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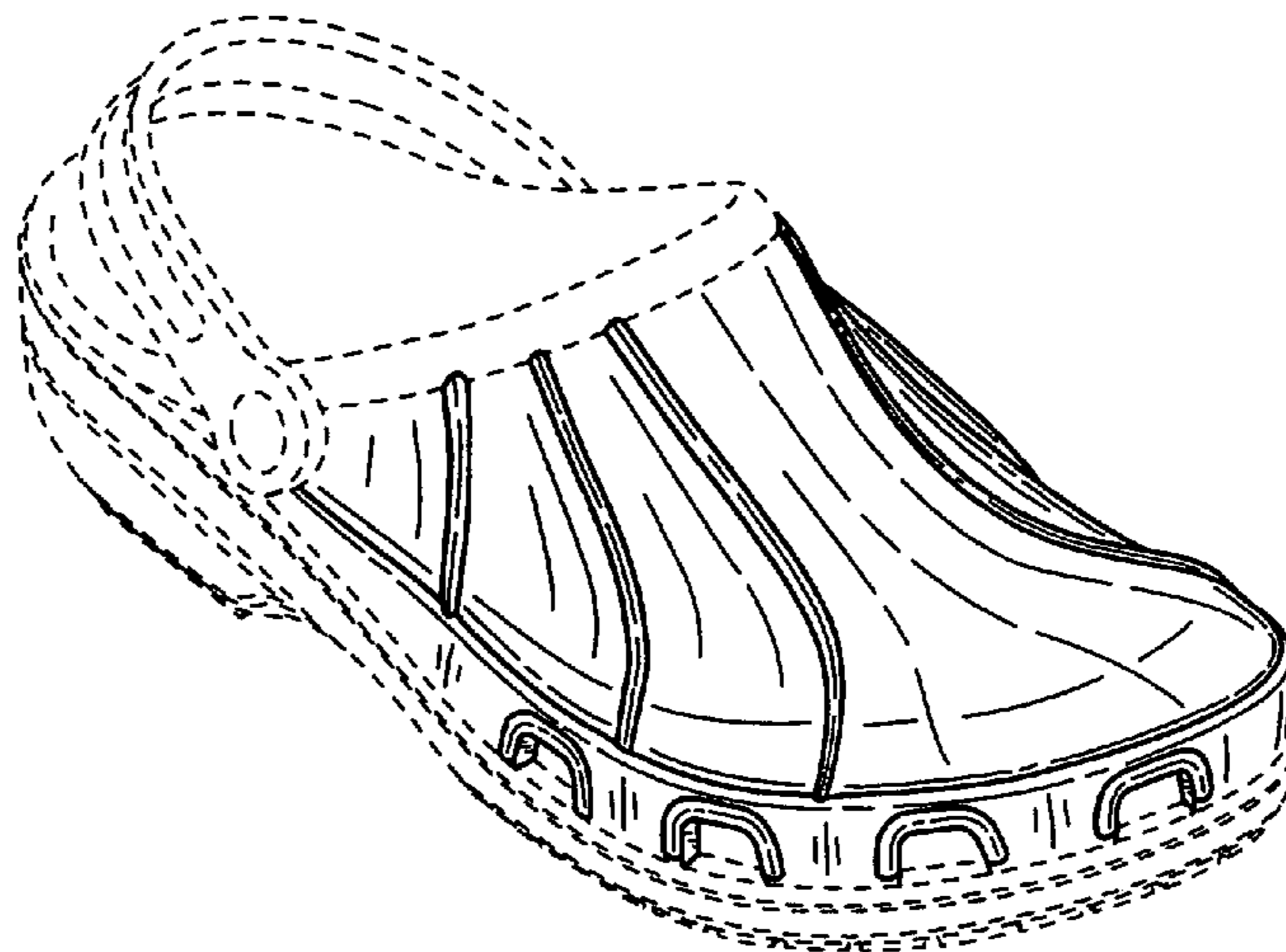
The ornamental design for footwear, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

- FIG. 1 is a front perspective view.
- FIG. 2 is a front view.
- FIG. 3 is a back view.
- FIG. 4 is an inner side view.
- FIG. 5 is an outer side view.
- FIG. 6 is a top view; and,
- FIG. 7 is a bottom view.

The broken line showing of the sole, strap, upper, and surface treatment thereof is for illustrative purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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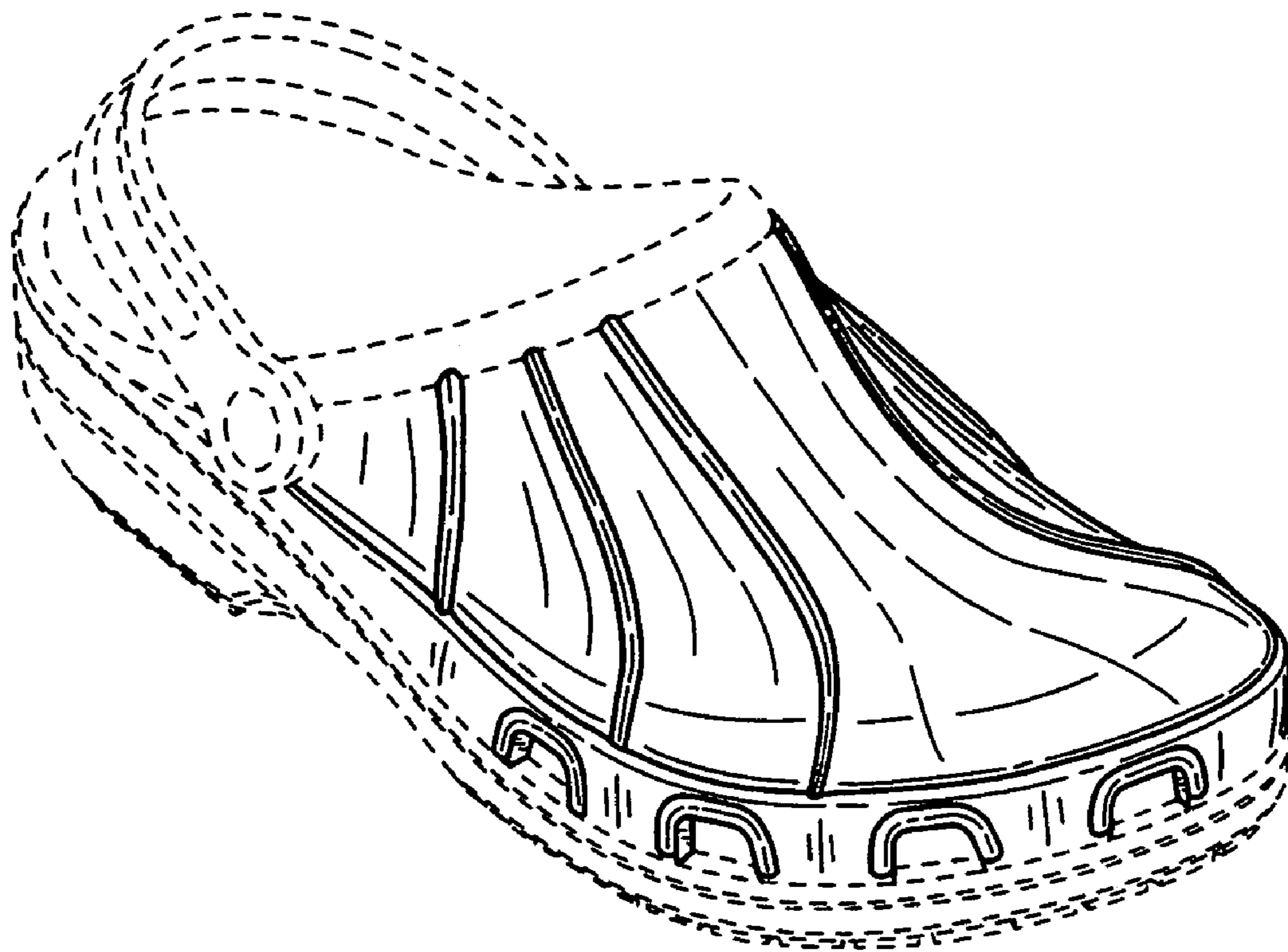


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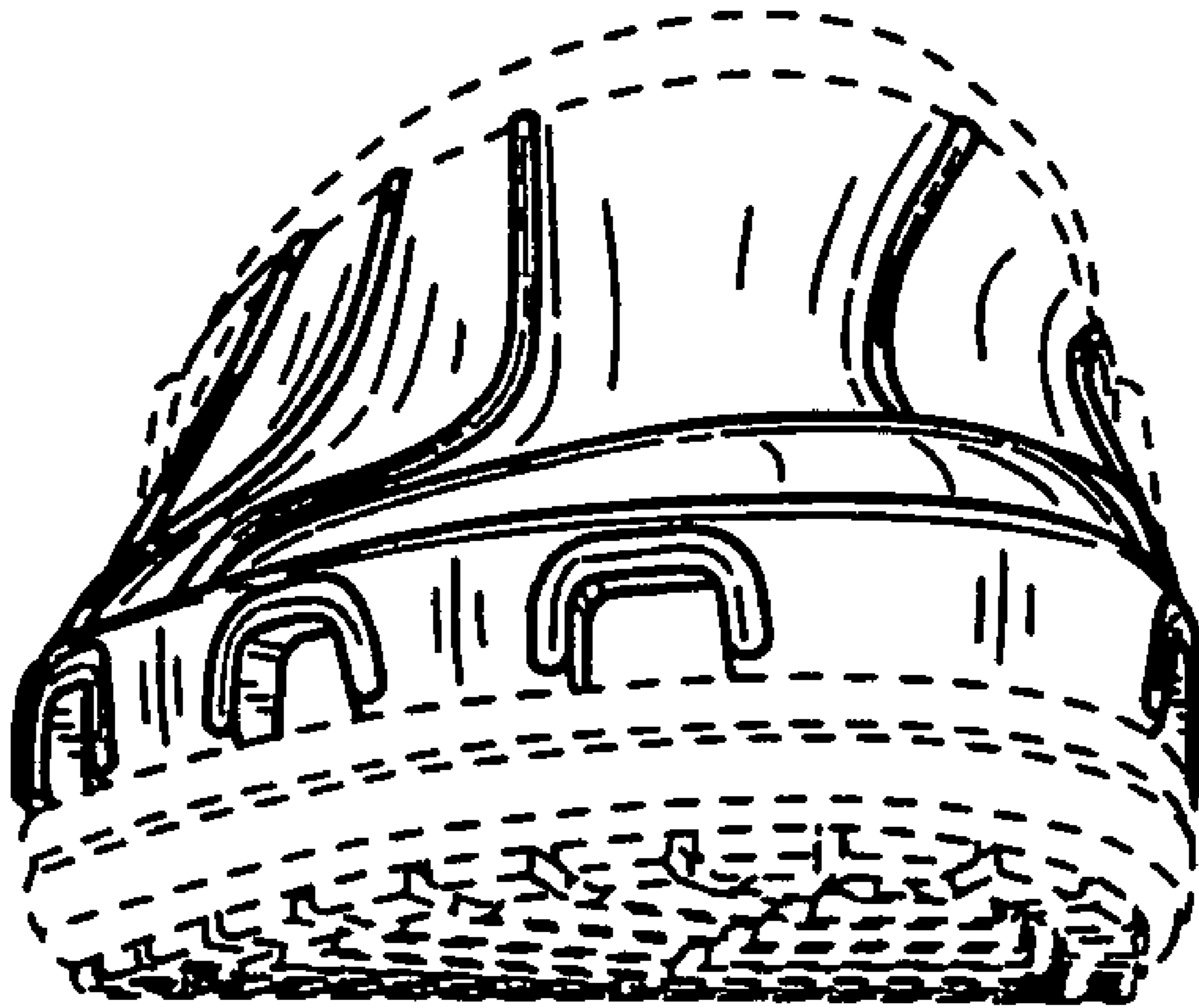


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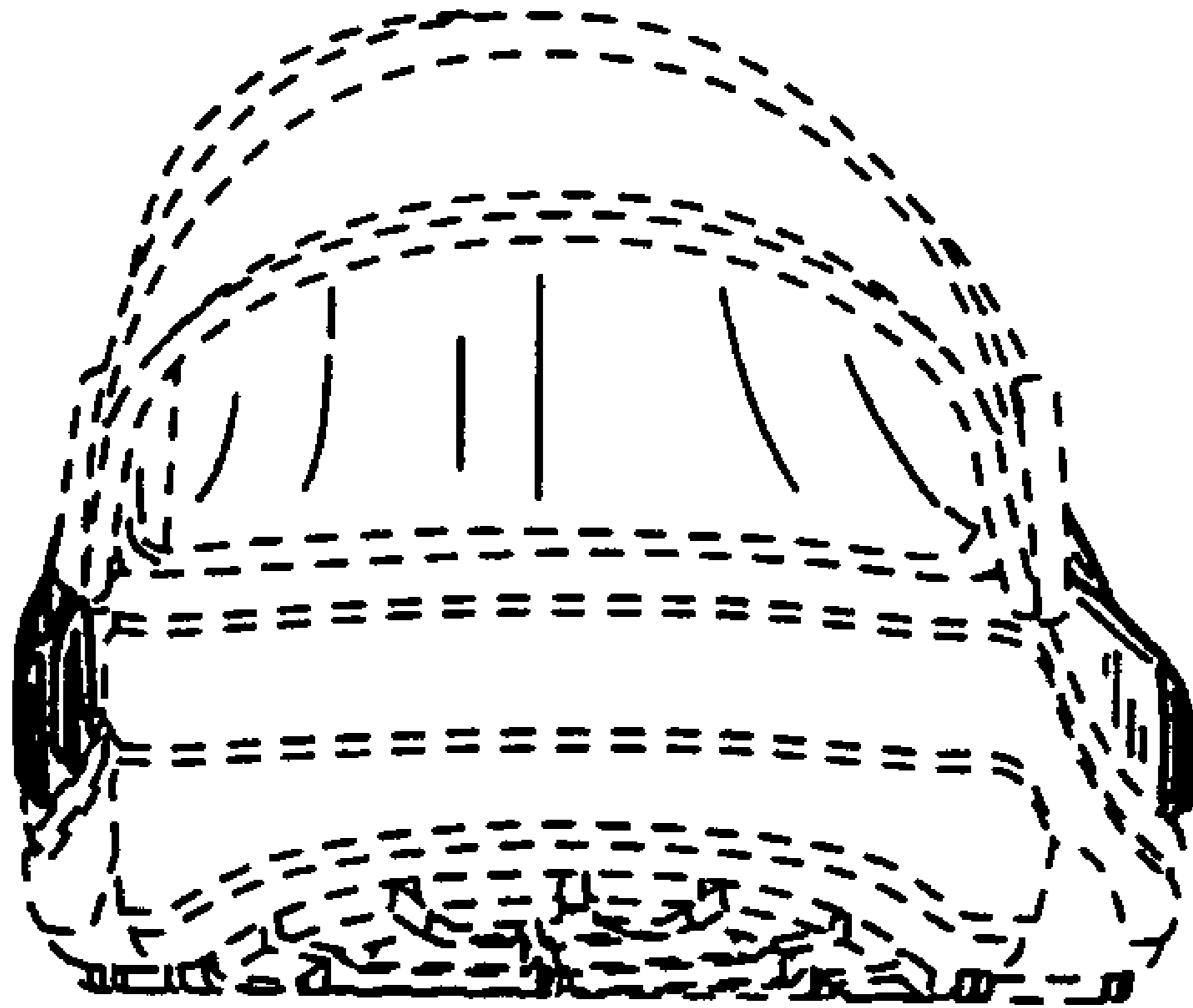


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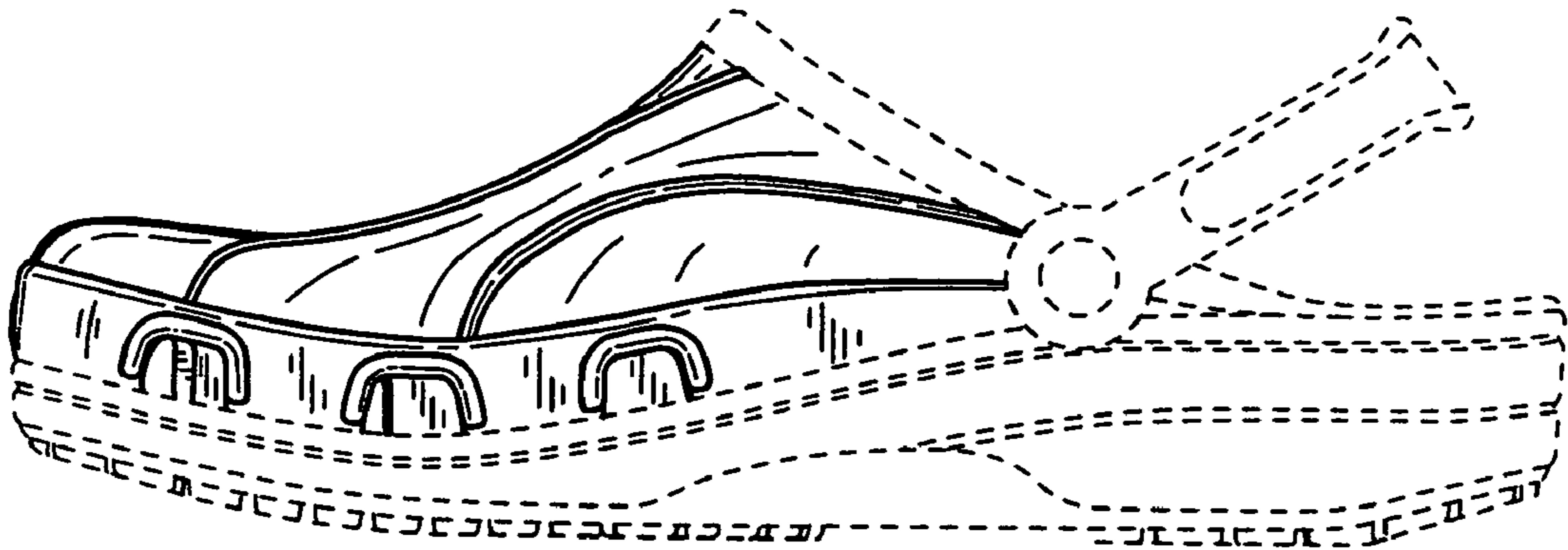


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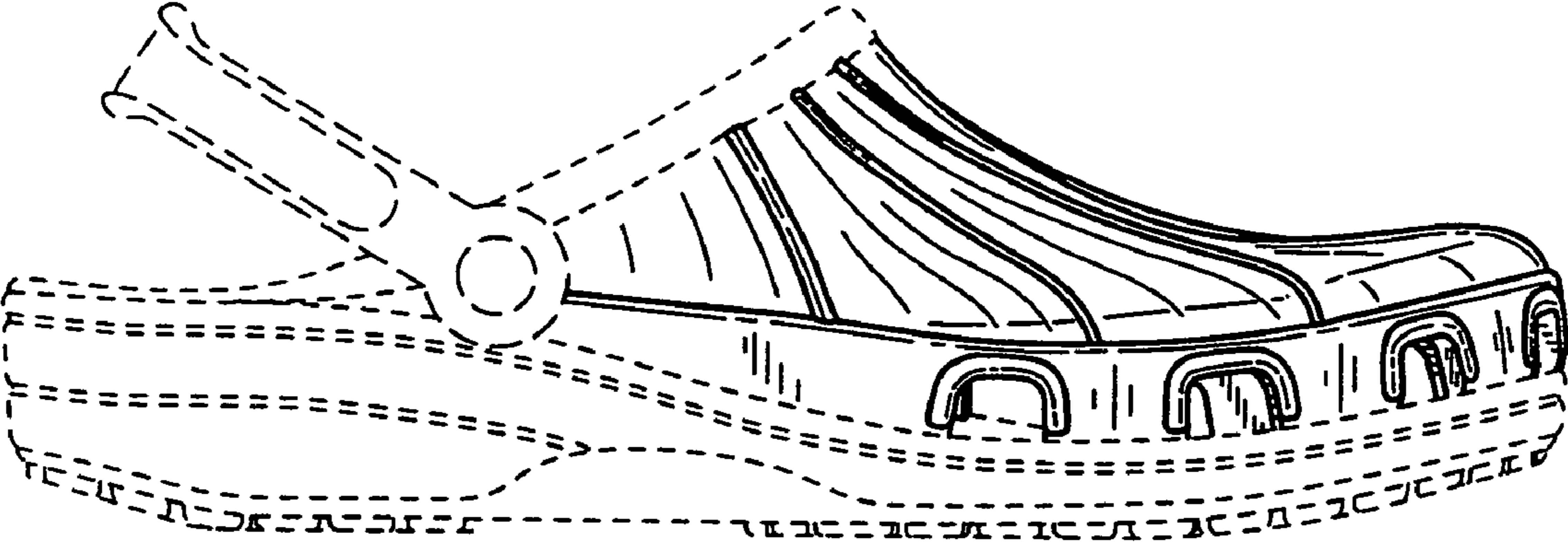


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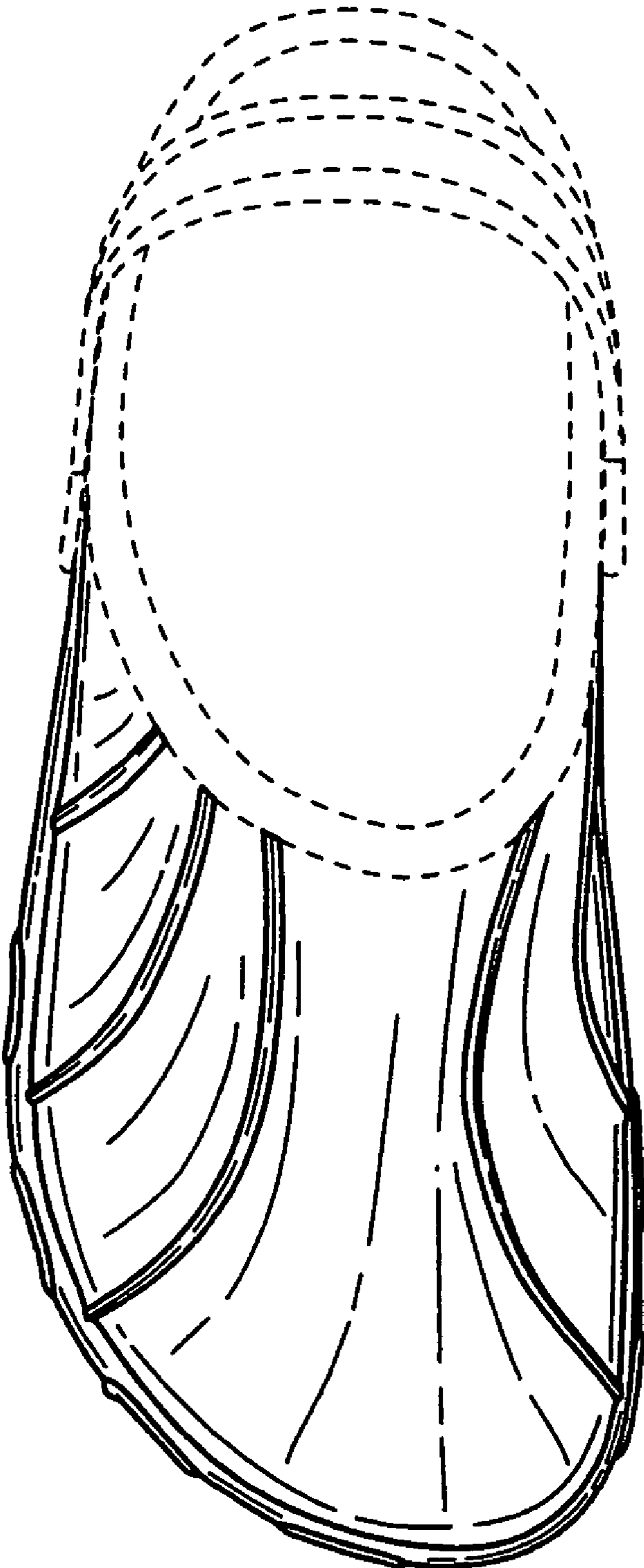


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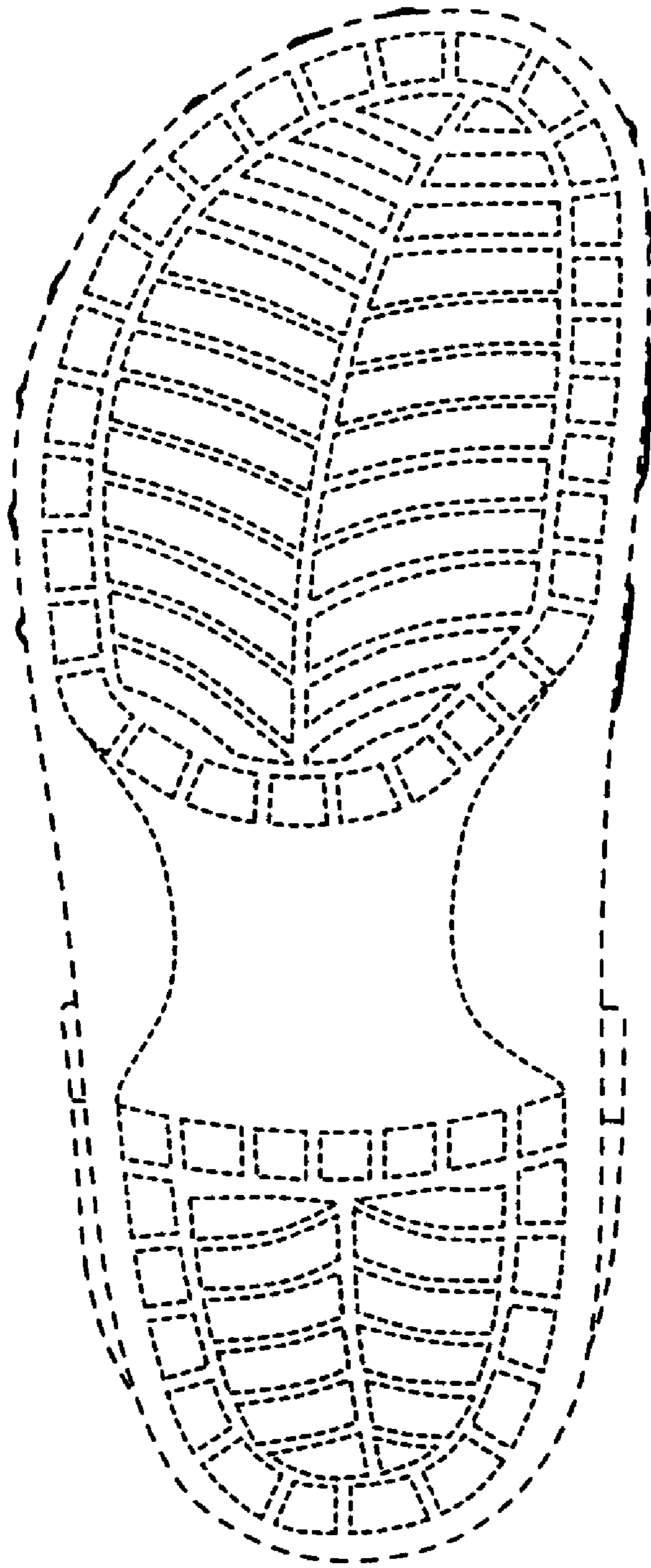


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