



US00D553254S

(12) **United States Design Patent**  
**Colin et al.**

(10) **Patent No.:** **US D553,254 S**  
(45) **Date of Patent:** **\*\* Oct. 16, 2007**

(54) **SPECIMEN CONTAINER**

(75) Inventors: **Bruno Colin**, Marcy l'Etoile (FR);  
**Sylvain Baeyaert**, Saint Genis les  
Ollieres (FR); **Chris Ronsick**, Durham,  
NC (US); **Mark Wilson**, Hillsborough,  
NC (US)

(73) Assignee: **bioMérieux, Inc.**, Durham, NC (US)

(\*\*) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/238,063**

(22) Filed: **Sep. 9, 2005**

(51) **LOC (8) Cl.** ..... **24-01**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D24/224**

(58) **Field of Classification Search** ..... D24/216-230,  
D24/110, 121; D9/439, 440, 503, 521, 544,  
D9/560; 422/99-102, 104; 435/288.1, 288.2,  
435/294.1, 295.1; 356/246; 215/227, 296  
See application file for complete search history.

(56) **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

D177,493 S *	4/1956	Burnside	.....	D24/224
3,460,702 A *	8/1969	Andrews	.....	215/247
D318,800 S *	8/1991	Serkes et al.	.....	D9/556
5,230,427 A *	7/1993	Betts et al.	.....	206/213.1
5,310,261 A *	5/1994	Blue et al.	.....	374/150

5,358,872 A *	10/1994	Mussi et al.	.....	422/102
D375,559 S *	11/1996	Baxter	.....	D24/224
D378,940 S *	4/1997	Baxter	.....	D24/224
D403,079 S *	12/1998	Pawlak et al.	.....	D24/224
D482,794 S *	11/2003	Whitley	.....	D24/224
D506,253 S *	6/2005	Cinco	.....	D24/121

\* cited by examiner

*Primary Examiner*—Lou Zarfaz  
*Assistant Examiner*—Anhdao Doan

(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a specimen container, as shown and described

**DESCRIPTION**

The specimen container is intended for use with a microbial detection apparatus and is designed to hold a culture medium and a specimen which is to be analyzed for the presence of microorganisms.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the design;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the specimen container shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a bottom view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view of the specimen container shown in FIG. 1

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

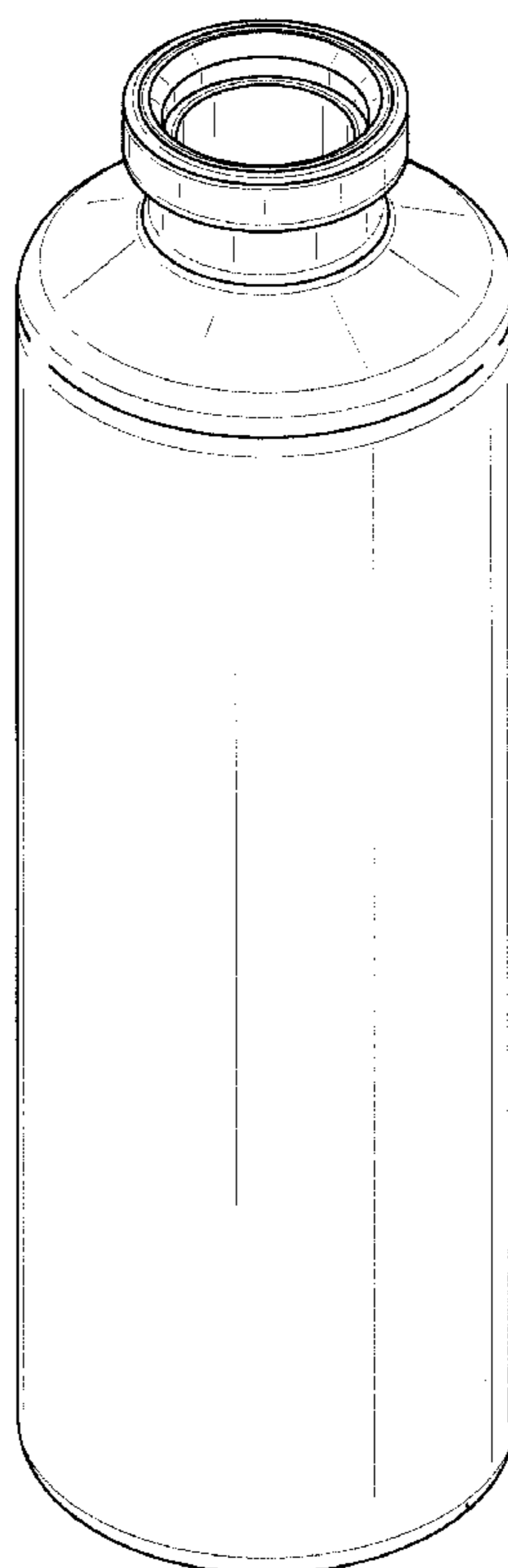


FIG. 1

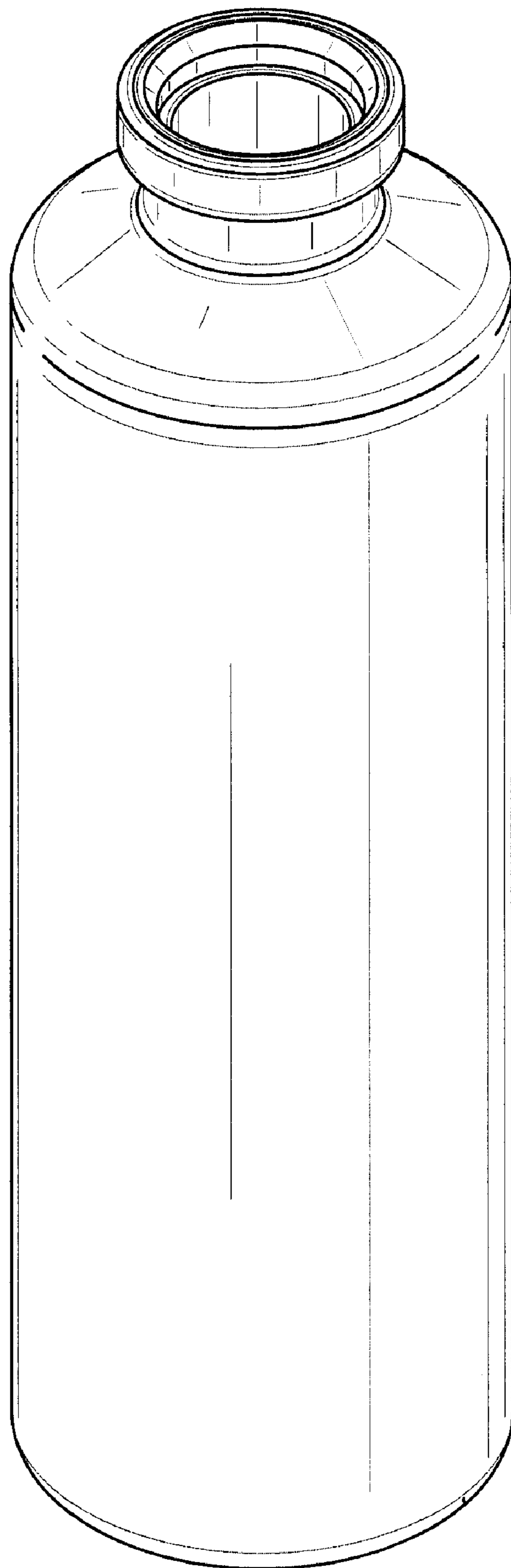


FIG. 2

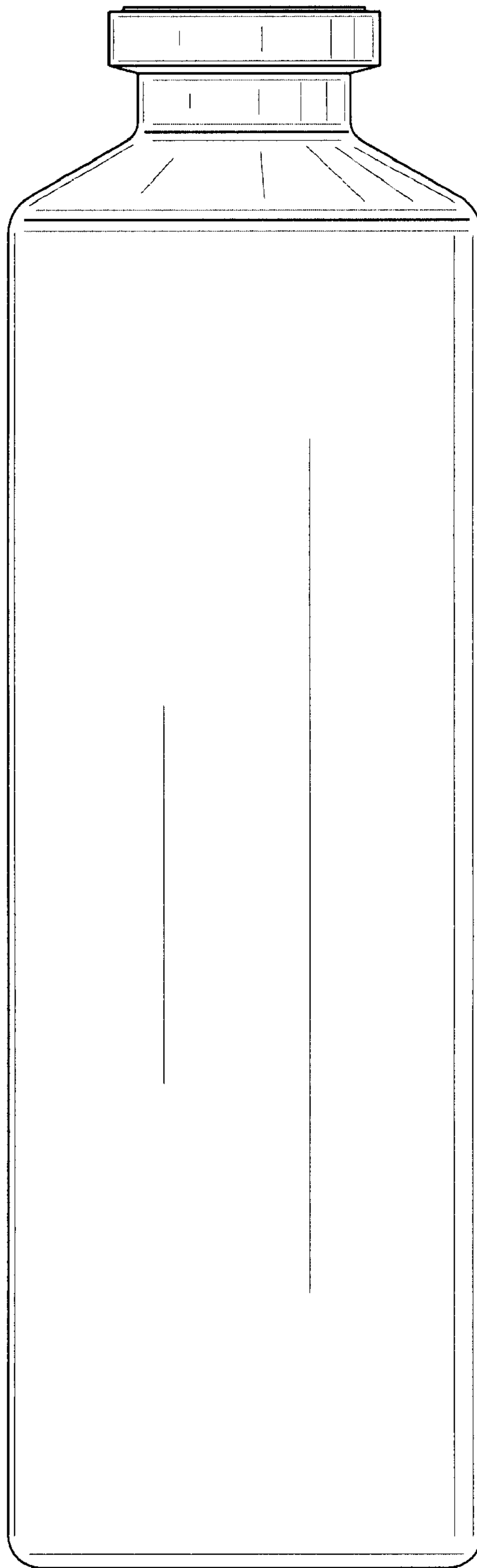


FIG. 3

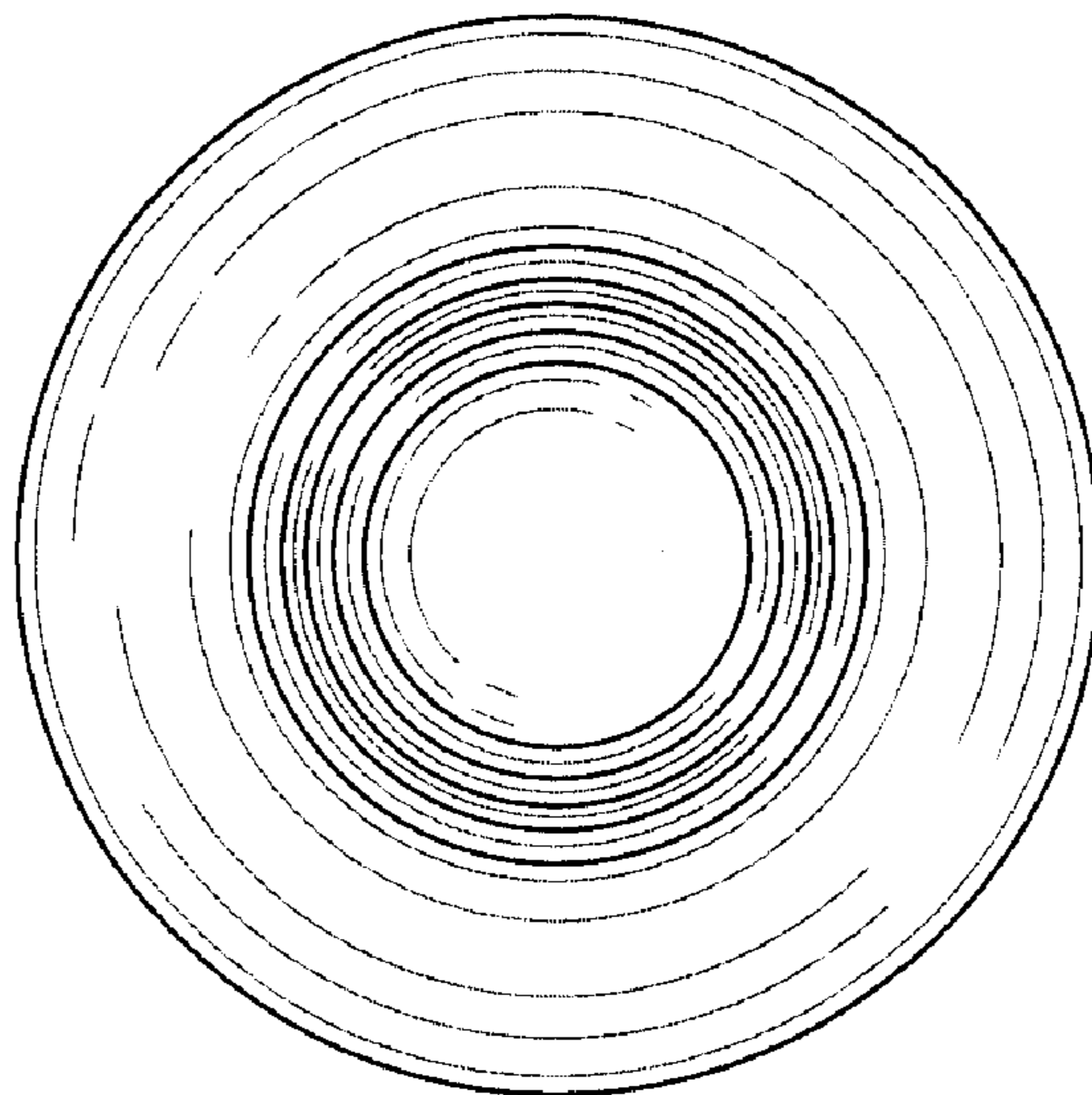


FIG. 4

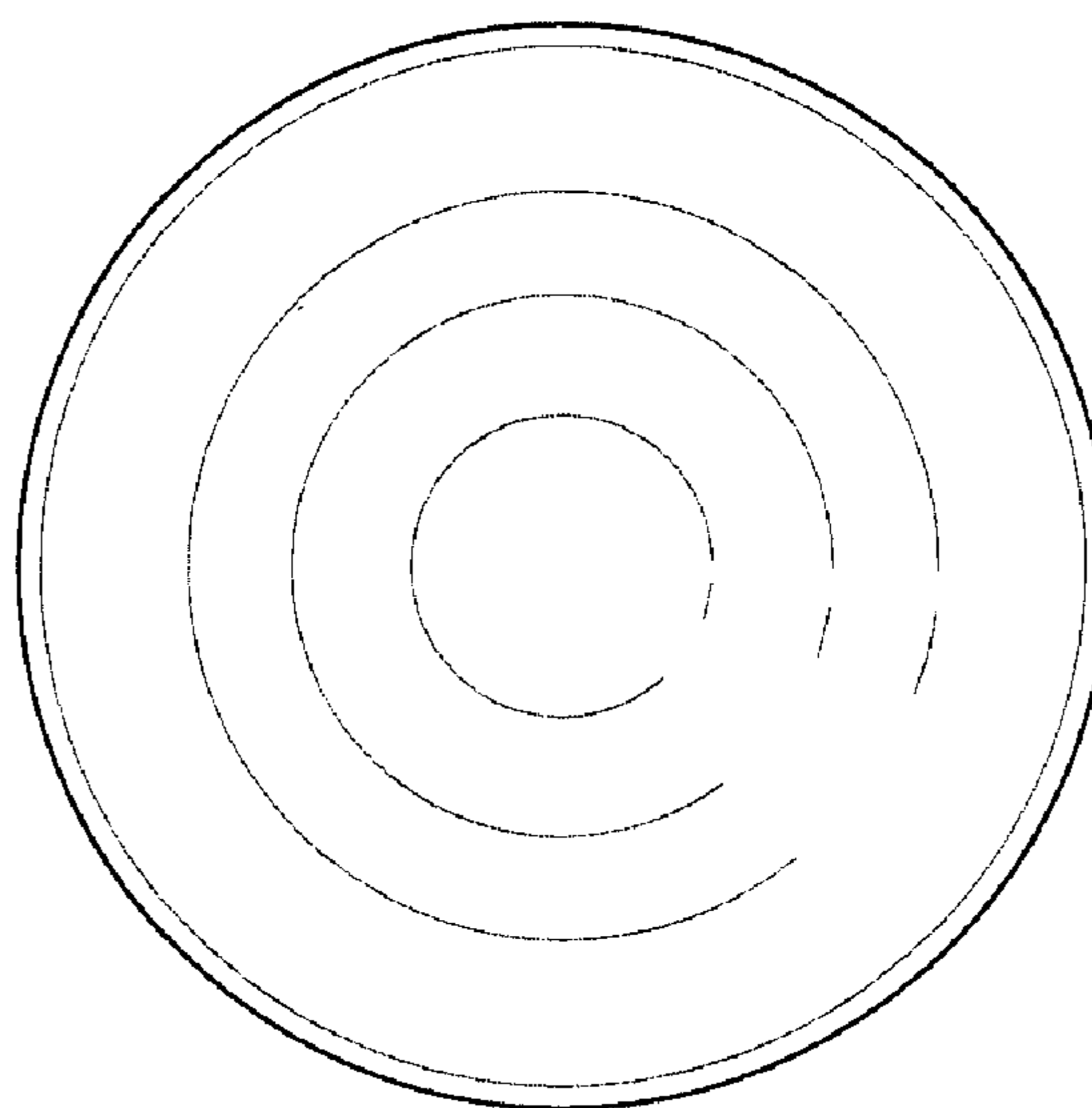


FIG. 5

