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(54) **BANJO POT SUB-ASSEMBLY**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a banjo pot sub-assembly, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 shows a top view of a banjo pot sub-assembly including a banjo pot shell residing within a banjo pot flange shown in phantom.

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FIG. 2 shows a bottom of view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell residing within the banjo pot flange shown in phantom.

FIG. 3 shows a side view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell residing within the banjo pot flange shown in phantom.

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FIG. 4 shows an isometric view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell residing within the banjo pot flange shown in phantom.

FIG. 5 shows a top view of a banjo pot sub-assembly including a banjo pot shell.

FIG. 6 shows a bottom of view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell.

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Photograph of a Gibson Banjo Pot Assembly Shell, known to exist before the filing of the present application.

Stelling Banjo Works, Tony Pass “Old Wood” Rims; <http://www.stellingbanjo.com>, copyright 1999-2006, printed Dec. 17, 2007.

FIG. 7 shows a side view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell.

FIG. 8 shows an isometric view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell; and,

FIG. 9 shows a cross-sectional side view of the banjo pot sub-assembly including the banjo pot shell residing within the banjo pot flange shown in phantom.

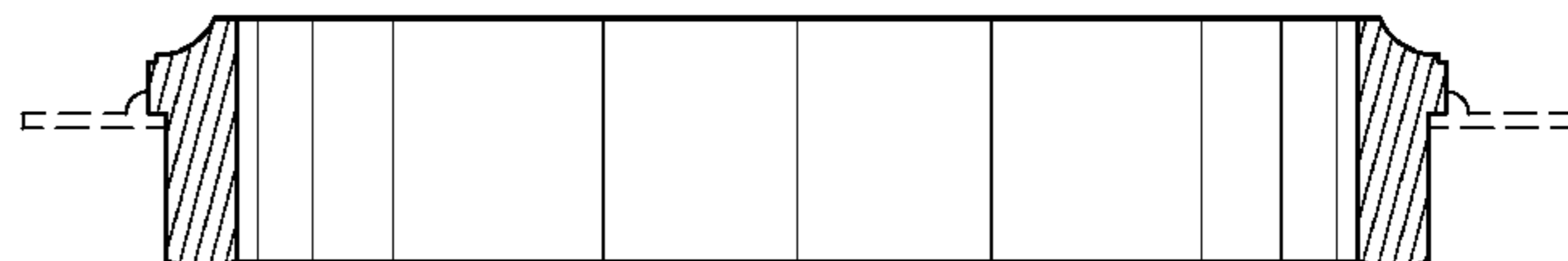
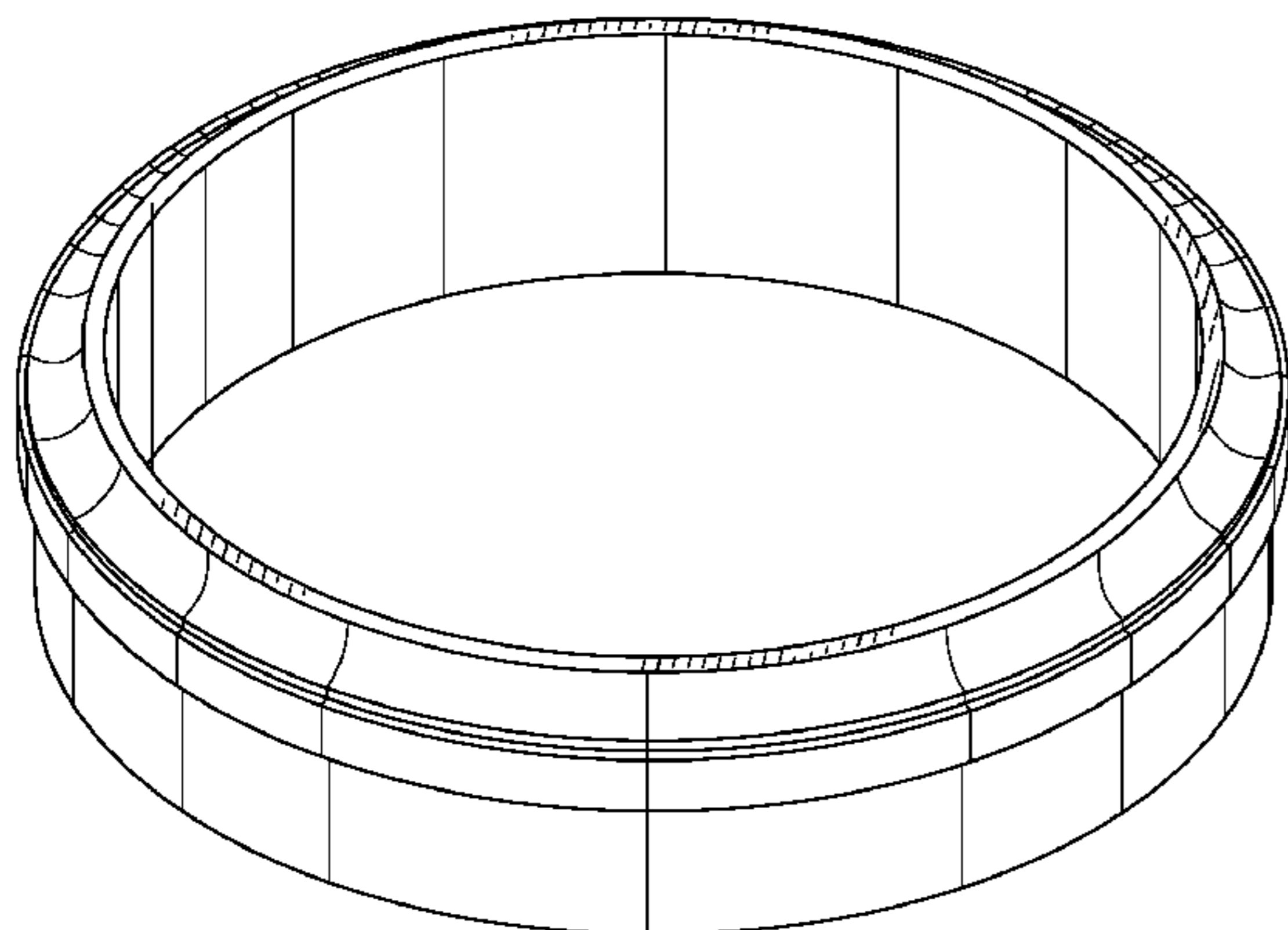
The banjo pot flange is shown in FIGS. 1–4 and 9 in phantom lines for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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**1 Claim, 9 Drawing Sheets**



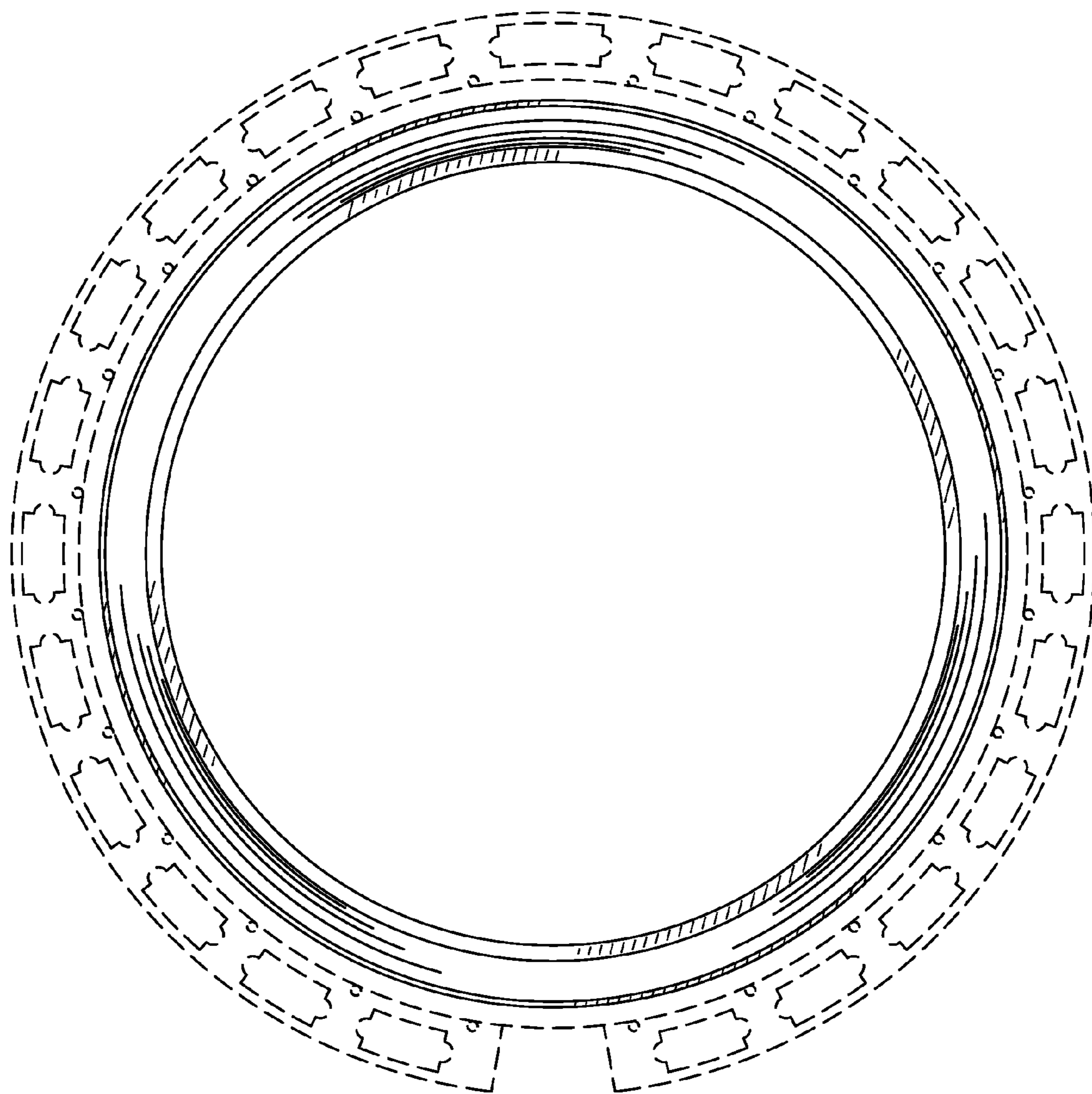


FIG. 1

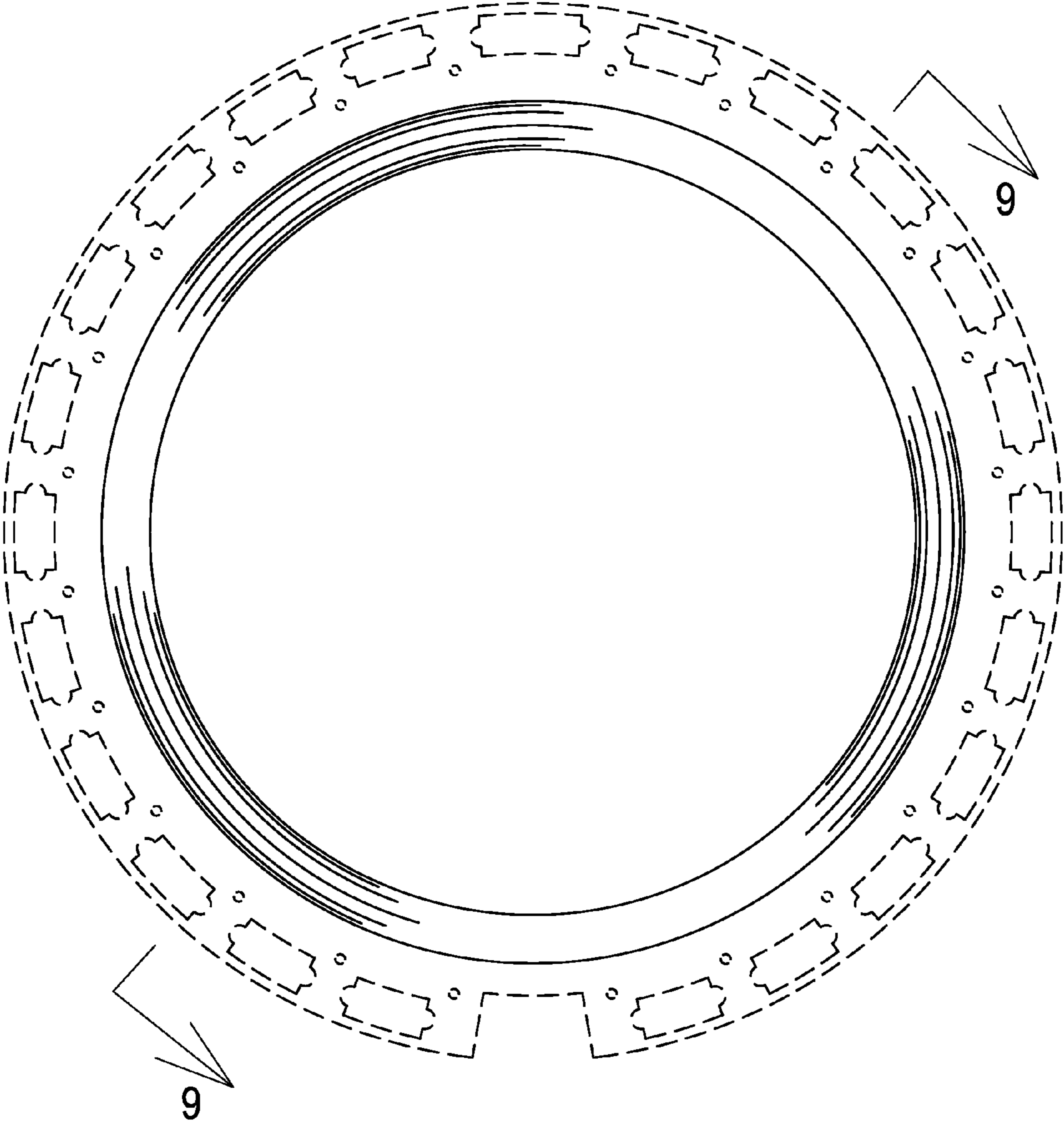


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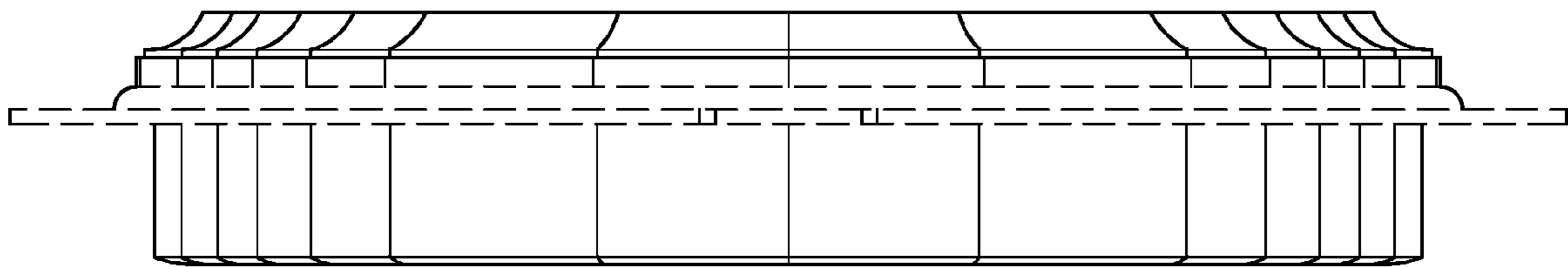


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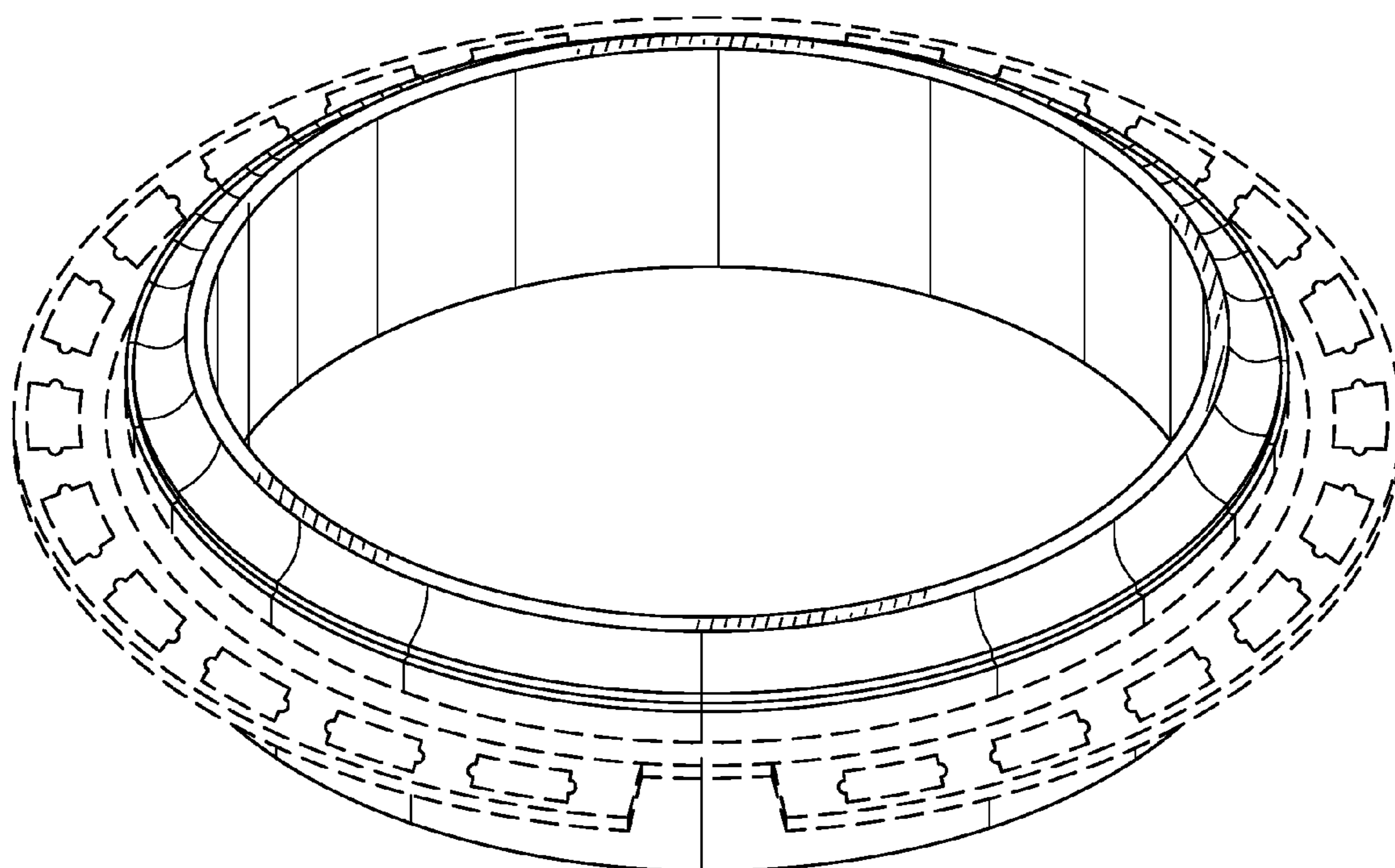


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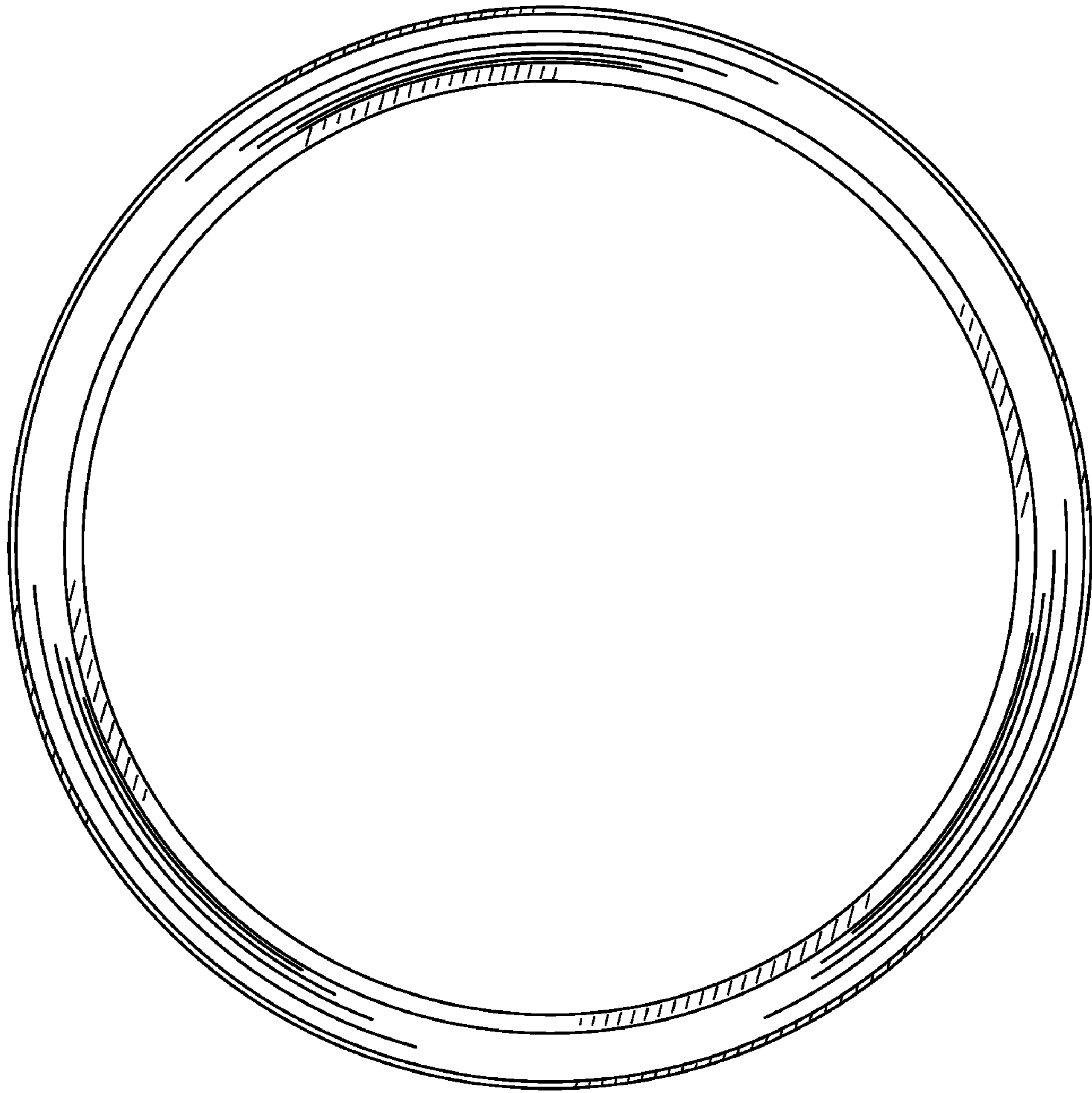


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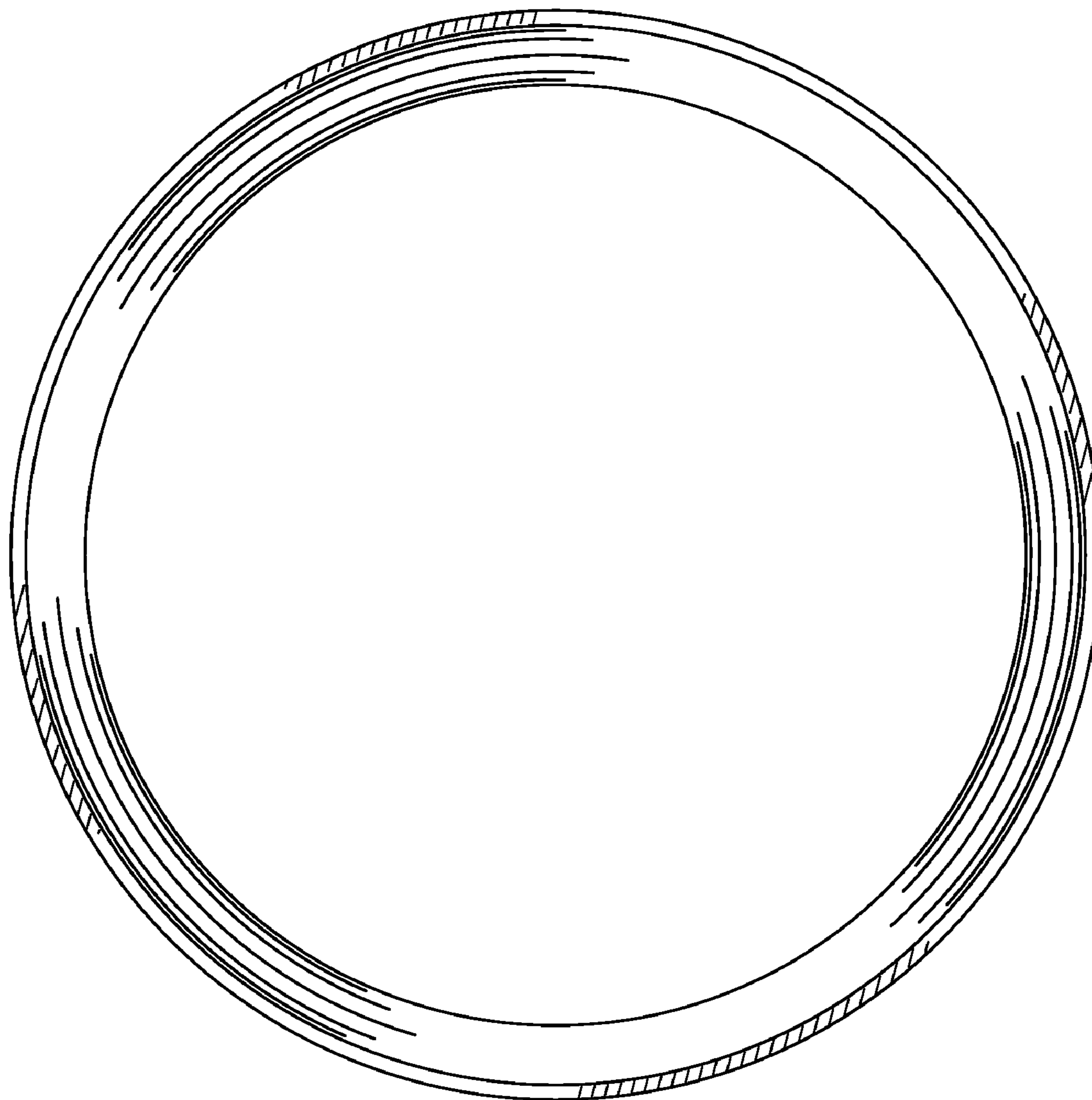


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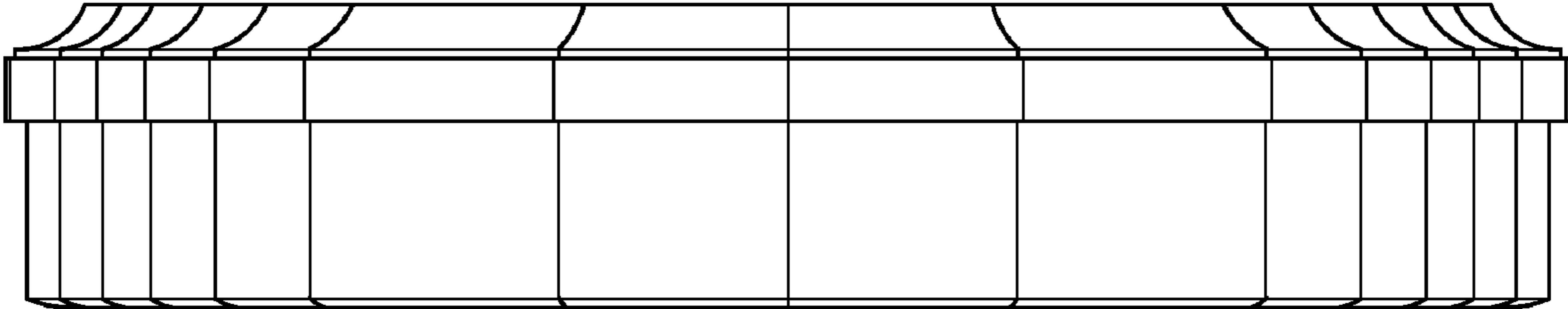


FIG. 7



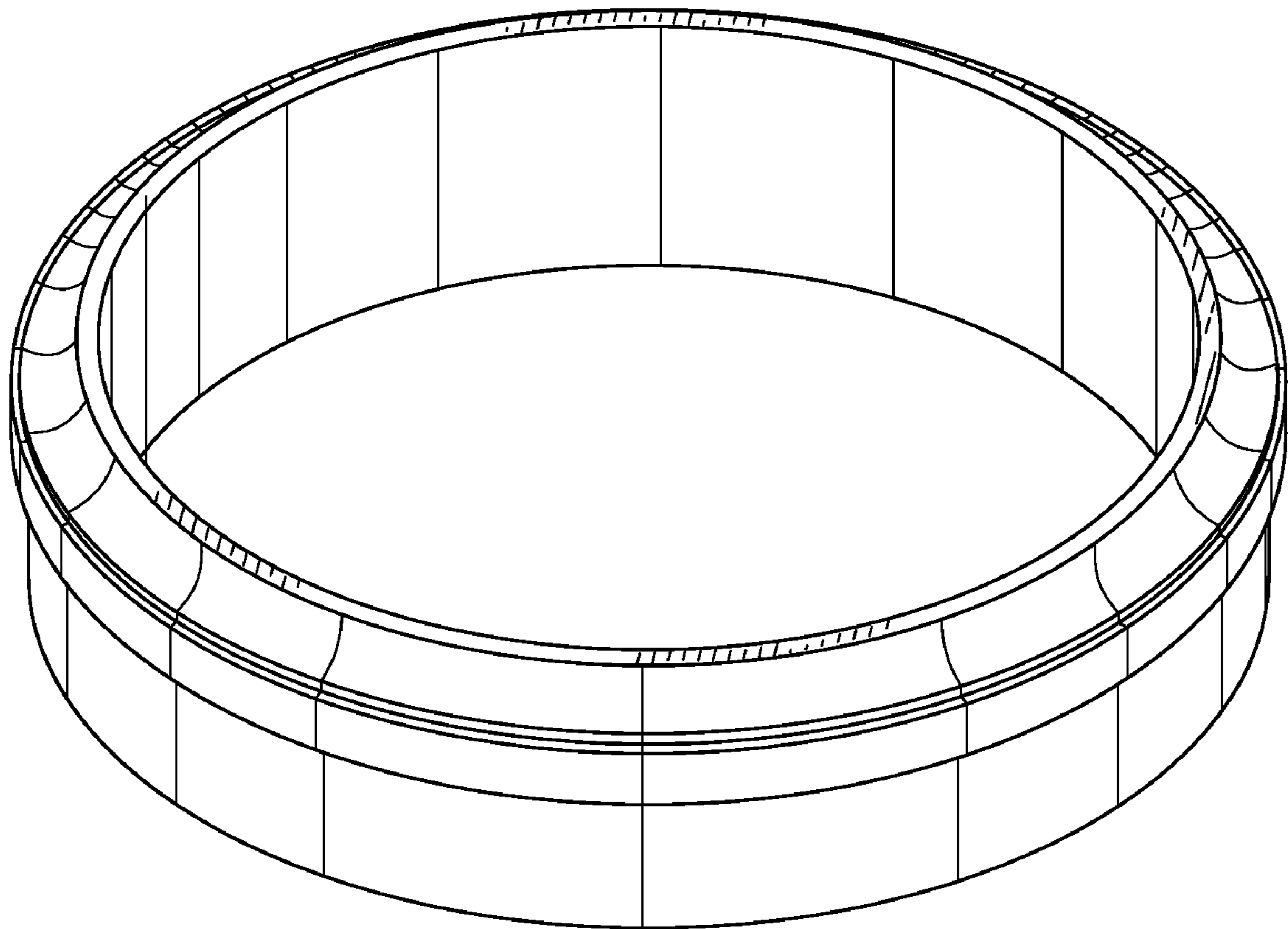


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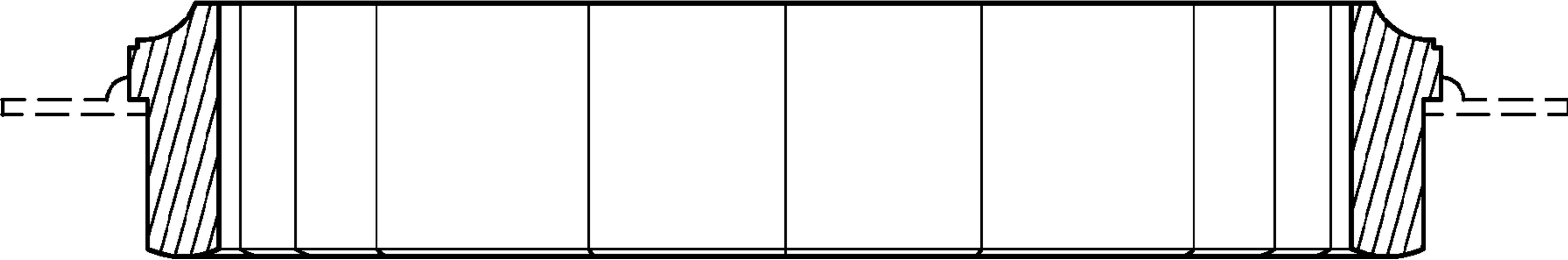


FIG. 9