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(54) **FLEXIBLE TUBULAR CONNECTOR**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for the flexible tubular connector, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of the flexible tubular connector embodying my design;

FIG. 2 is a plan view of the flexible tubular connector as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a greatly enlarged partial sectional view taken along line 3—3 as shown in FIG. 2 of the flexible tubular connector as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a broken away detail as seen within the circle 4 in FIG. 3 of the flexible tubular connector of FIG. 1;

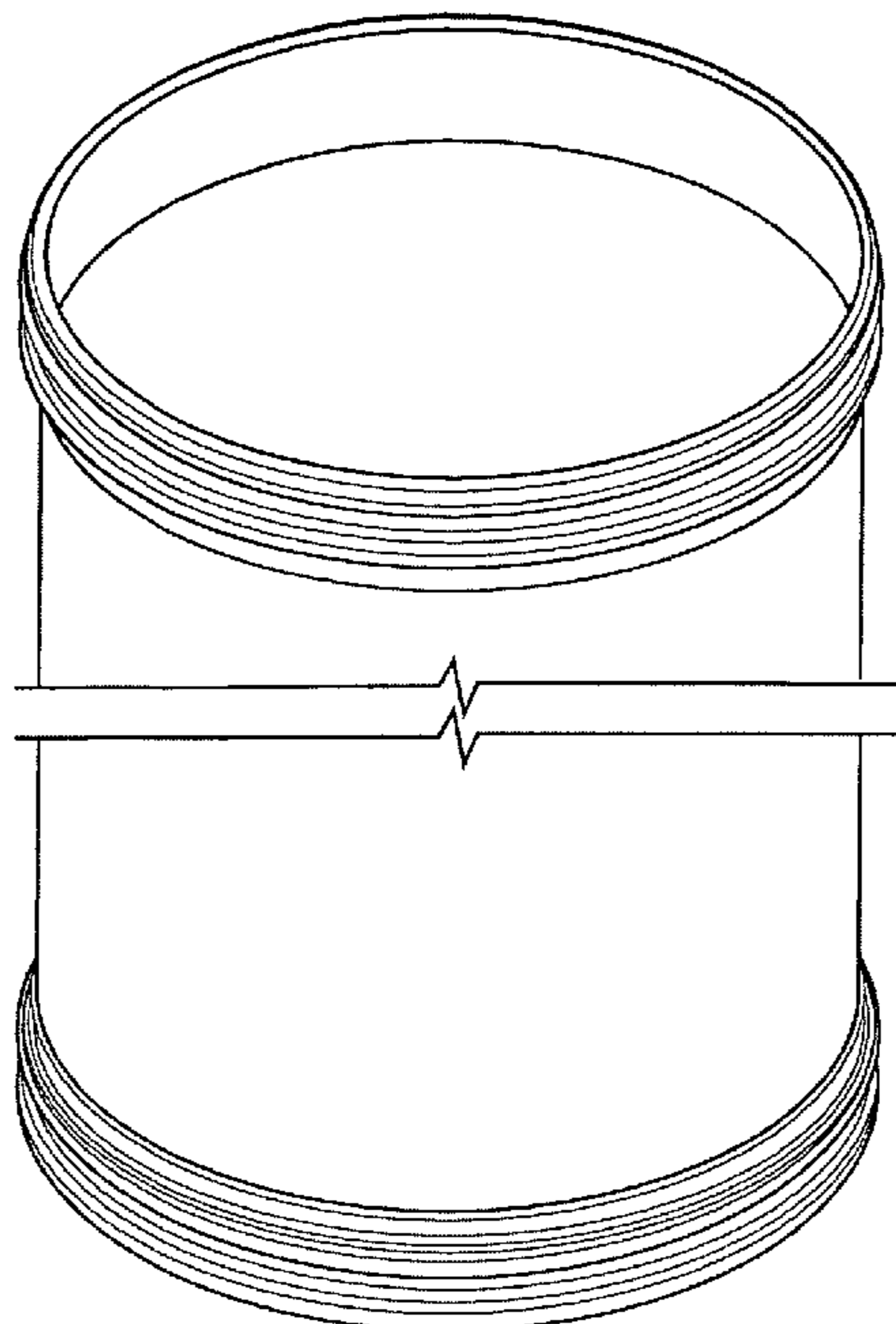
FIG. 5 is a side elevational view of the flexible tubular connector of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a front perspective view of the flexible tube connector of FIG. 1 showing the flexible sleeve portion in an alternate configuration.

The sleeve region between the deformable resilient end cuffs can be either rigid or flexible.

The design is shown broken away to indicate that a specific length of flexible tubular connector forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



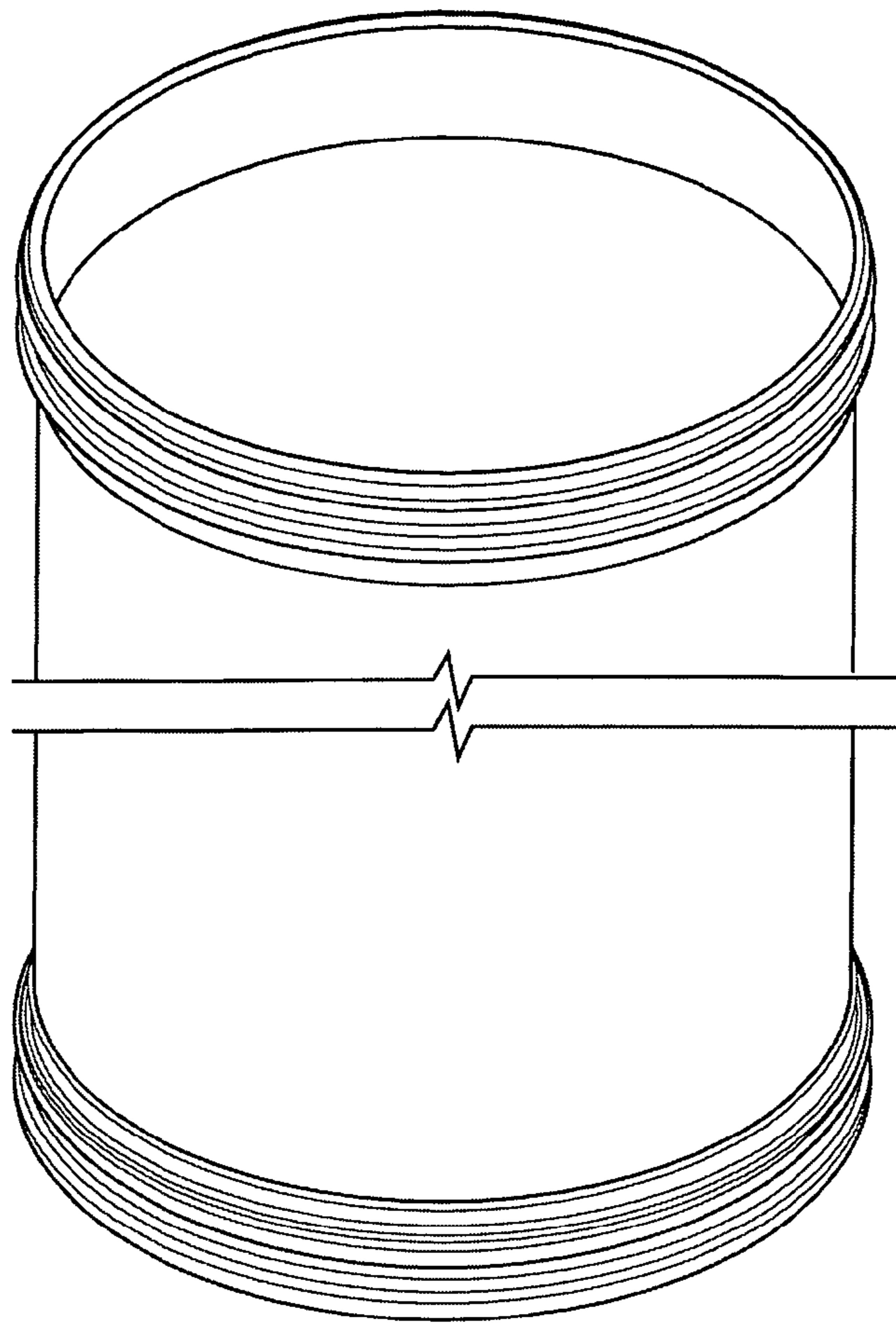


FIGURE 1

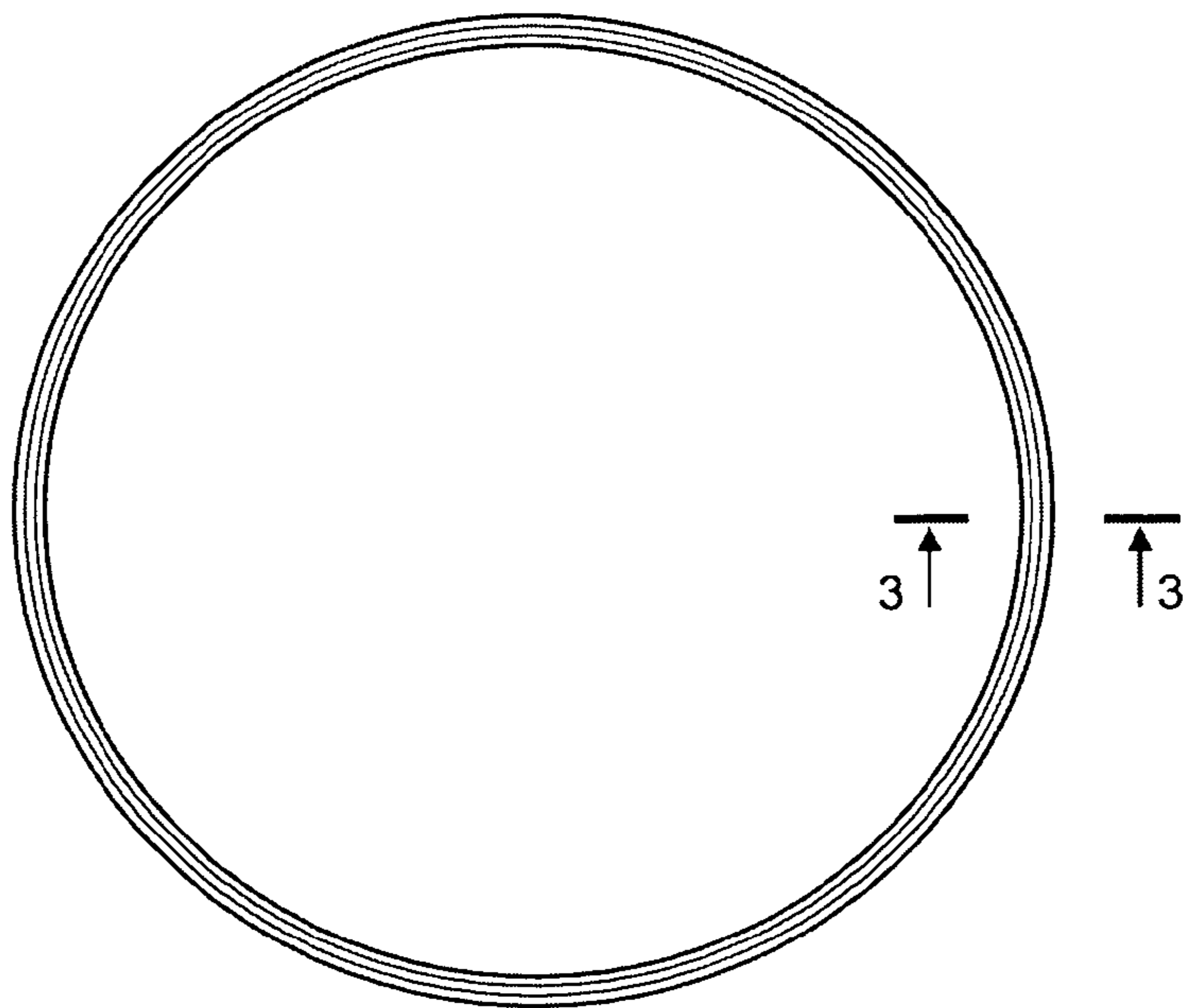


FIGURE 2

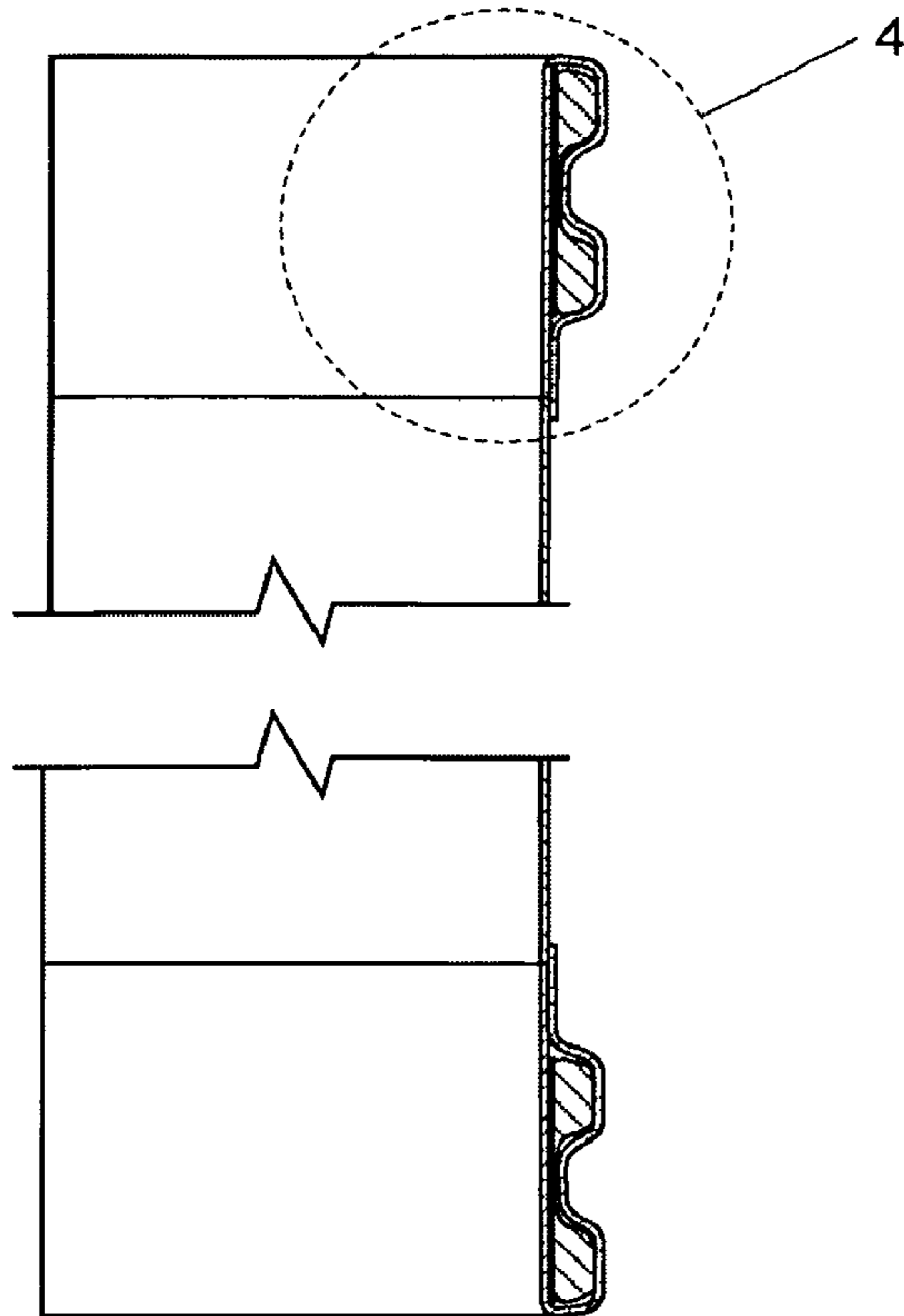


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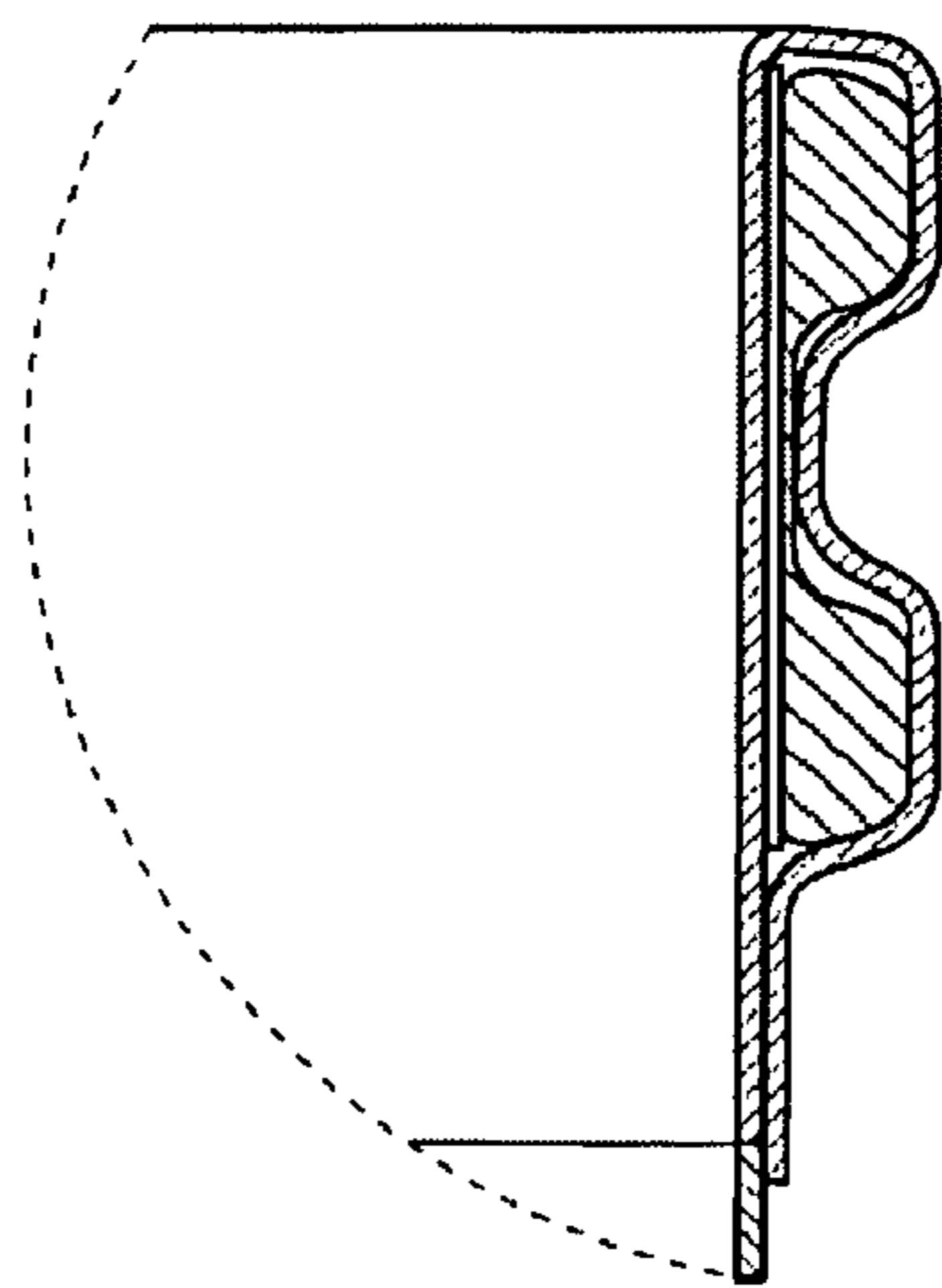


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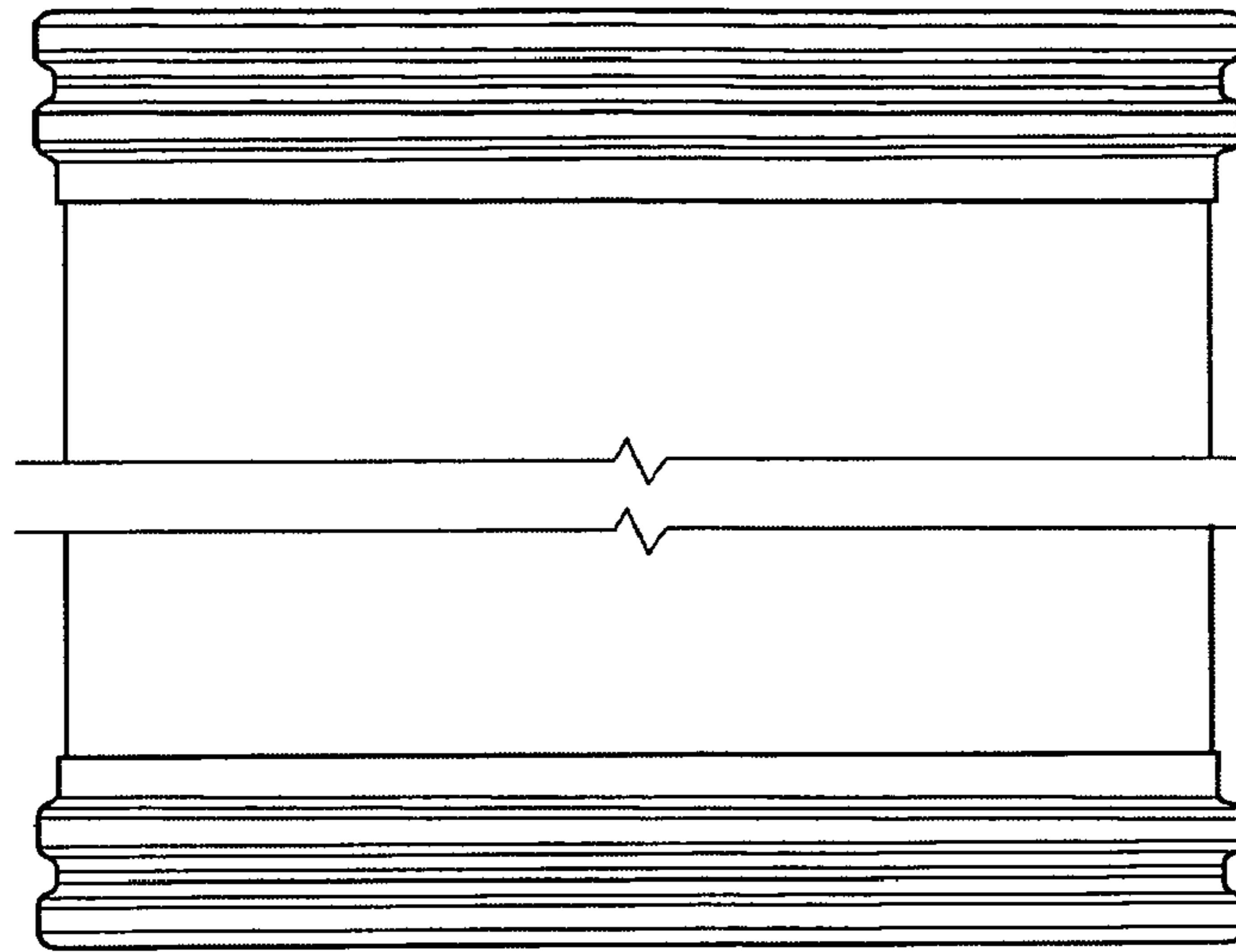


FIGURE 5

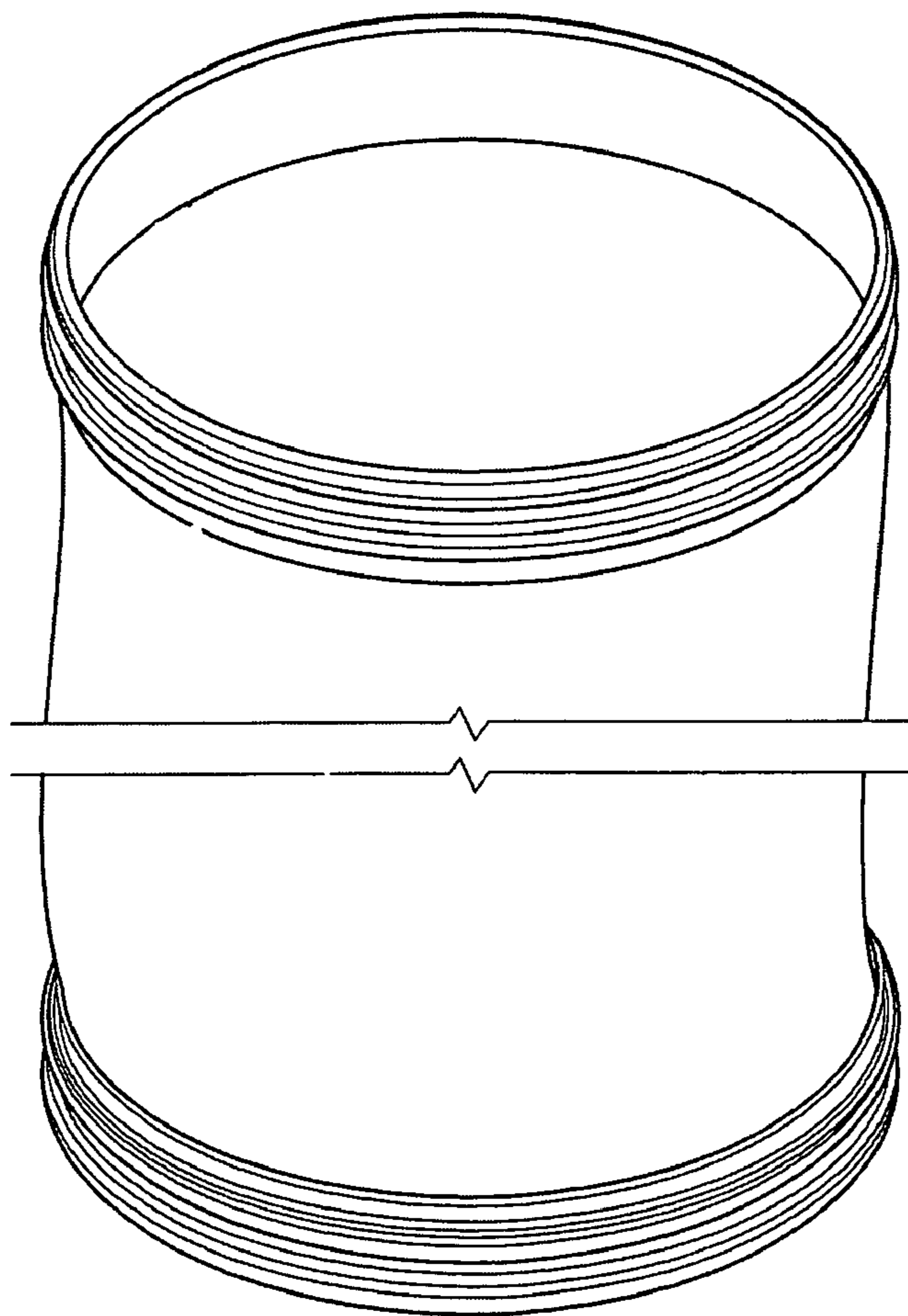


FIGURE 6