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(54) **PORTIONS OF A FRUIT RIPENING CONTAINER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for portions of a fruit ripening container, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a fruit ripening container.

FIG. 2 is a front view of portions of the fruit ripening container of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is top view of portions of the fruit ripening container of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a side view of the portions of a fruit ripening container of FIG. 1. The opposite side of the portions of a fruit ripening container is a mirror image of the side view.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a fruit ripening container.

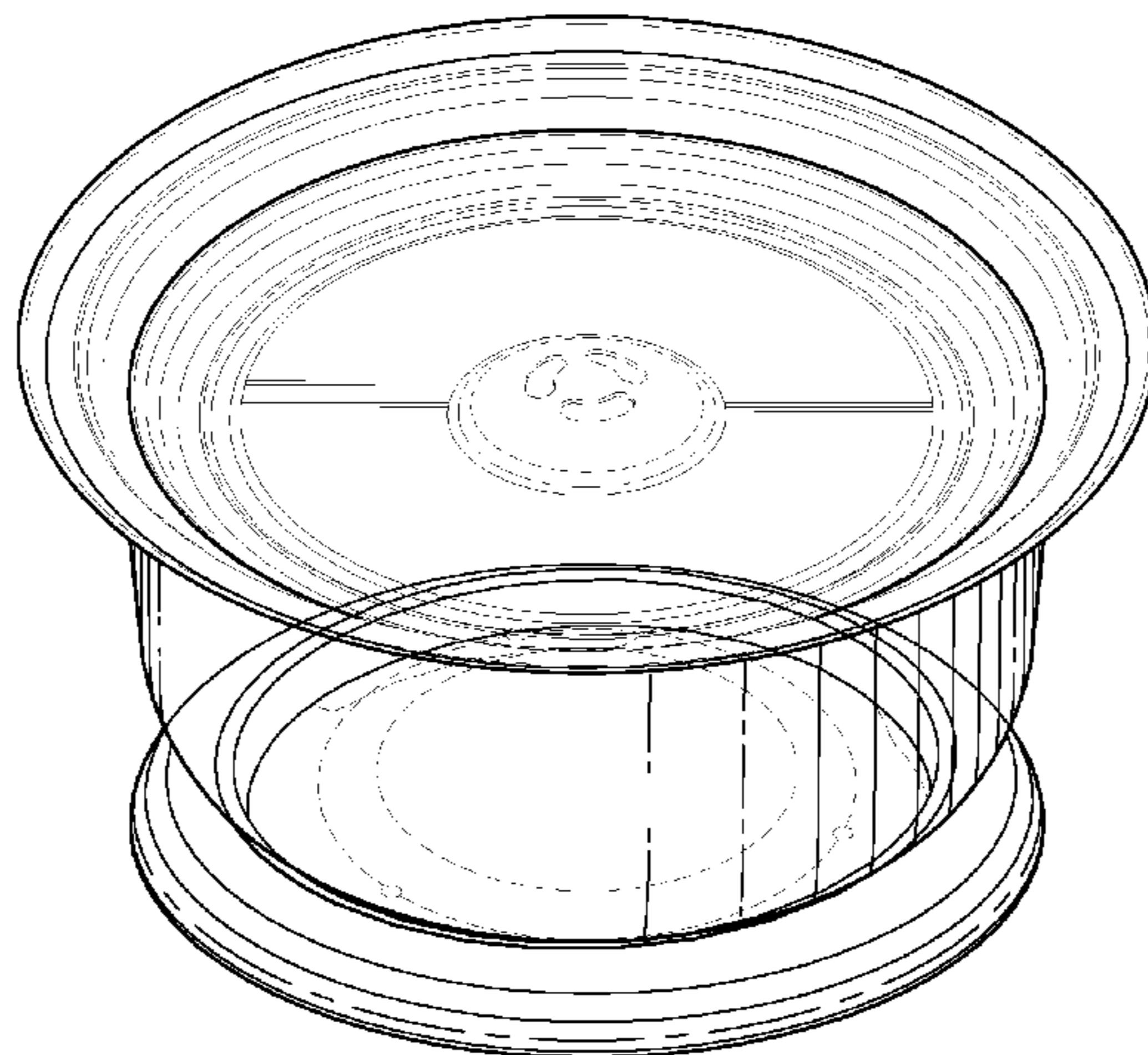
FIG. 6 is a front view of portions of the fruit ripening container of FIG. 5.

FIG. 7 is a top view of portions of the fruit ripening container of FIG. 5; and,

FIG. 8 is a side view of the portions of a fruit ripening container of FIG. 1. The opposite side portions of the fruit ripening container is a mirror image of the side shown.

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

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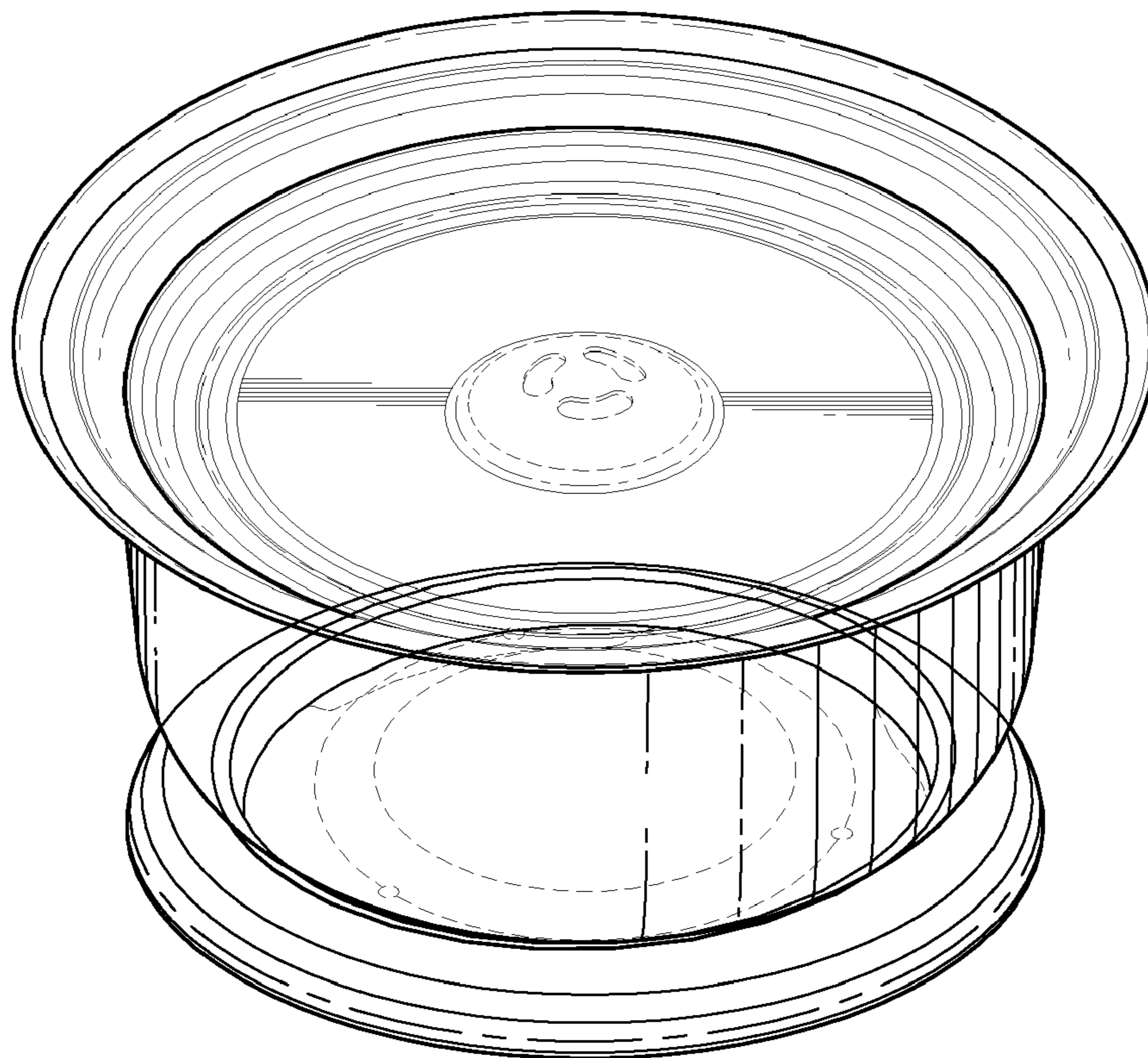
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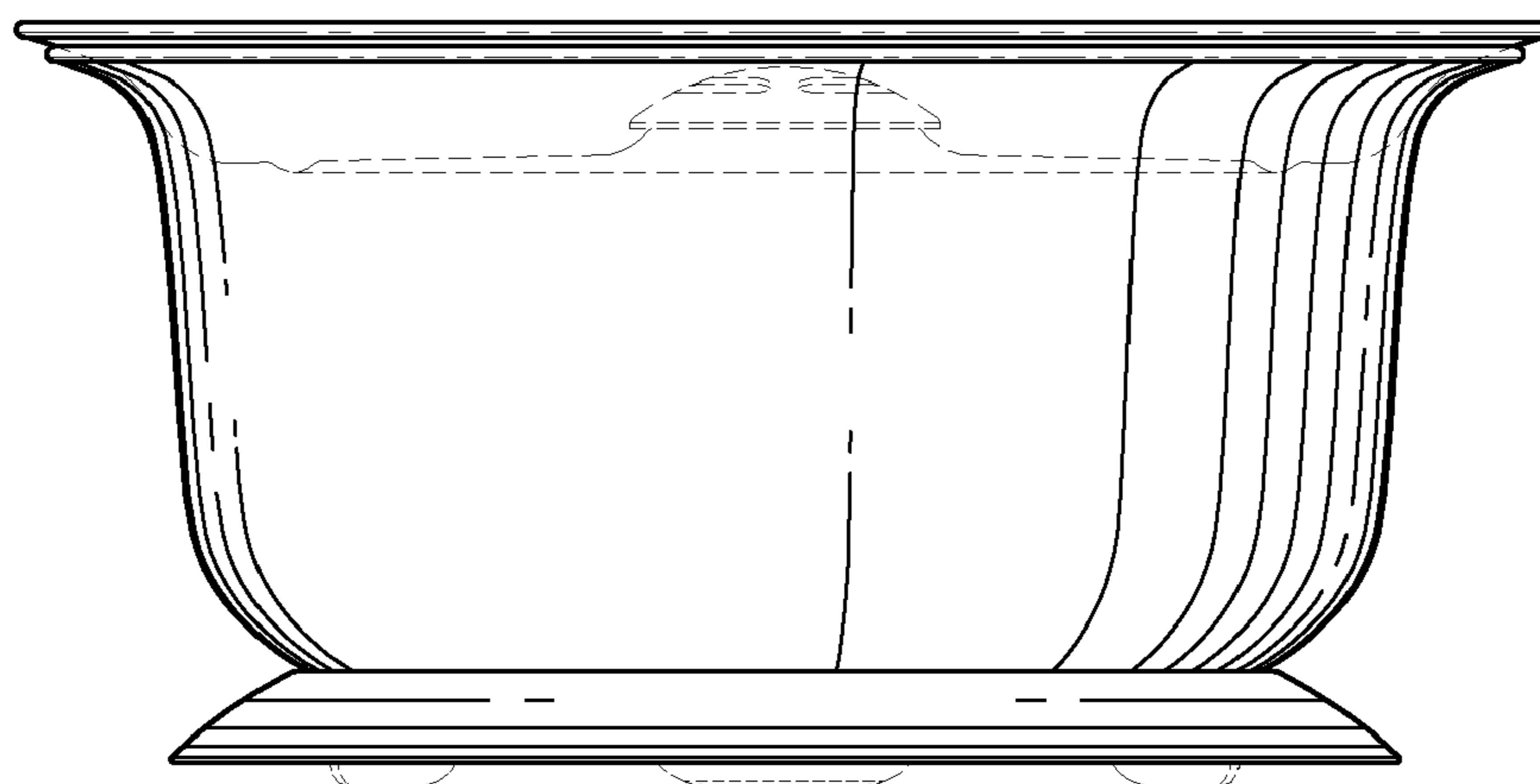
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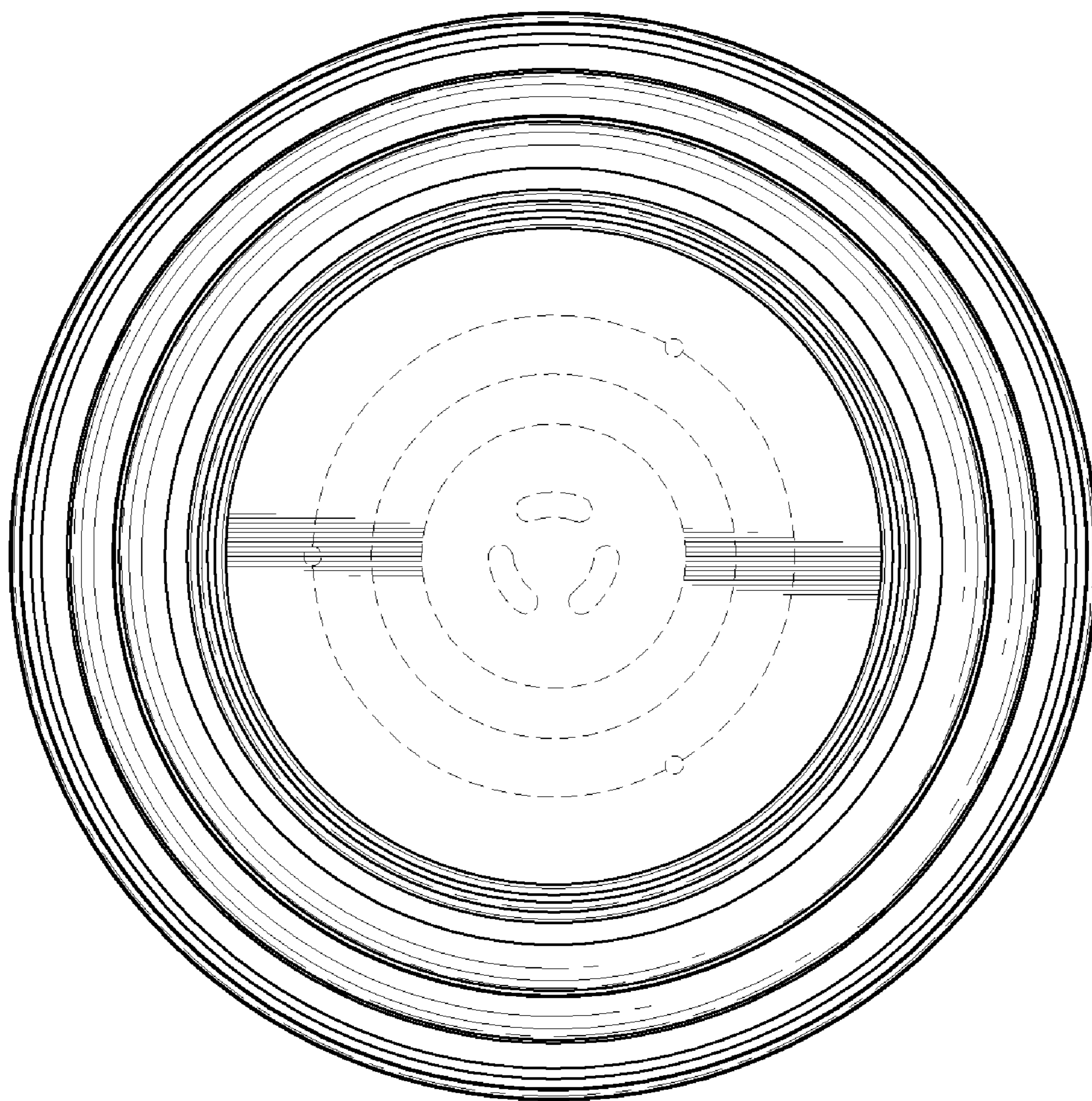
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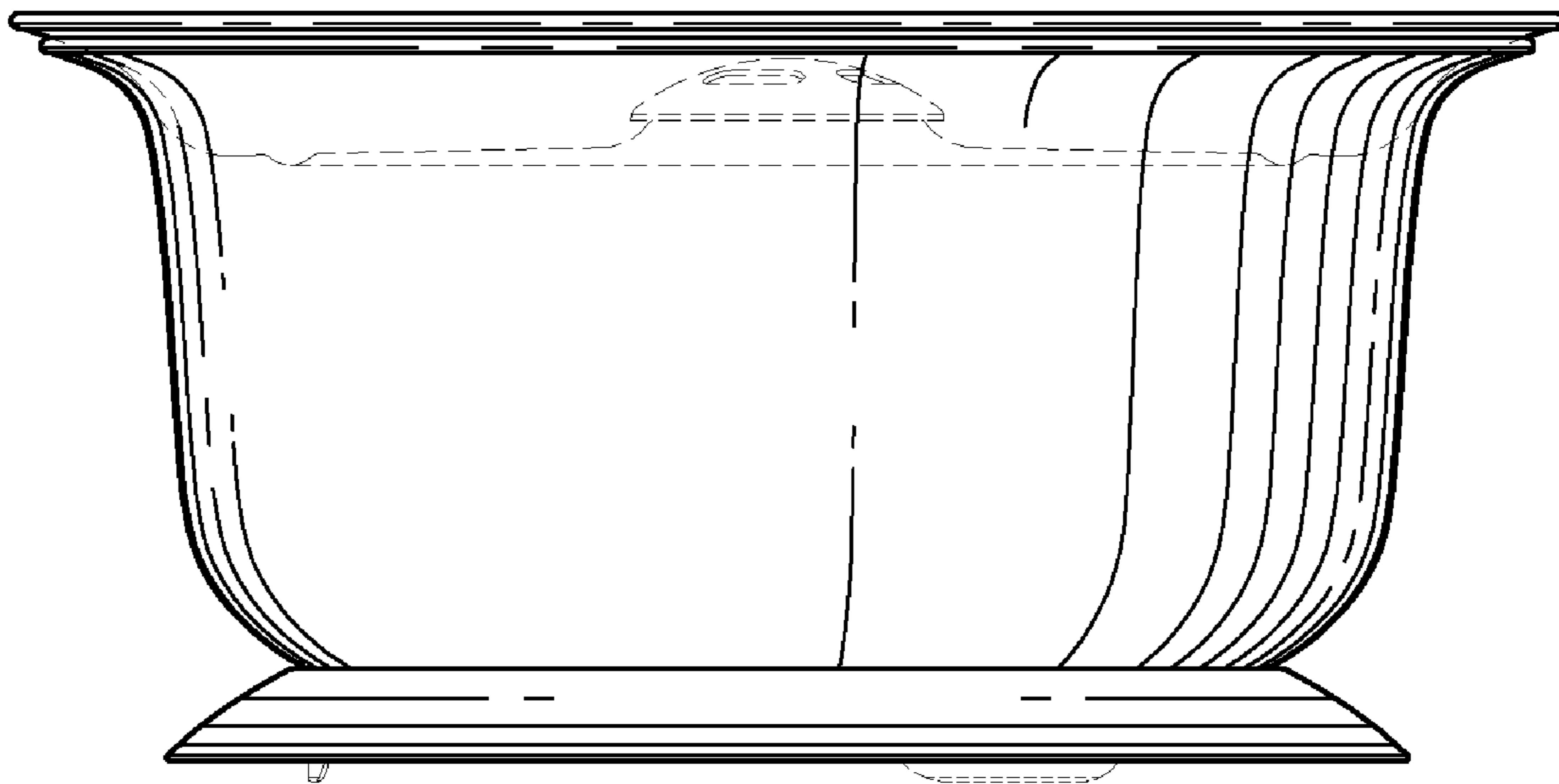
*FIG. 1*



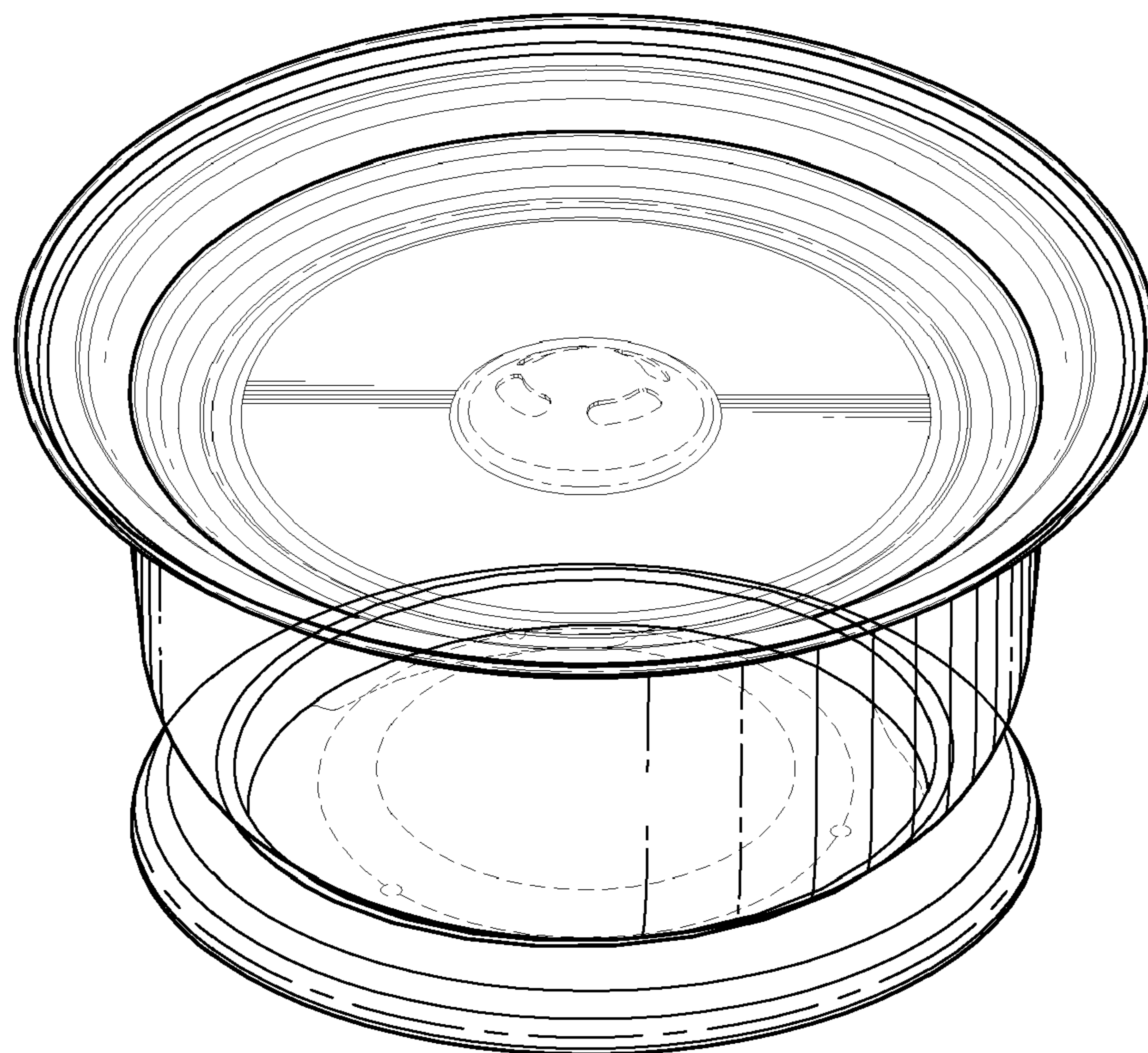
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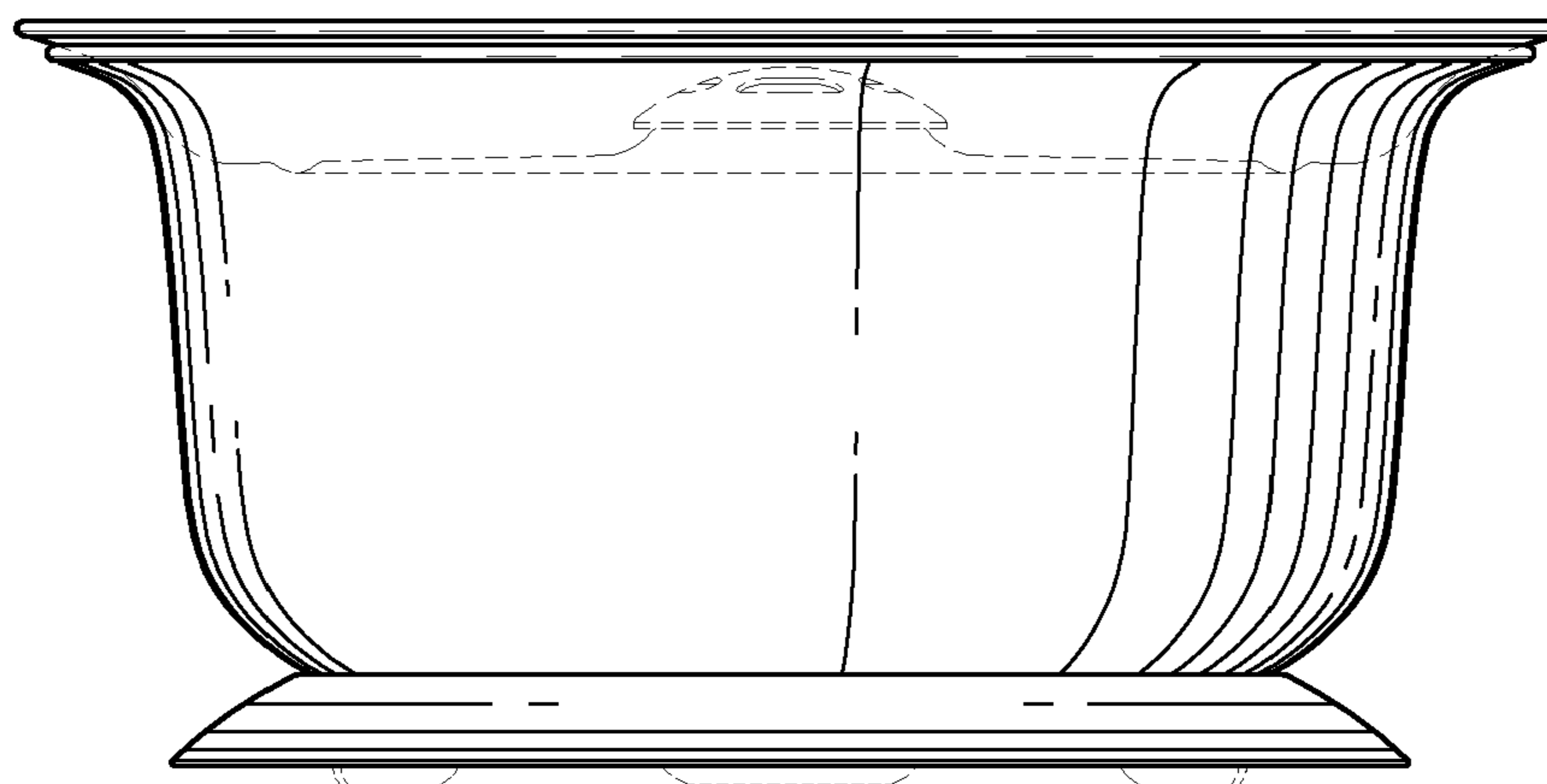
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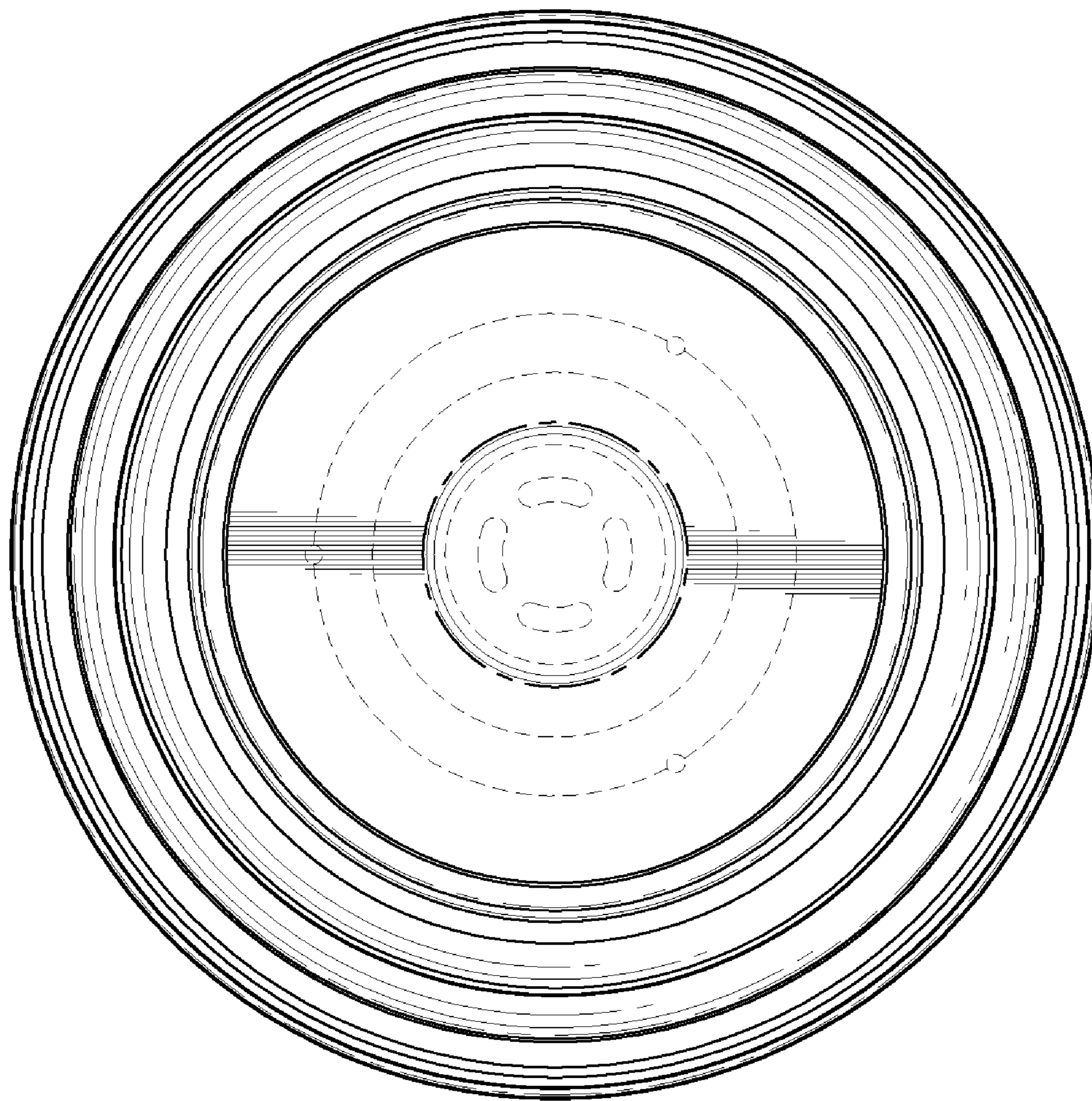
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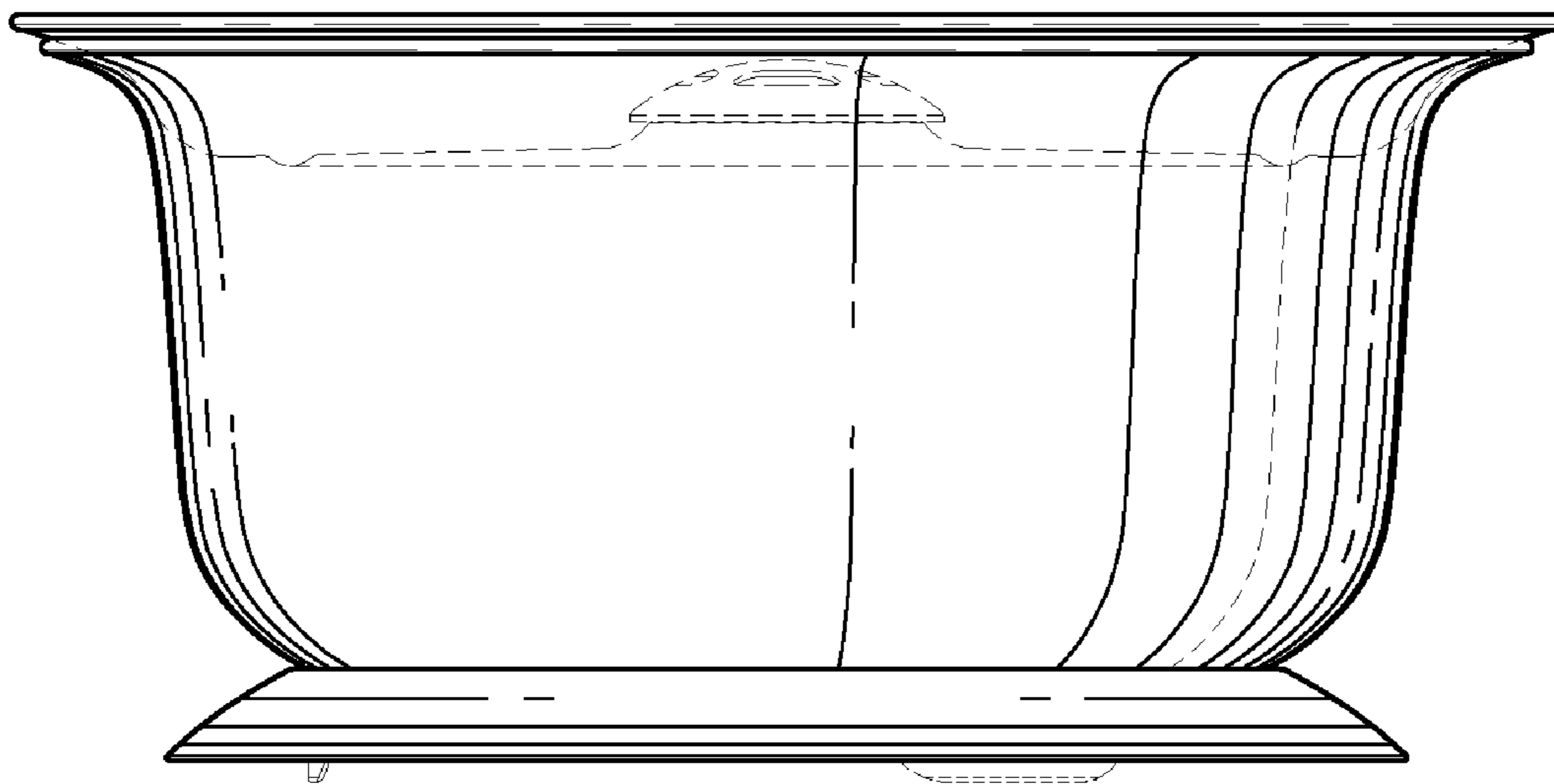
*FIG. 5*



*FIG. 6*



*FIG. 7*



*FIG. 8*