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(54) **PORTION OF A VEHICLE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a portion of a vehicle, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of a portion of a vehicle in accordance with the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a front elevation view of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1;

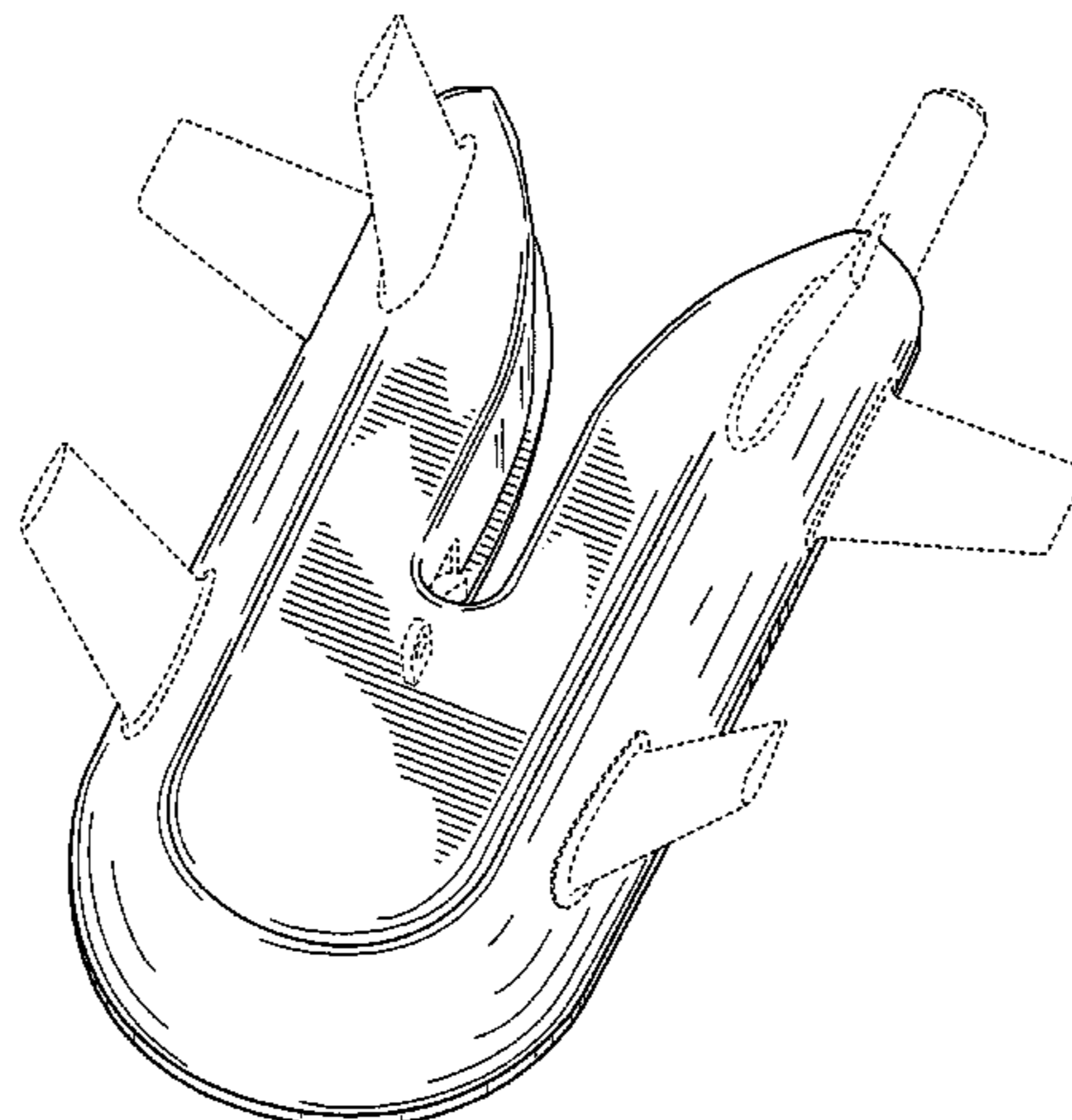
FIG. 5 is a bottom plan of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is a rear elevation view of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 7 is a left elevation view of the portion of the vehicle of FIG. 1, wherein the right elevation view of the underwater vehicle of FIG. 1 is a mirror image of FIG. 7.

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

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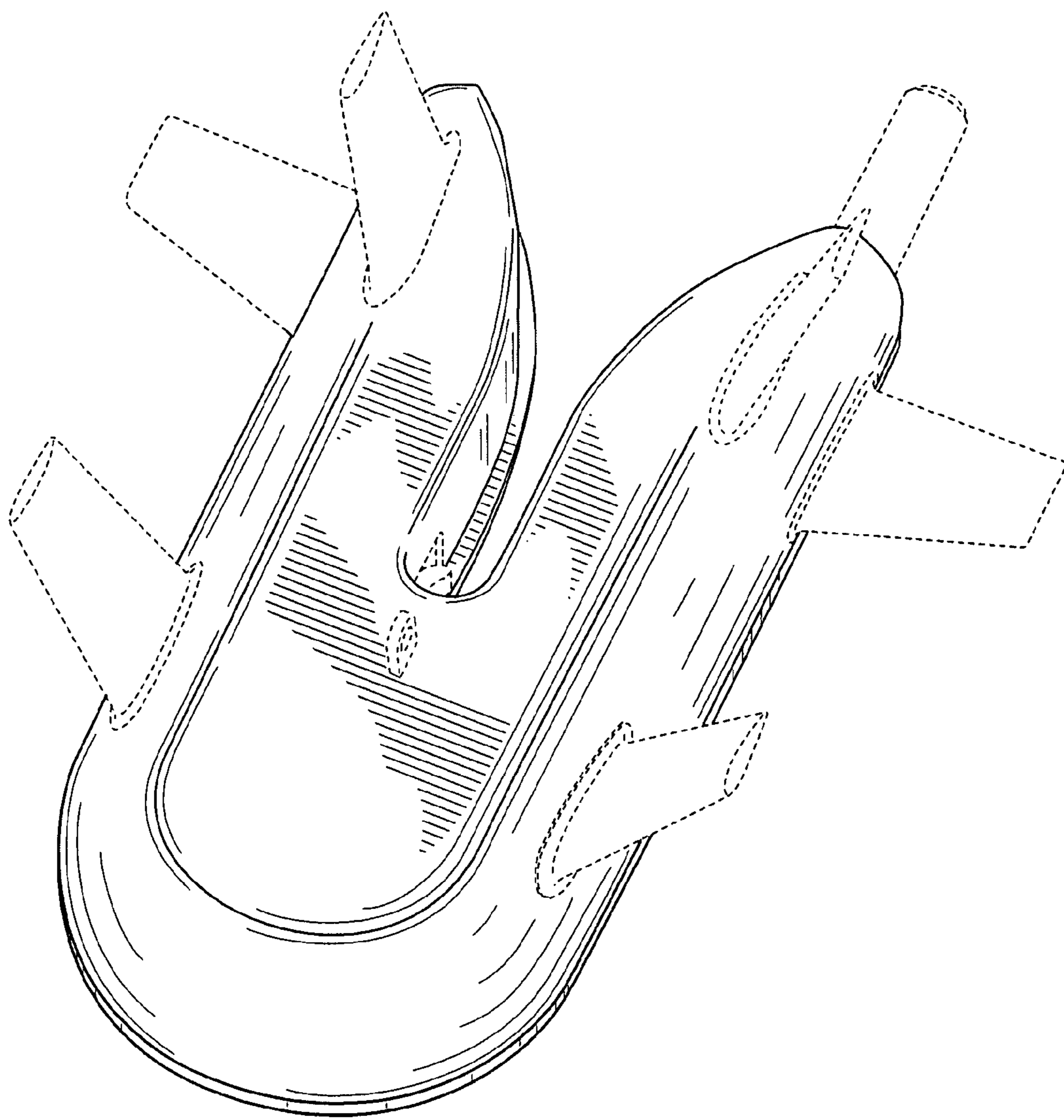


FIG. 1

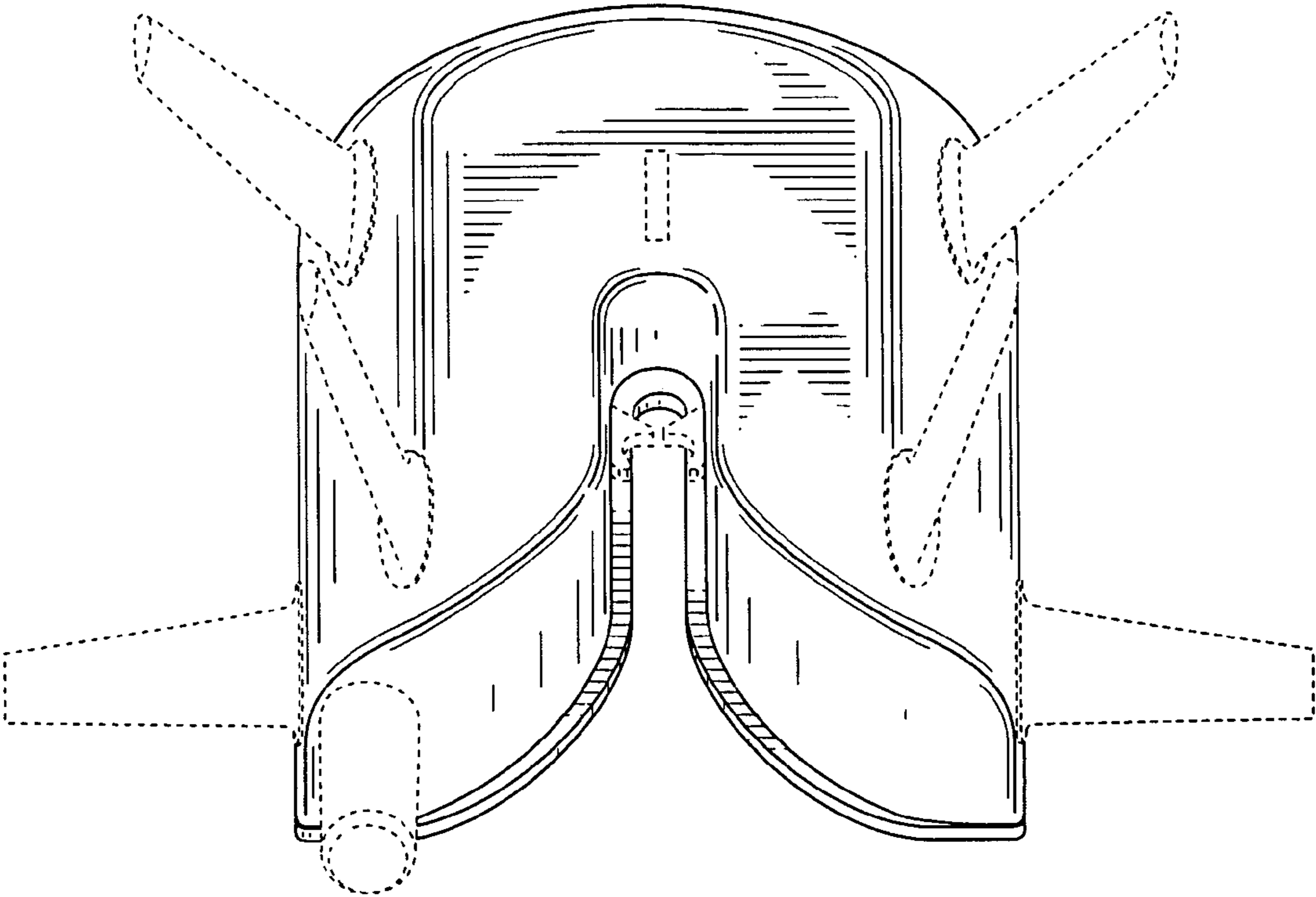
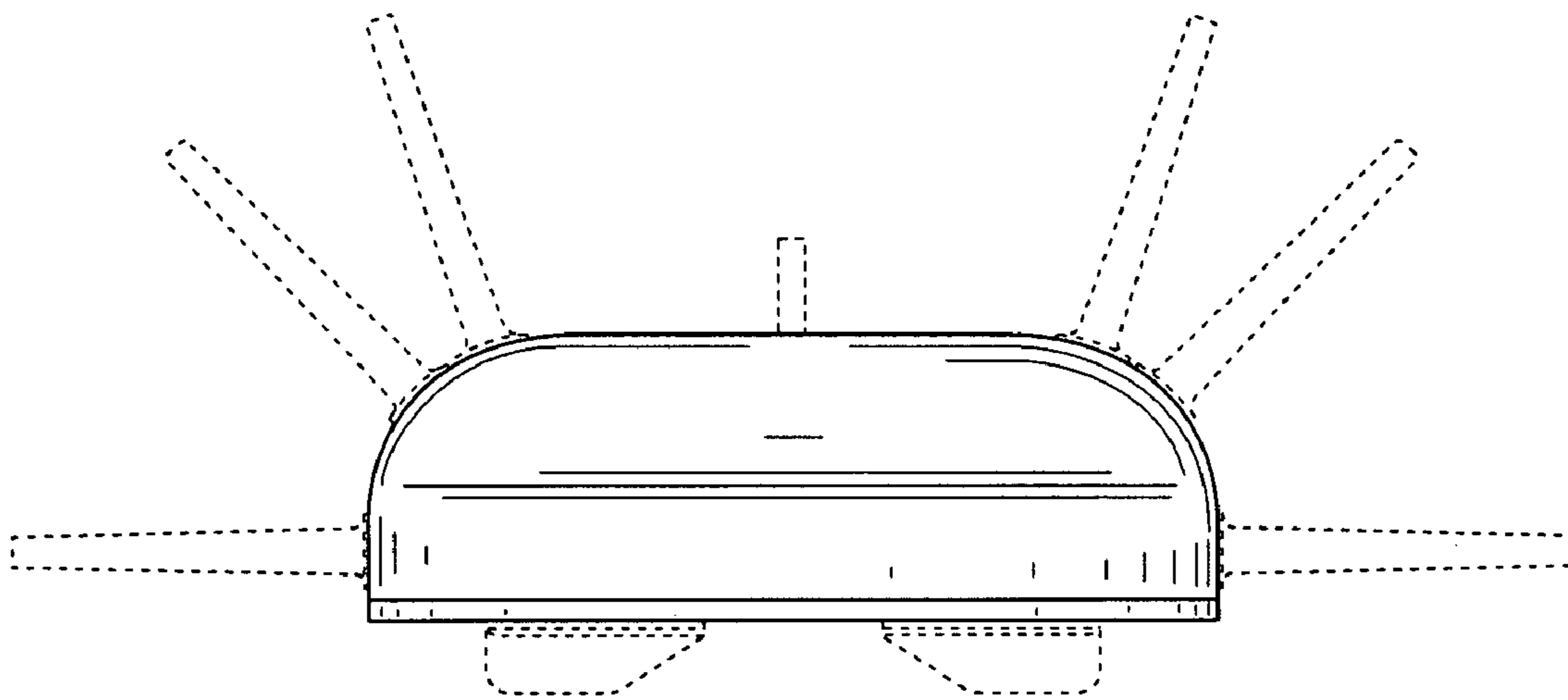


FIG. 2



**FIG. 3**

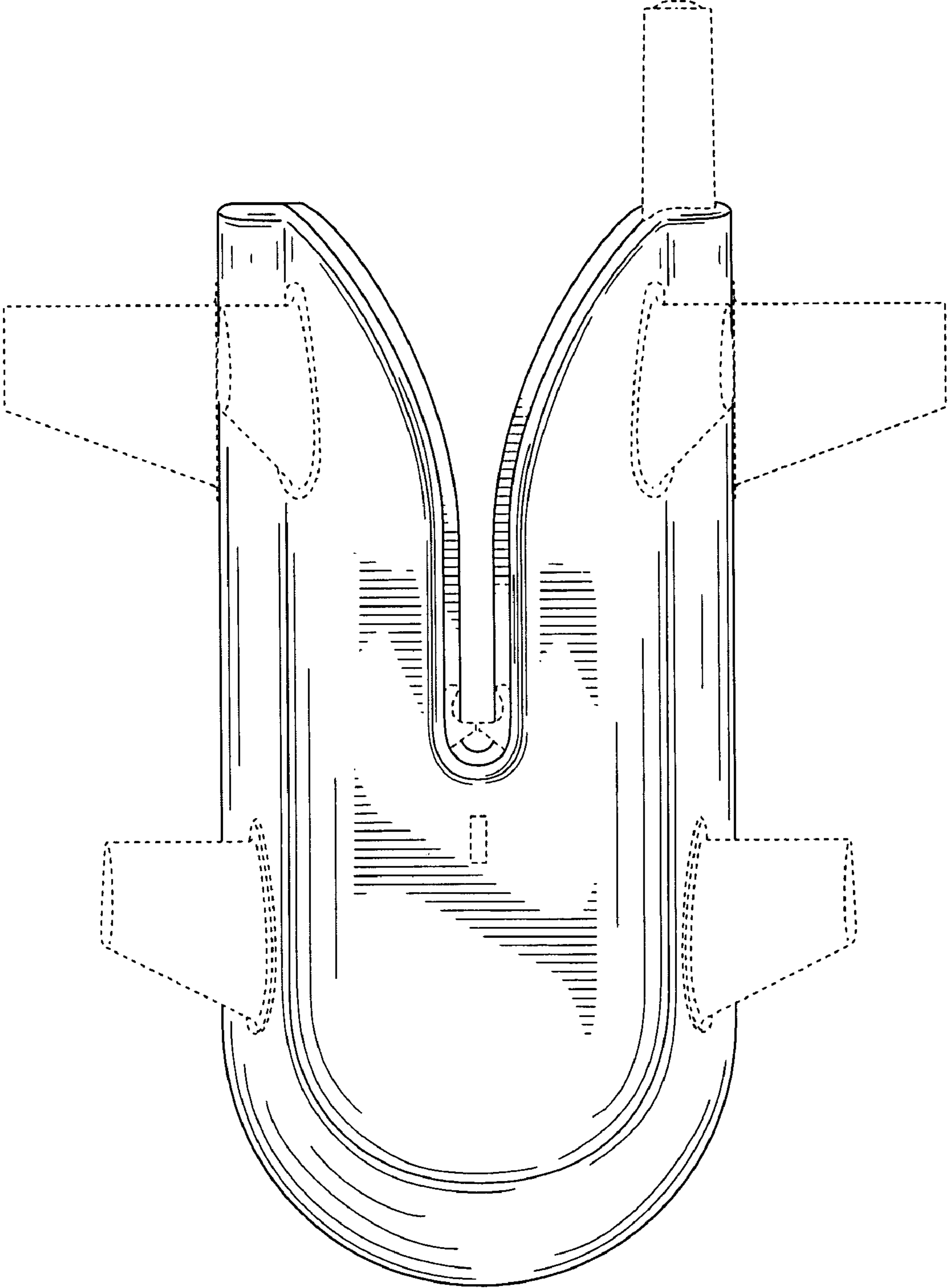


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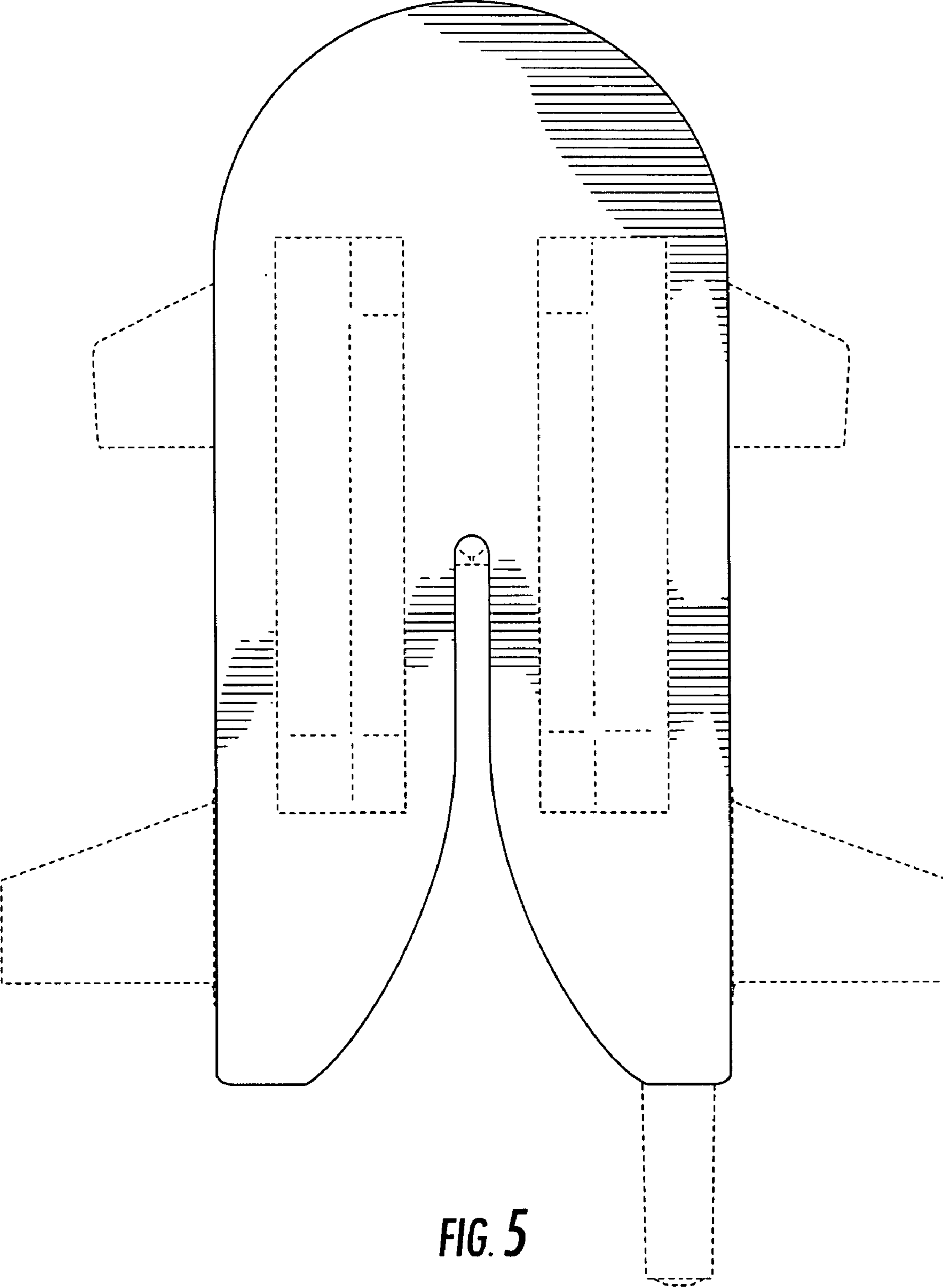
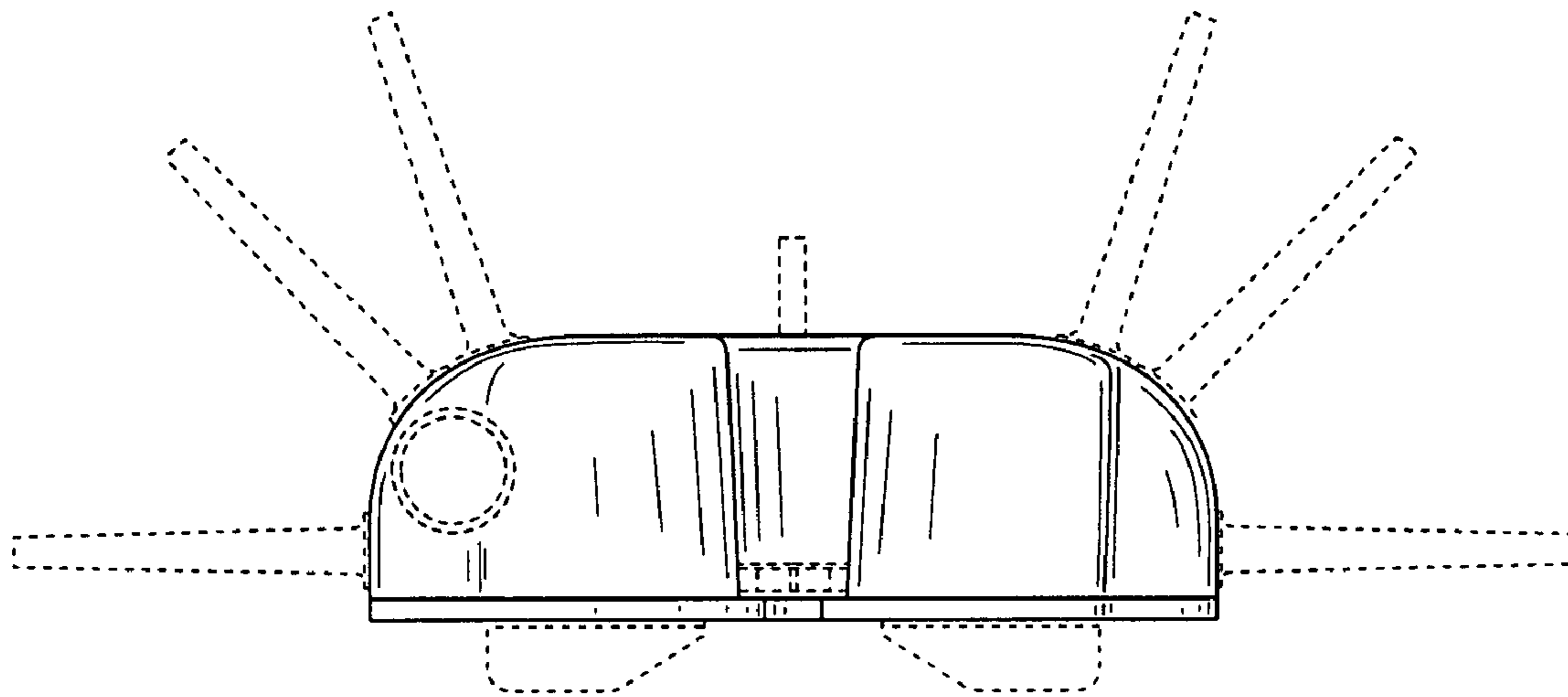


FIG. 5



**FIG. 6**



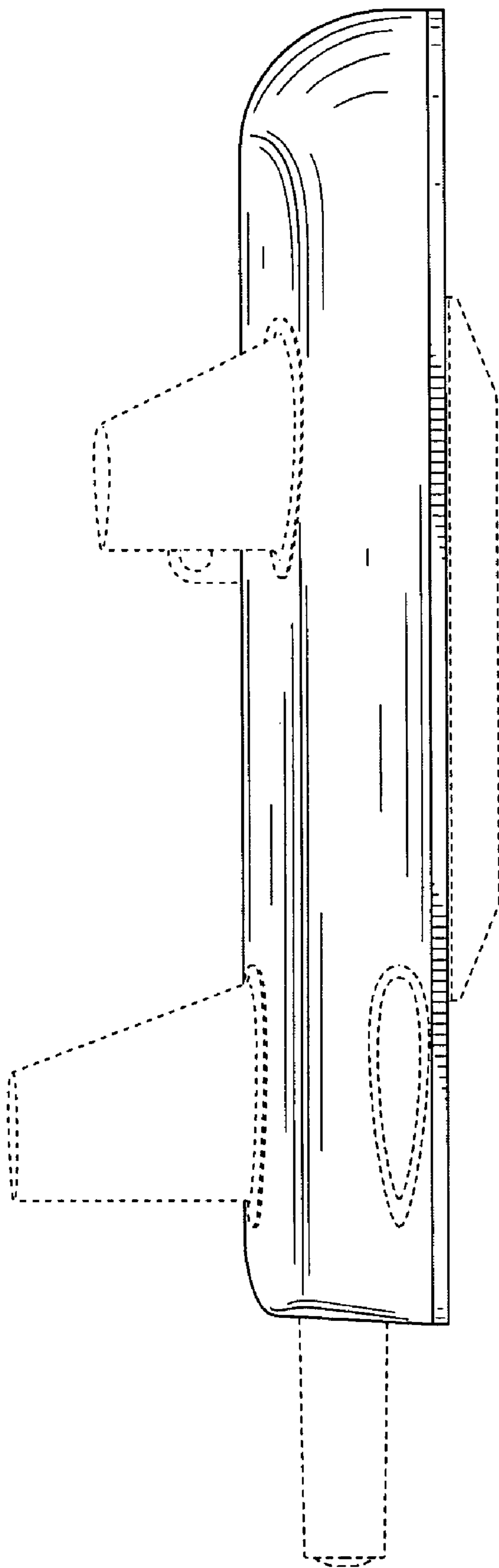


FIG. 7