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(54) **VEHICLE FRONT VALANCE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a vehicle front valance, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a vehicle front valance showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged left side elevational view of the vehicle front valance;

FIG. 3 is an enlarged right side elevational view of the vehicle front valance;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the vehicle front valance;

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the vehicle front valance; and,

FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view of the vehicle front valance.

The vehicle front valance is styled independently of adjacent vehicle panels. To the extent that any feature lines are illustrated, they are intended to illustrate the crest and valley of the feature and are not necessarily sharp bends in the part. Shading is used to illustrate the curvature of the part and not color. Areas shown in or sounded by broken lines are not claimed. Any functional features of the vehicle front valance are not claimed. Views are orthogonal projections unless otherwise noted. The various views are not necessarily to scale in order to better illustrate the design.

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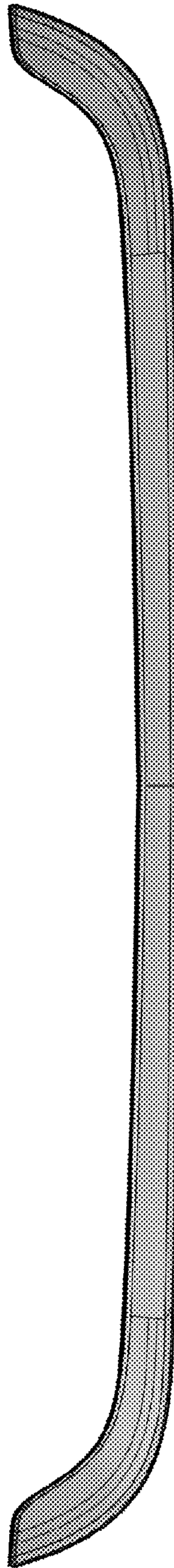
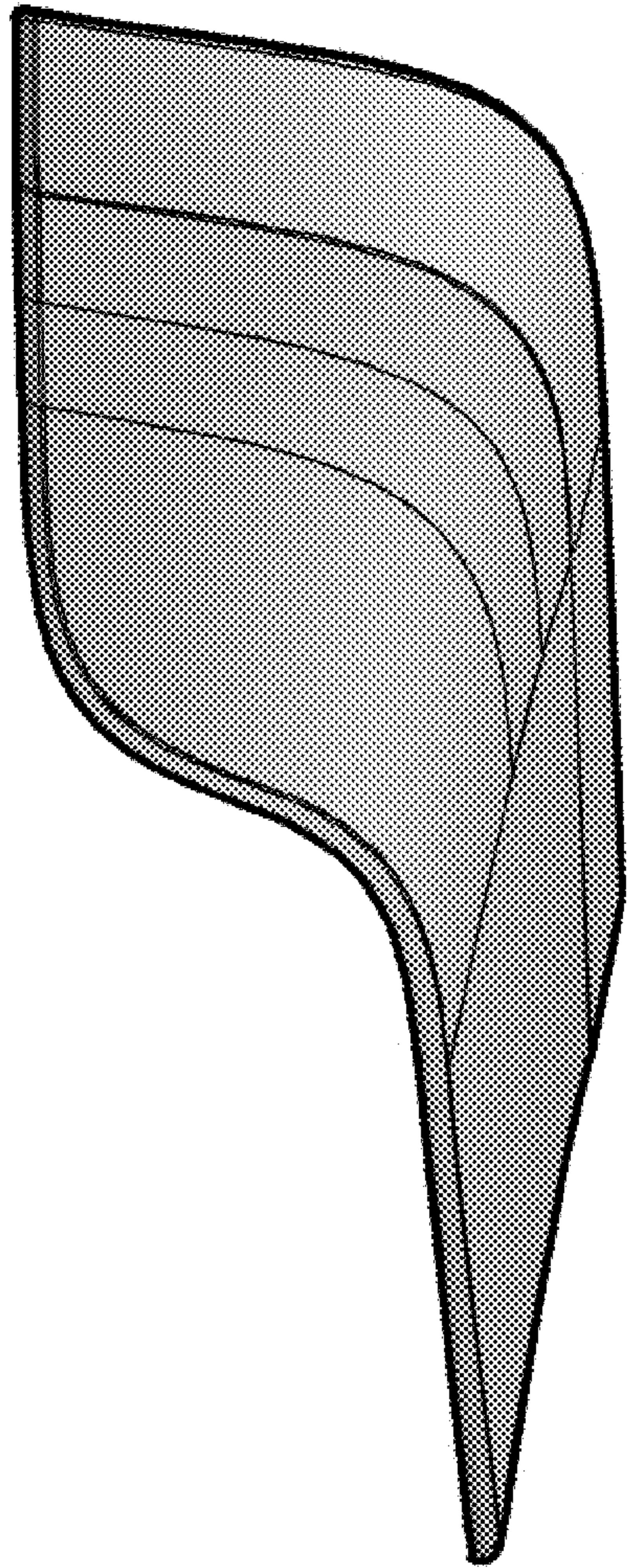


Figure 1



*Figure 2*



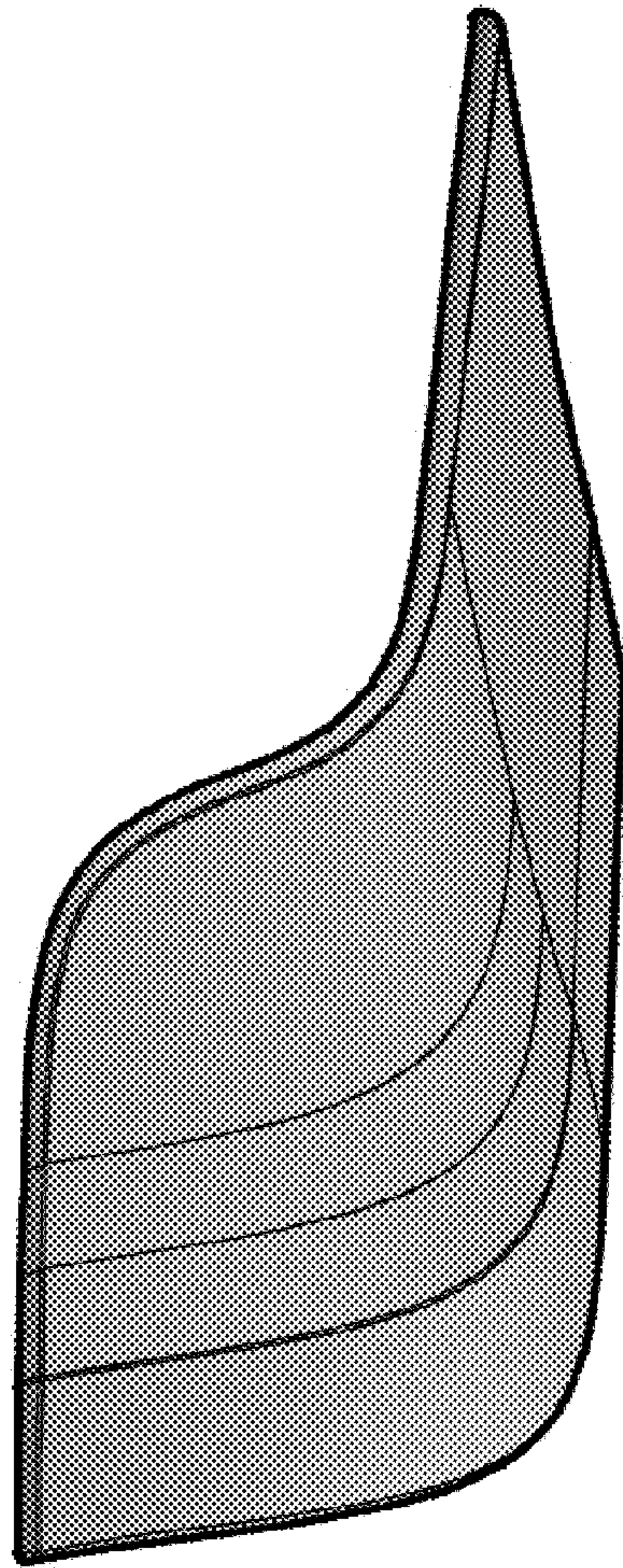


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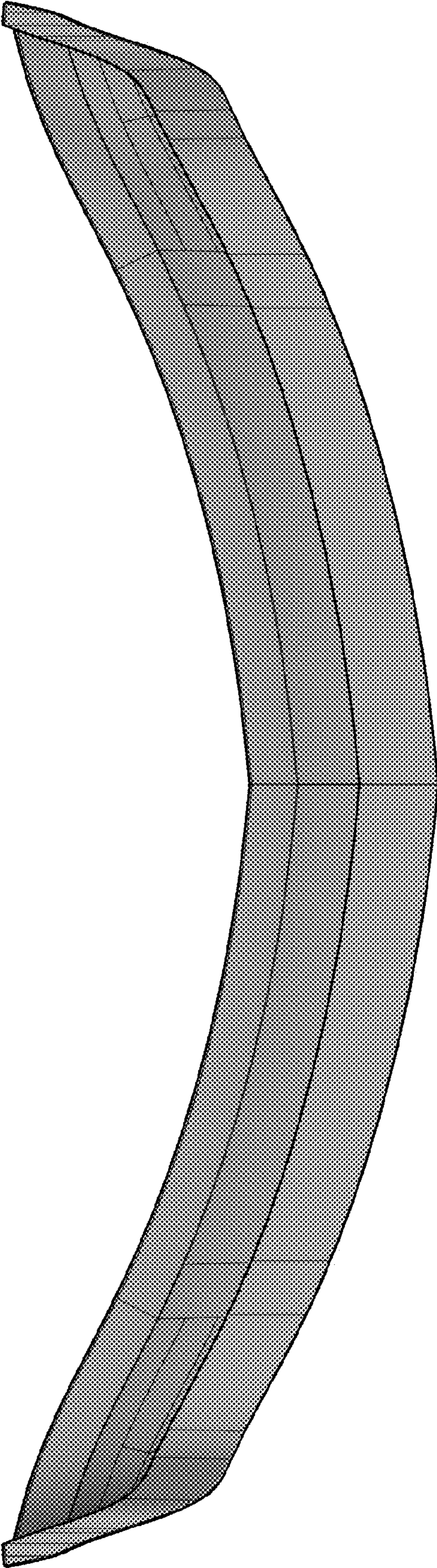


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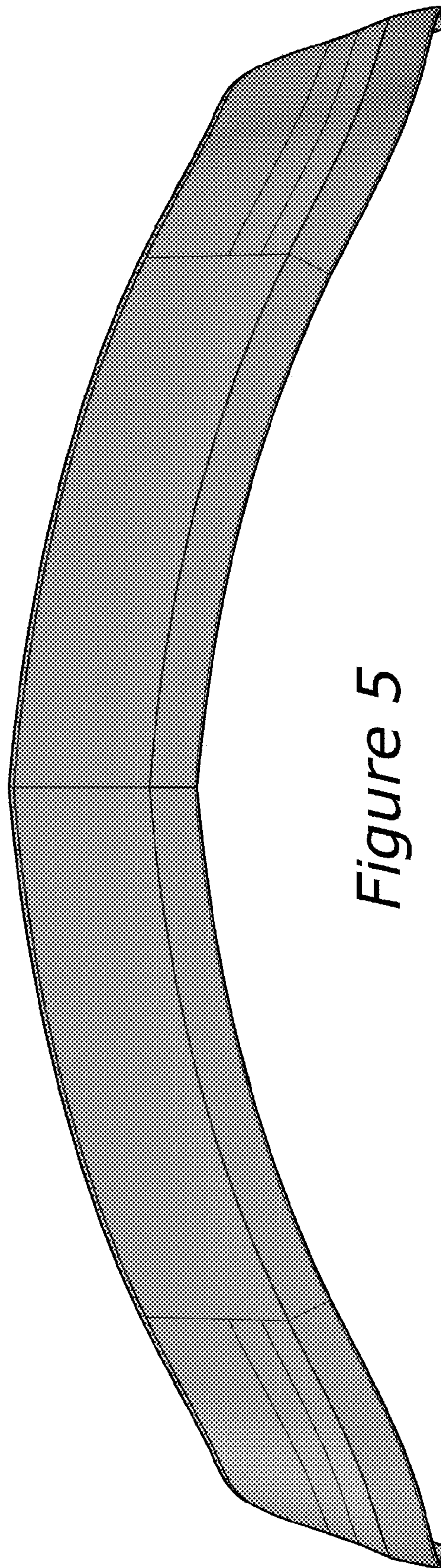


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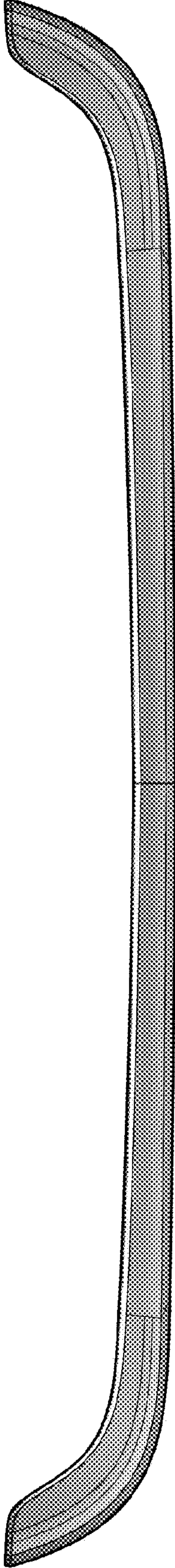


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