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(54) **AUTOMOBILE BUMPER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an automobile bumper, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of an automobile bumper attached to a vehicle, no part of the vehicle is claimed;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the automobile bumper;

FIG. 3 is a front side elevational view of the automobile bumper;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the automobile bumper;

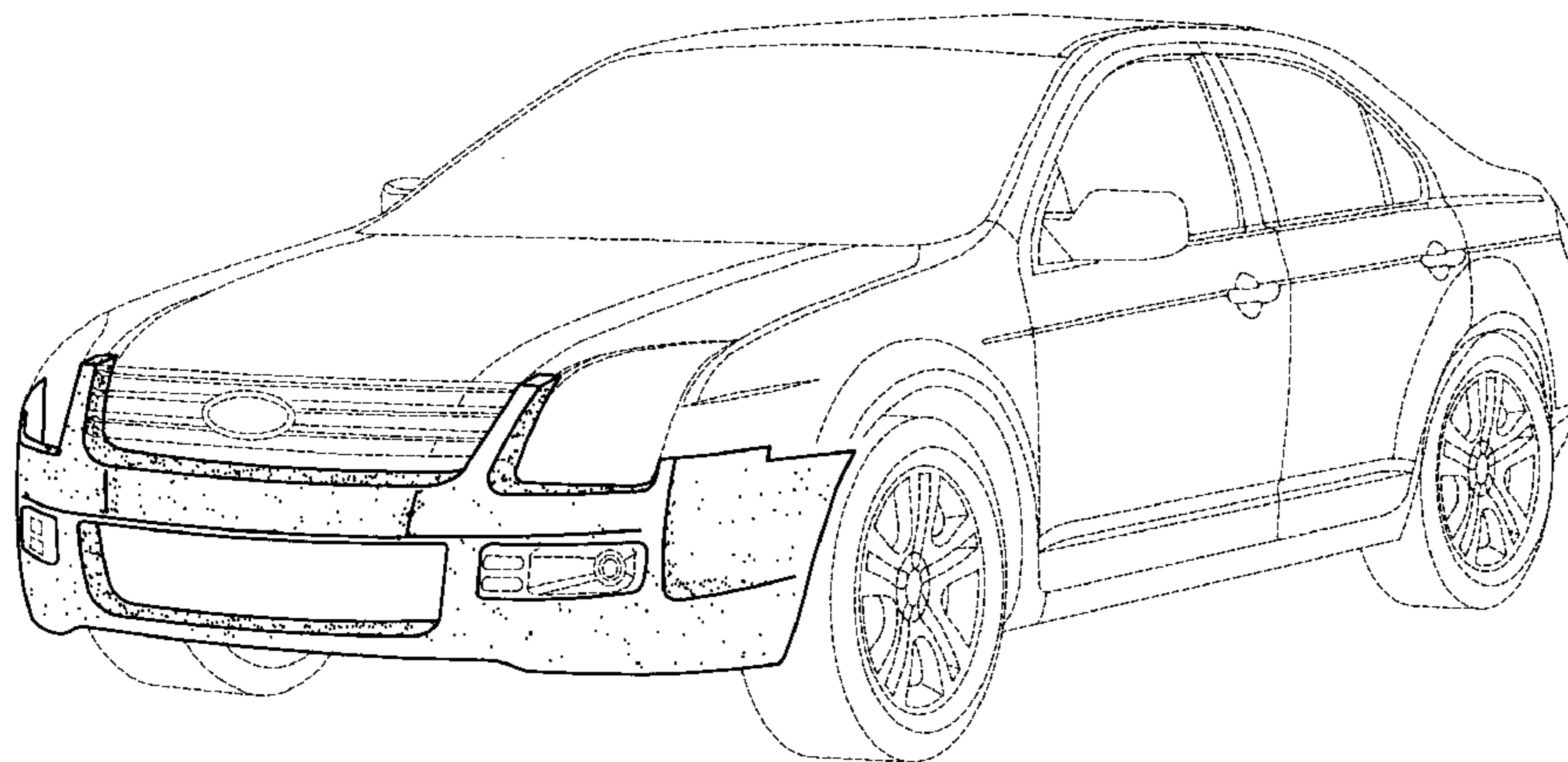
FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the automobile bumper; and,

FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view of the automobile bumper, the right side elevational view being a mirror image thereof.

The broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

The stippling indicates the curvature of the front fascia. The automobile bumper has square-shaped openings for receiving headlights (not claimed) and multifaceted surfaces on the front and sides.

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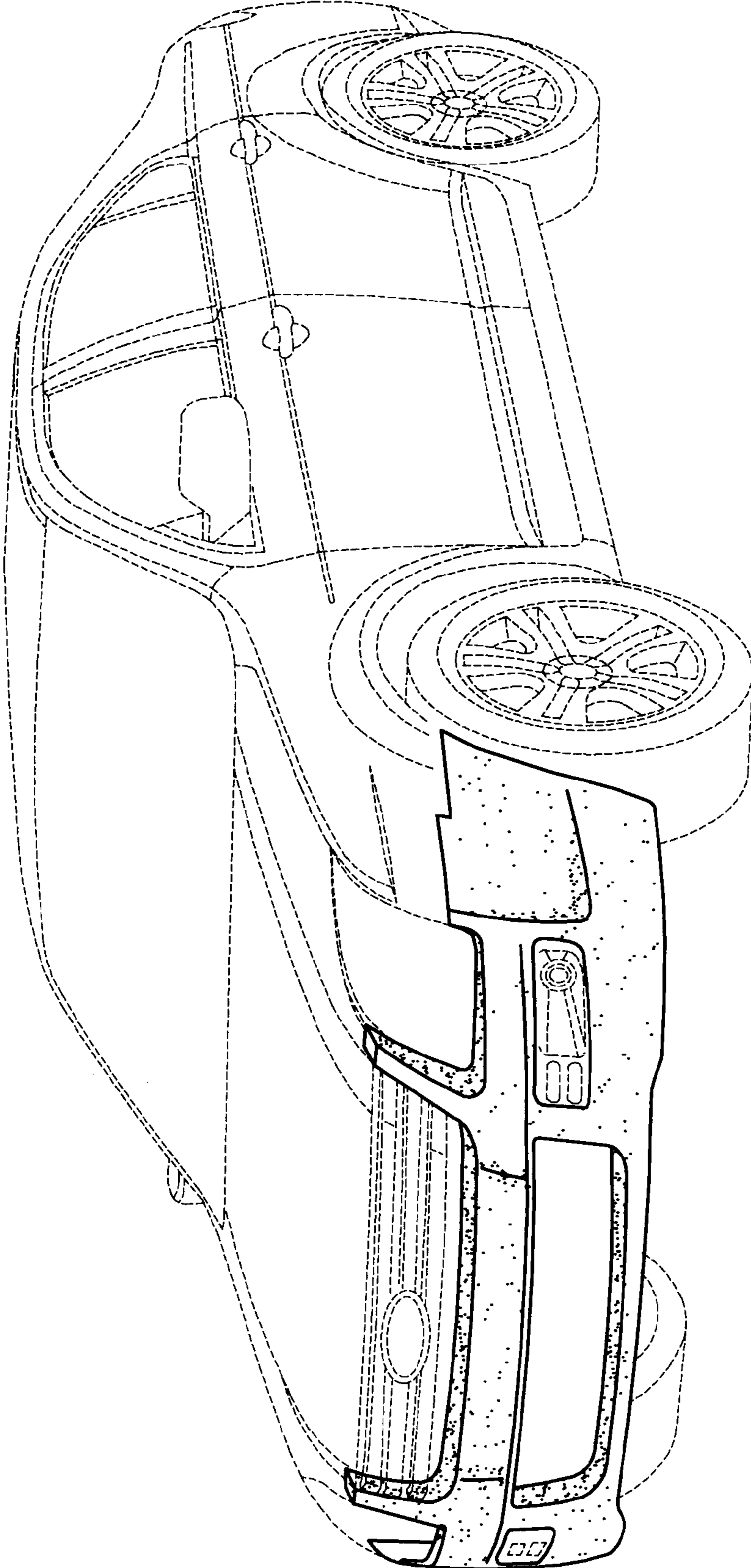


FIG-1

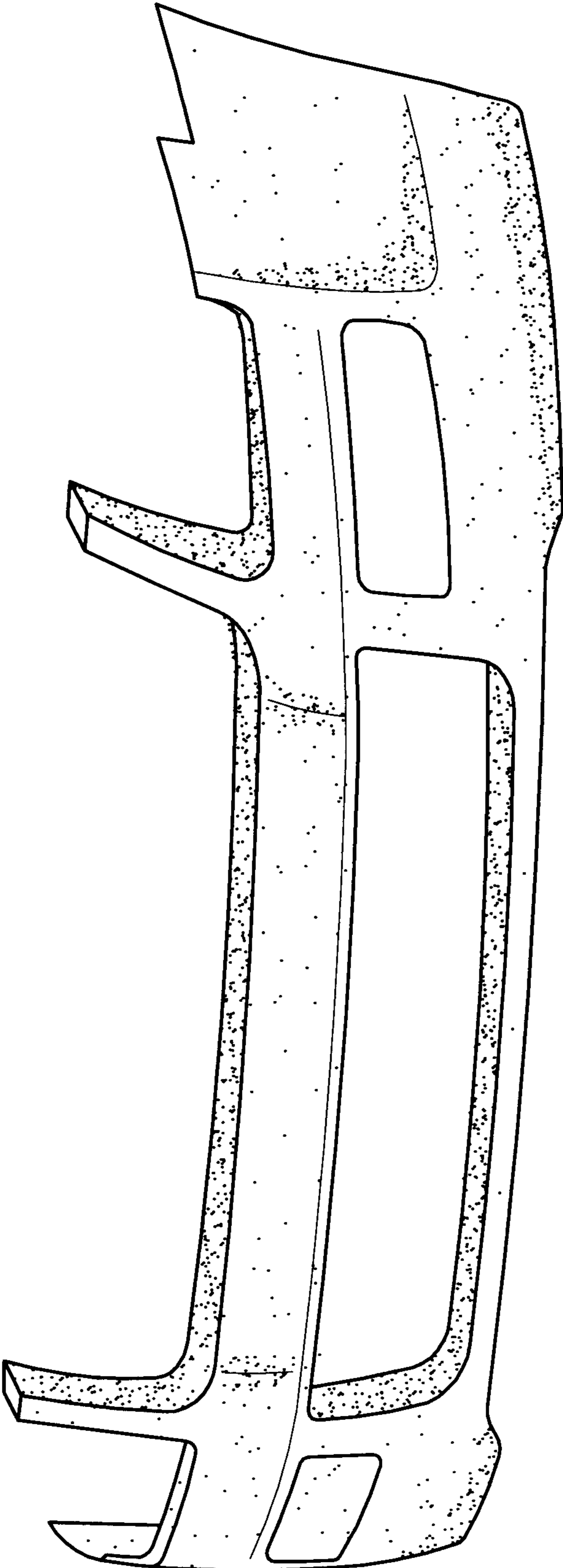


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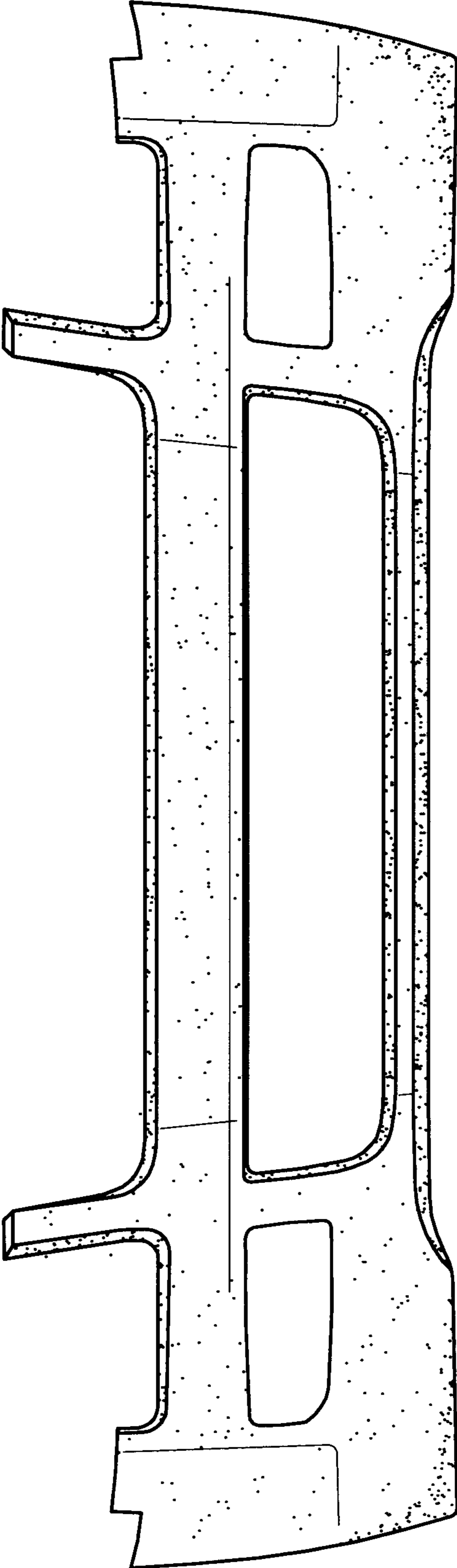


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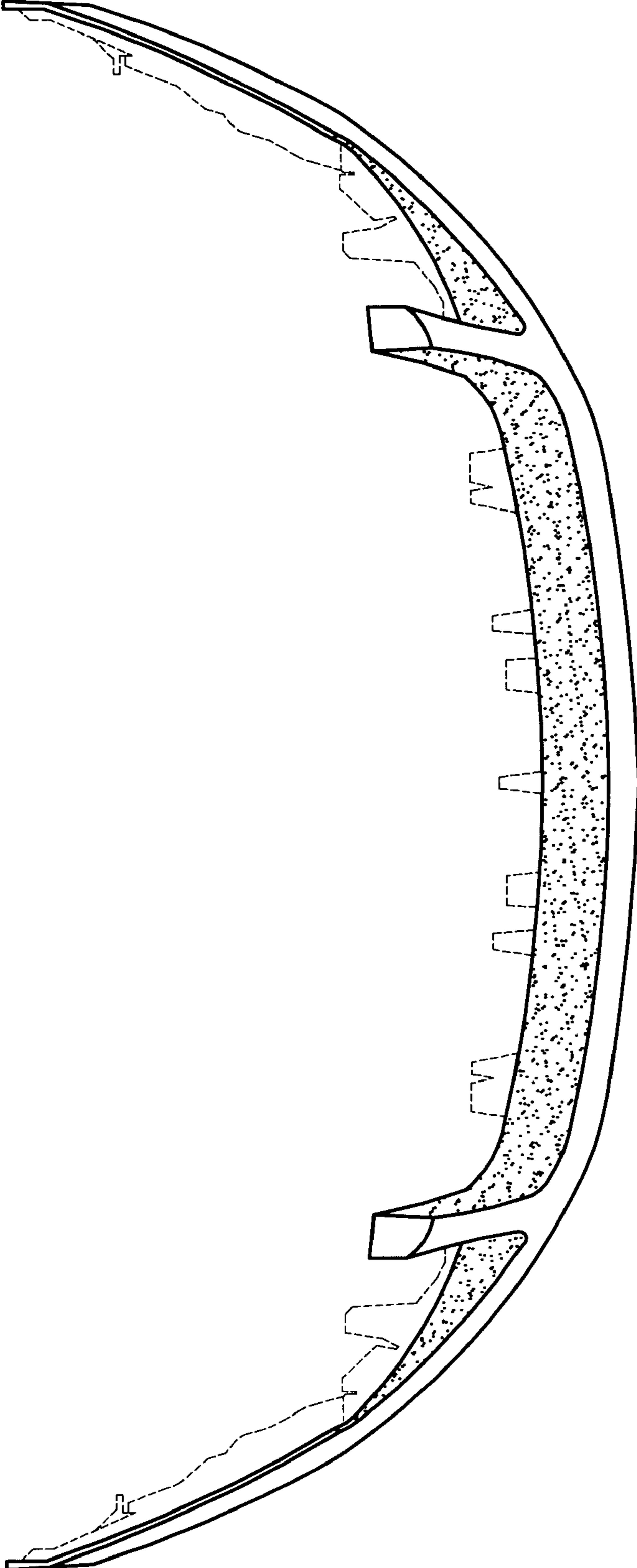


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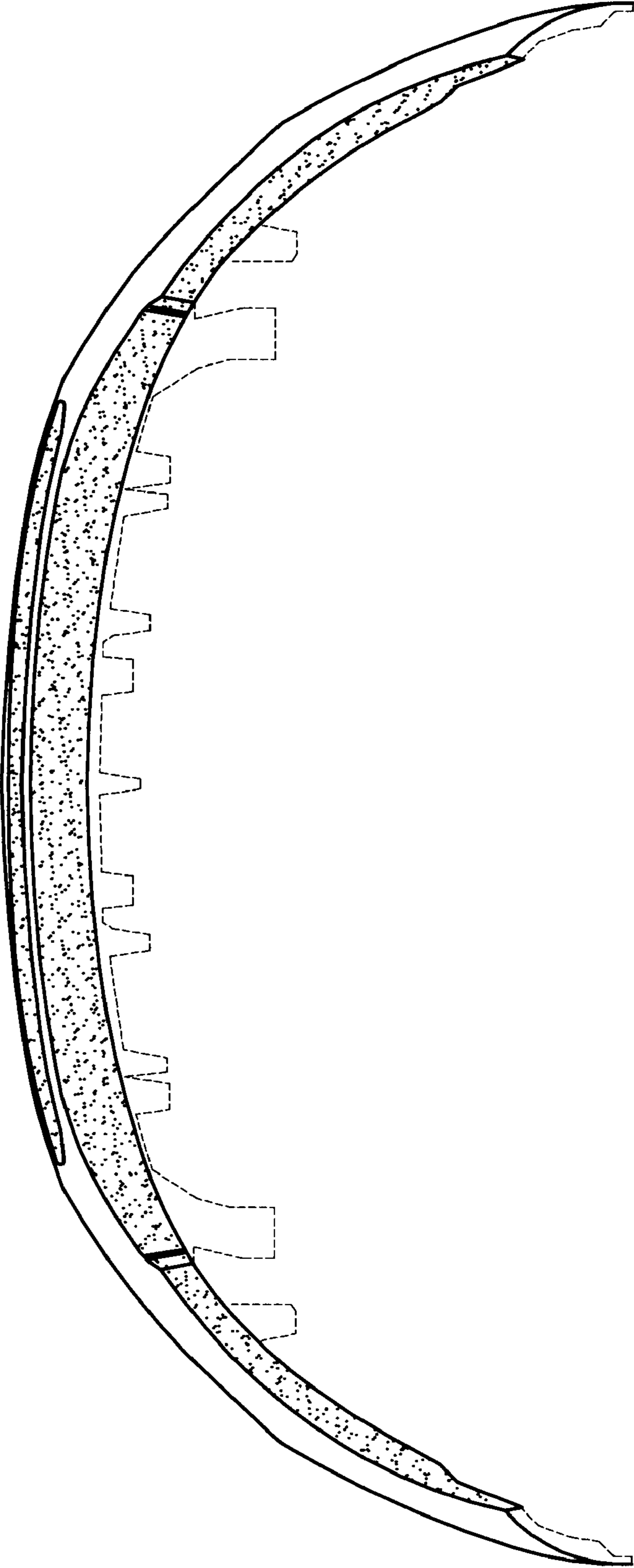


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