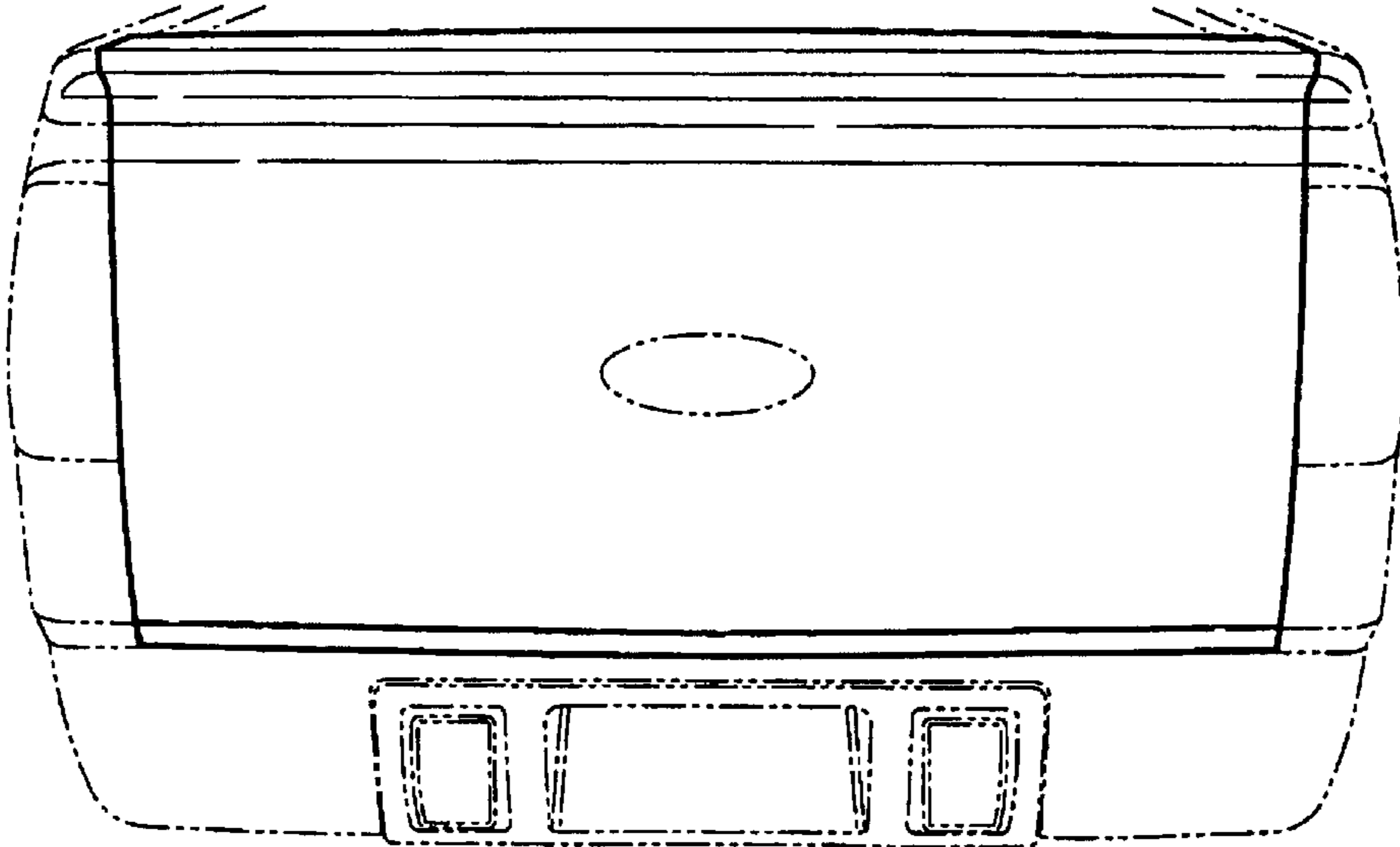
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**1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet**





**FIG - 1**



**FIG - 2**