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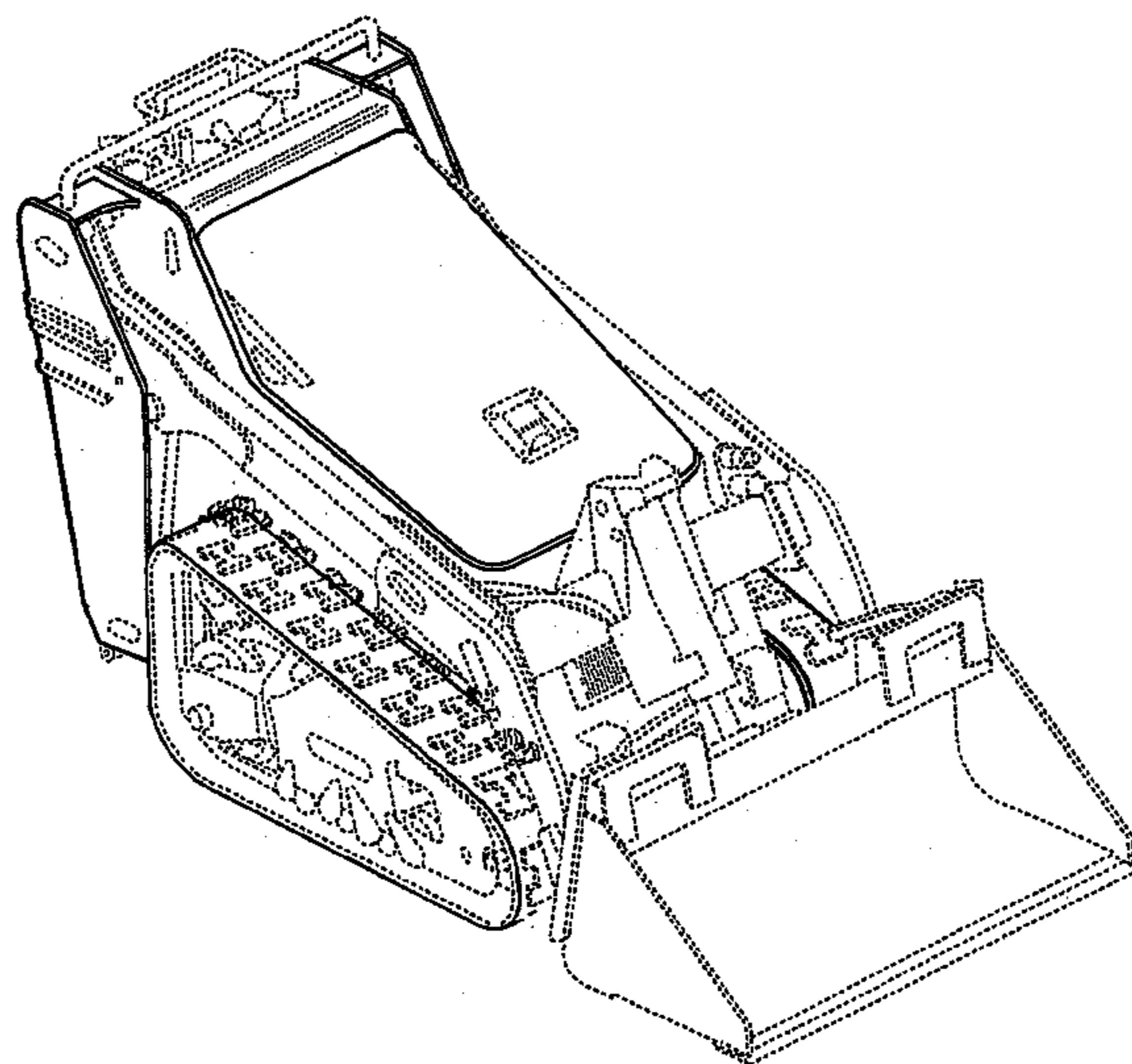
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a track for a small loader, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a track for a small loader showing our new design in use condition;  
 FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;  
 FIG. 3 is a top plan view of thereof with parts of the loader removed to show the tracks embodying our new design;  
 FIG. 4 is a front elevational view thereof;  
 FIG. 5 is a front elevational view thereof with parts of the loader removed to show the tracks embodying our new design;  
 FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
 FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
 FIG. 8 is a rear elevational view thereof;  
 FIG. 9 is a rear elevational view thereof with parts of the loader removed to show the tracks embodying our new design; and,  
 FIG. 10 is a bottom plan view thereof. The broken line representations are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 10 Drawing Sheets**



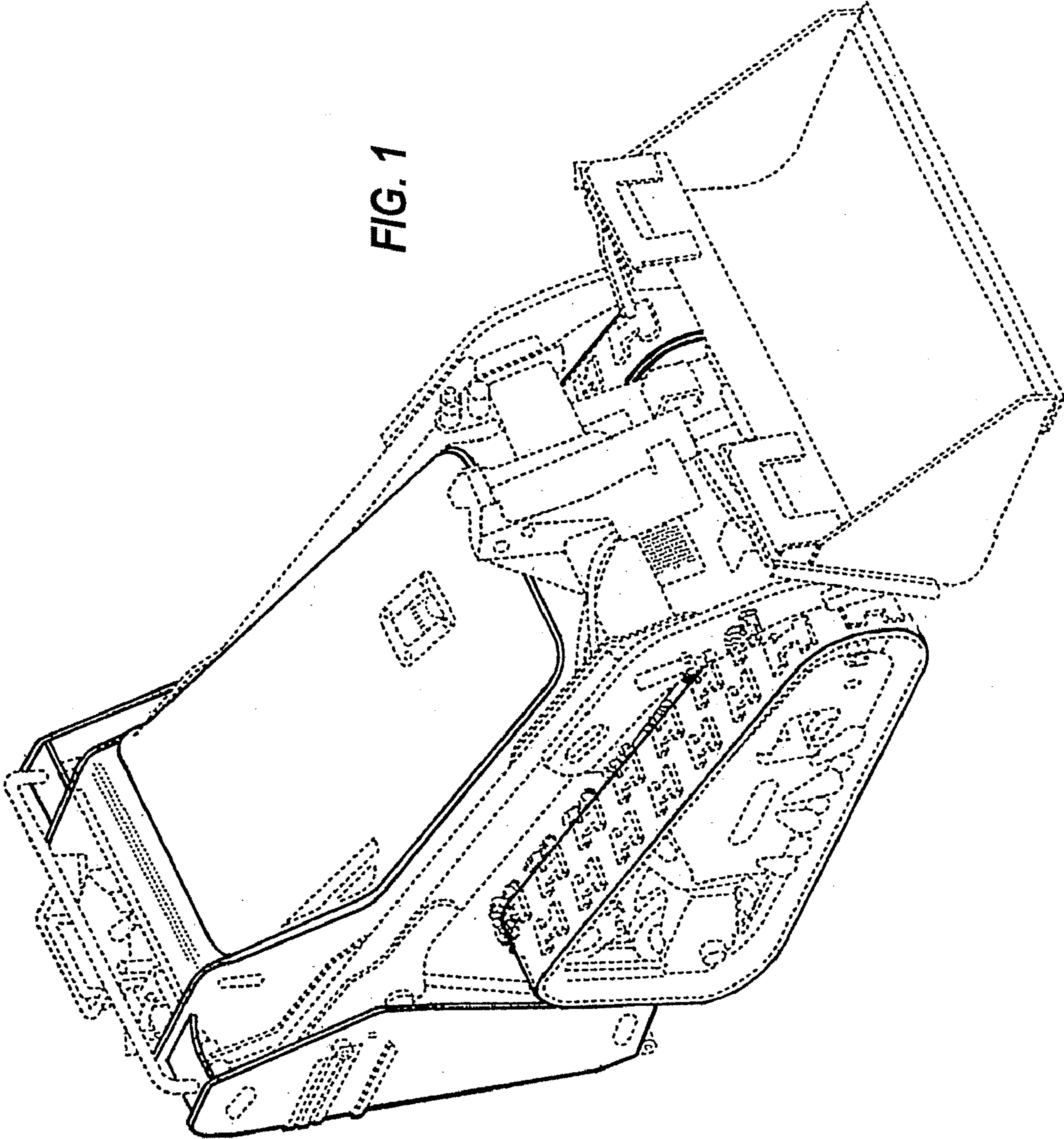
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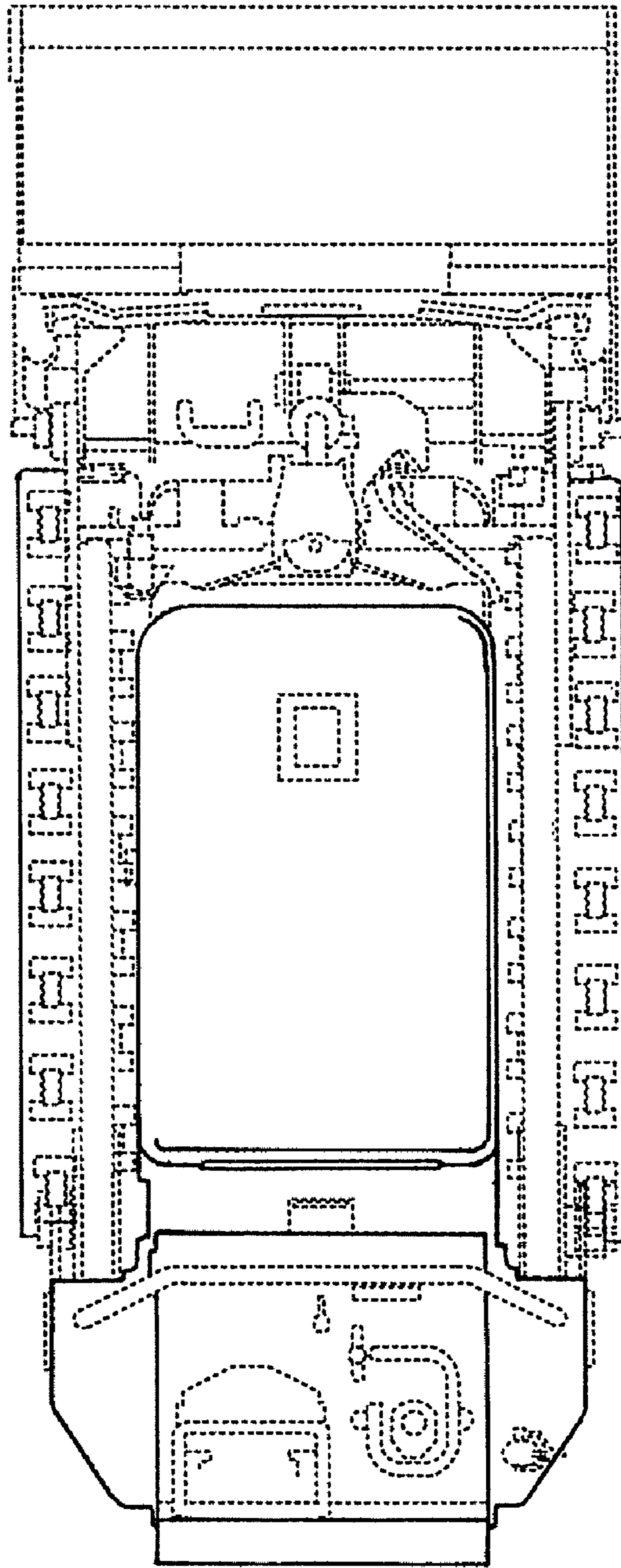


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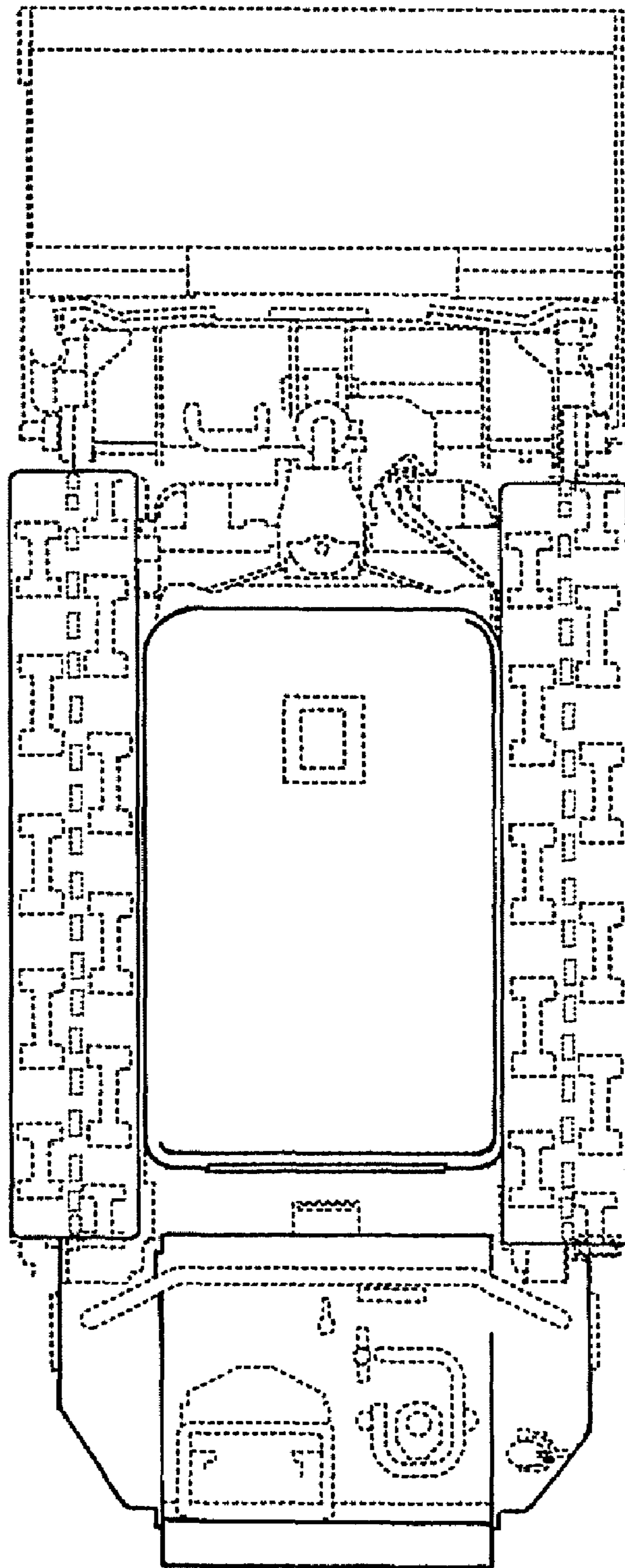
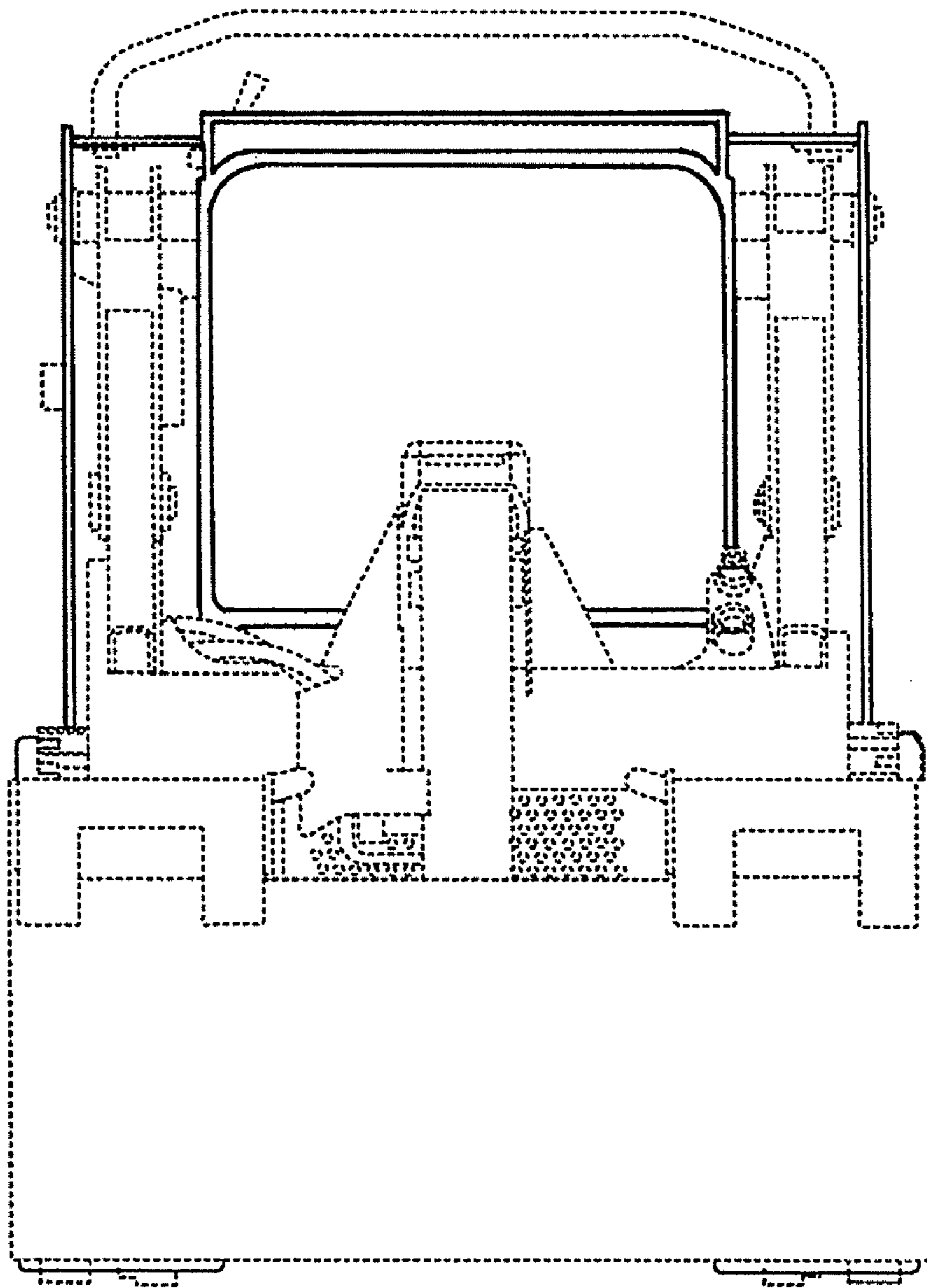
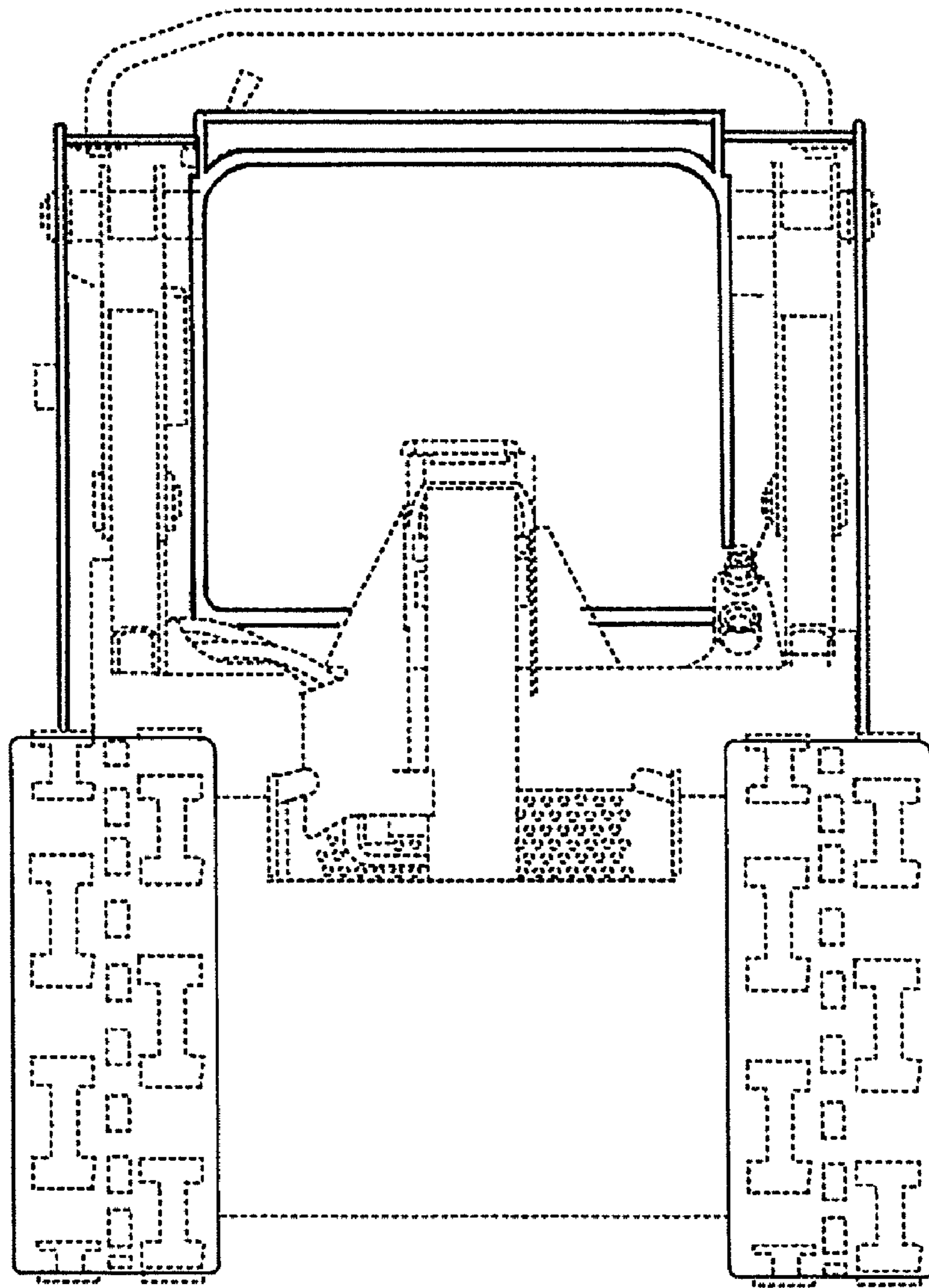


FIG. 3



**FIG. 4**



**FIG. 5**

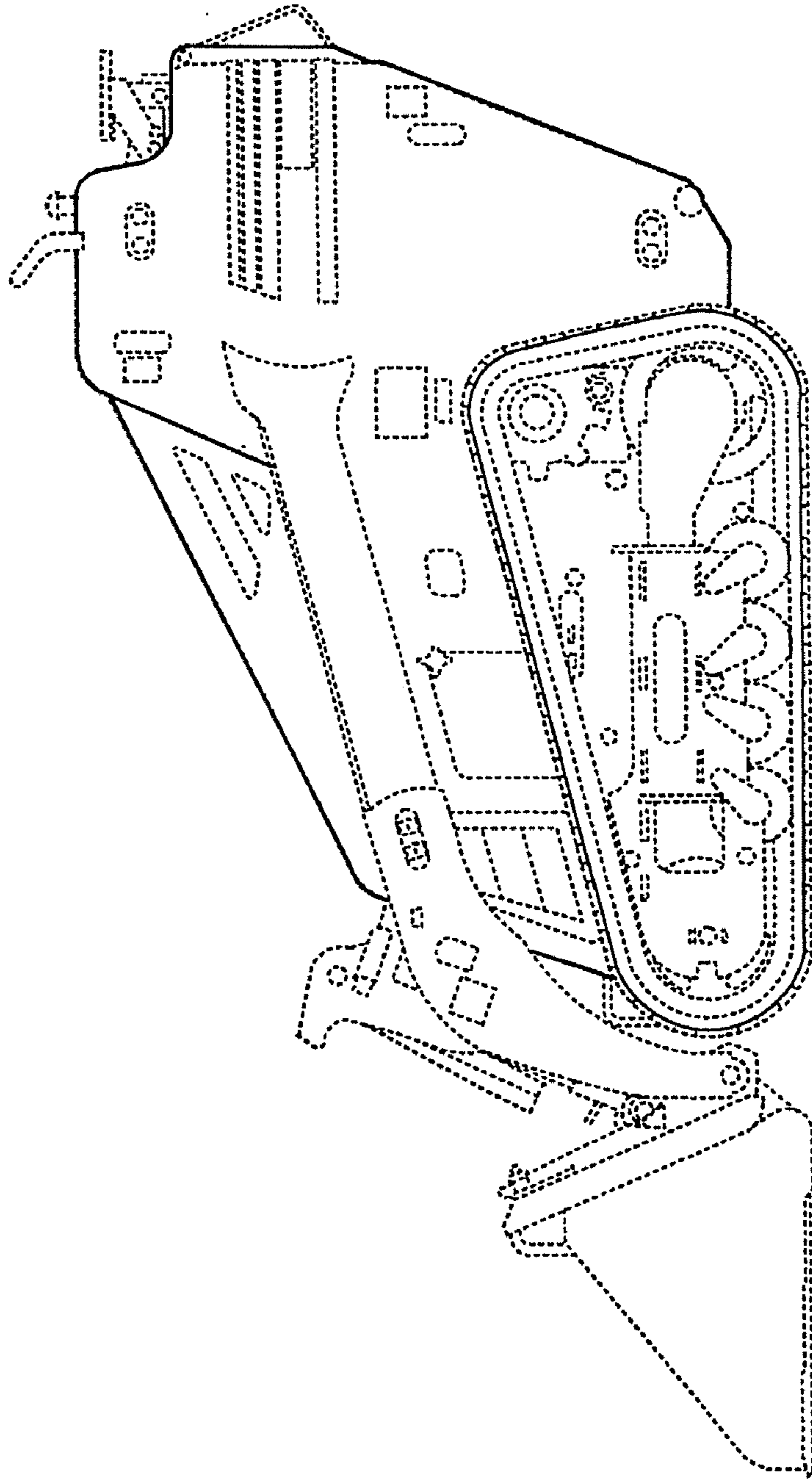


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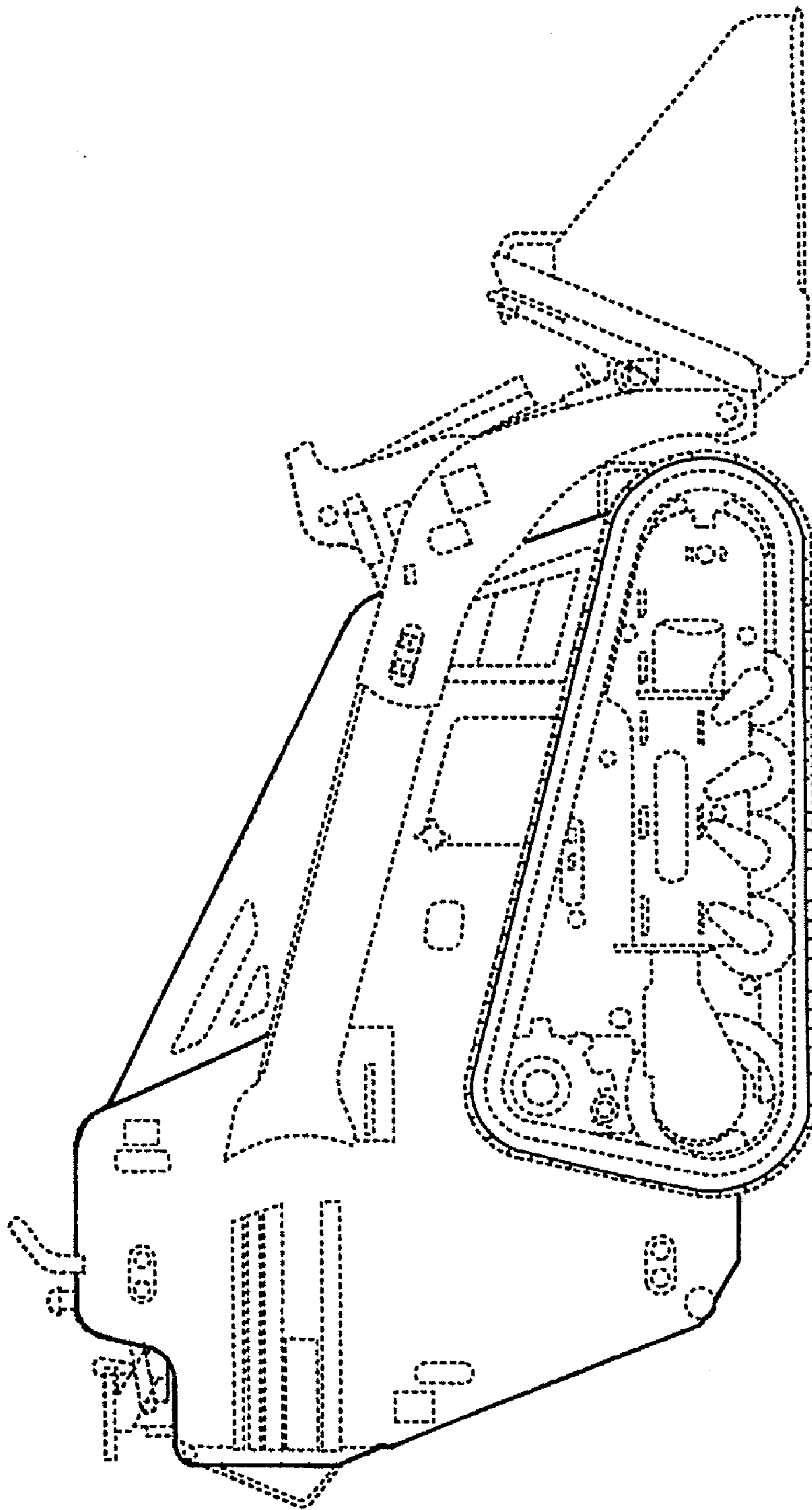


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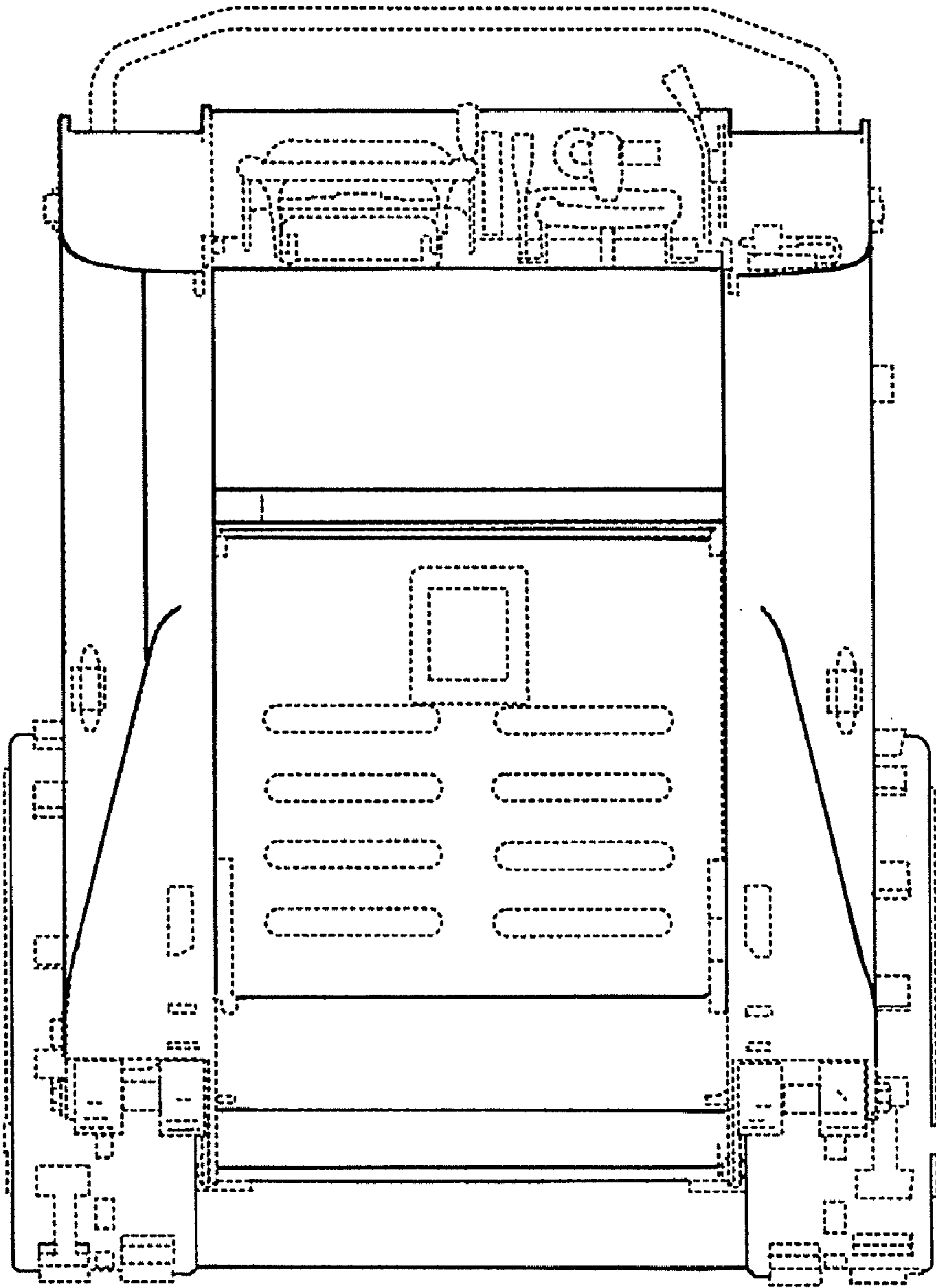


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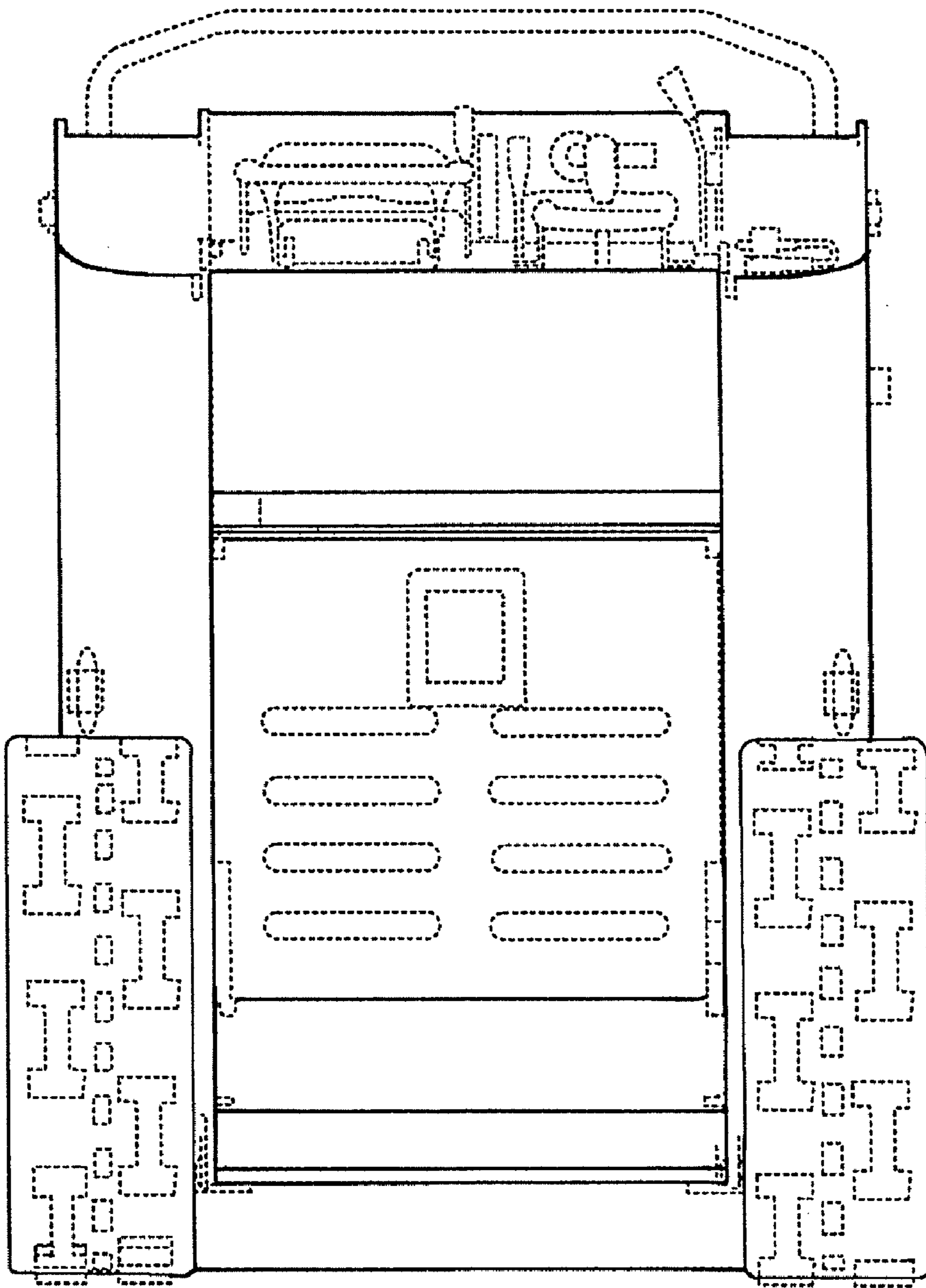


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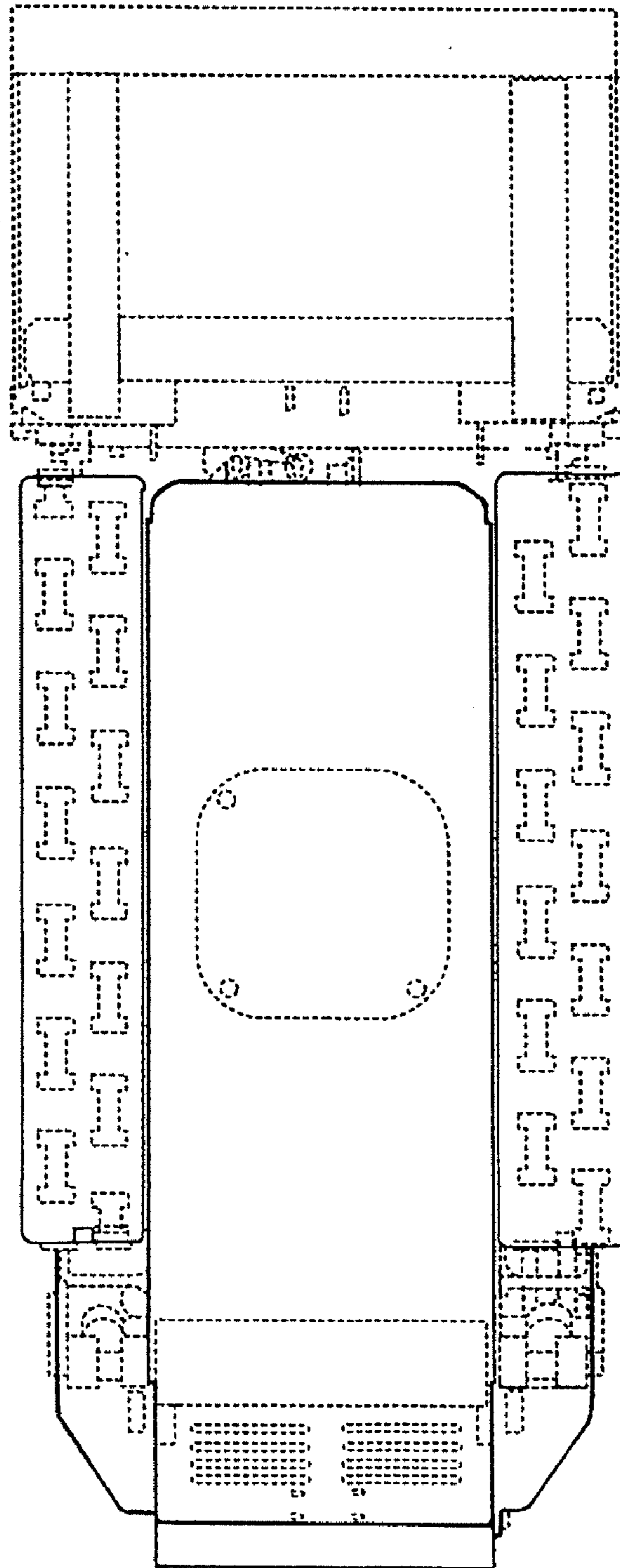


FIG. 10