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(54) **PLUG FOR THE END OF A TUBE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a plug for the end of a tube, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the plug for the end of a tube showing the design;

FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side view thereof;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 6, 6 in FIG. 2; thereof;

FIG. 7 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 7, 7 in FIG. 2 thereof;

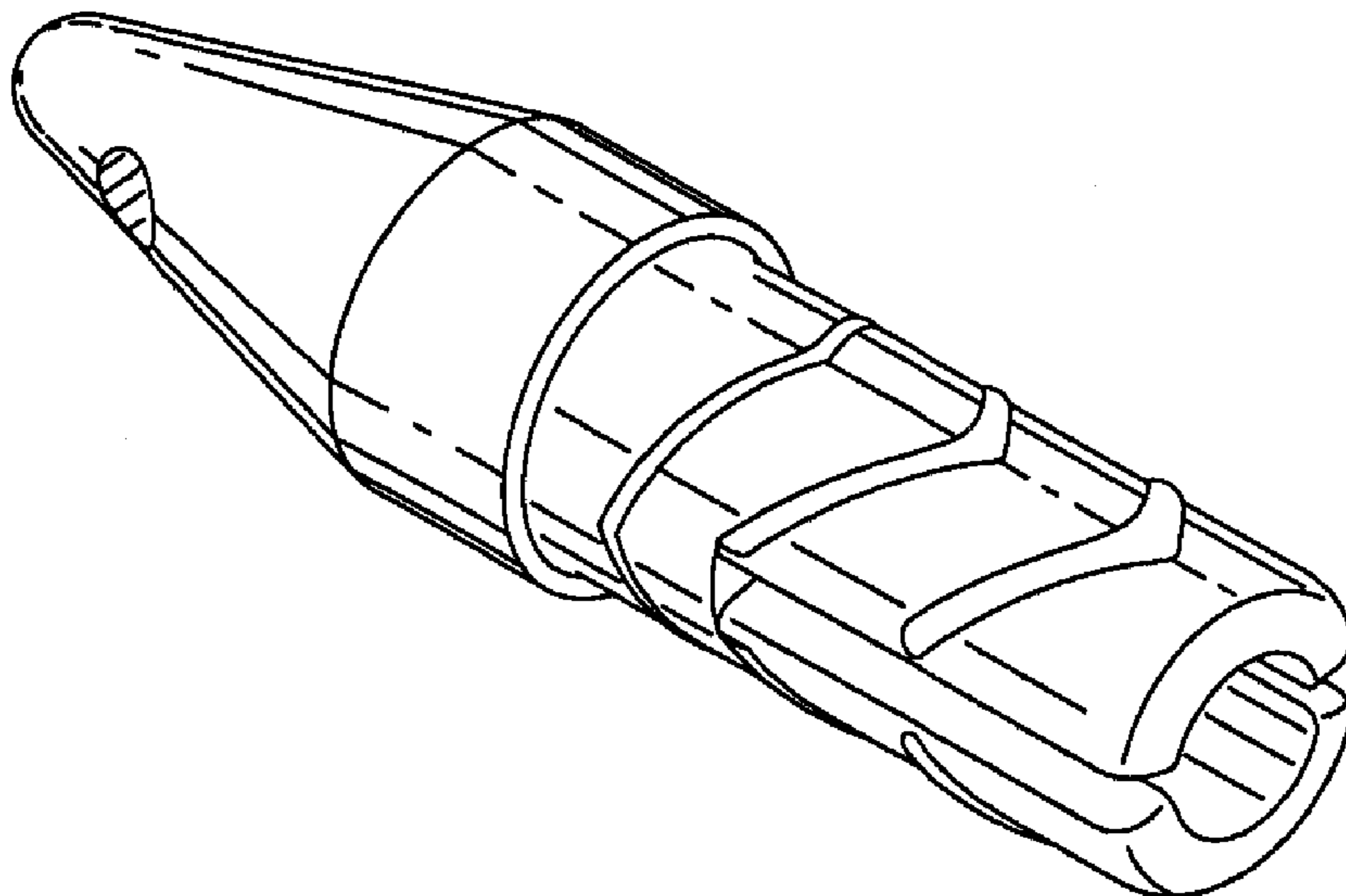
FIG. 8 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 8–9, 8–9 in FIG. 3;

FIG. 9 a further cross-sectional view, along the line 8–9, 8–9 in FIG. 3, showing the plug located in an end of a tube; and,

FIG. 10 is a further perspective view, showing plugs each located in an end of a tube of a heat exchanger for a steam generator.

The broken lines showing parts of the drawings is included for the purpose of illustrating use and environment and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**



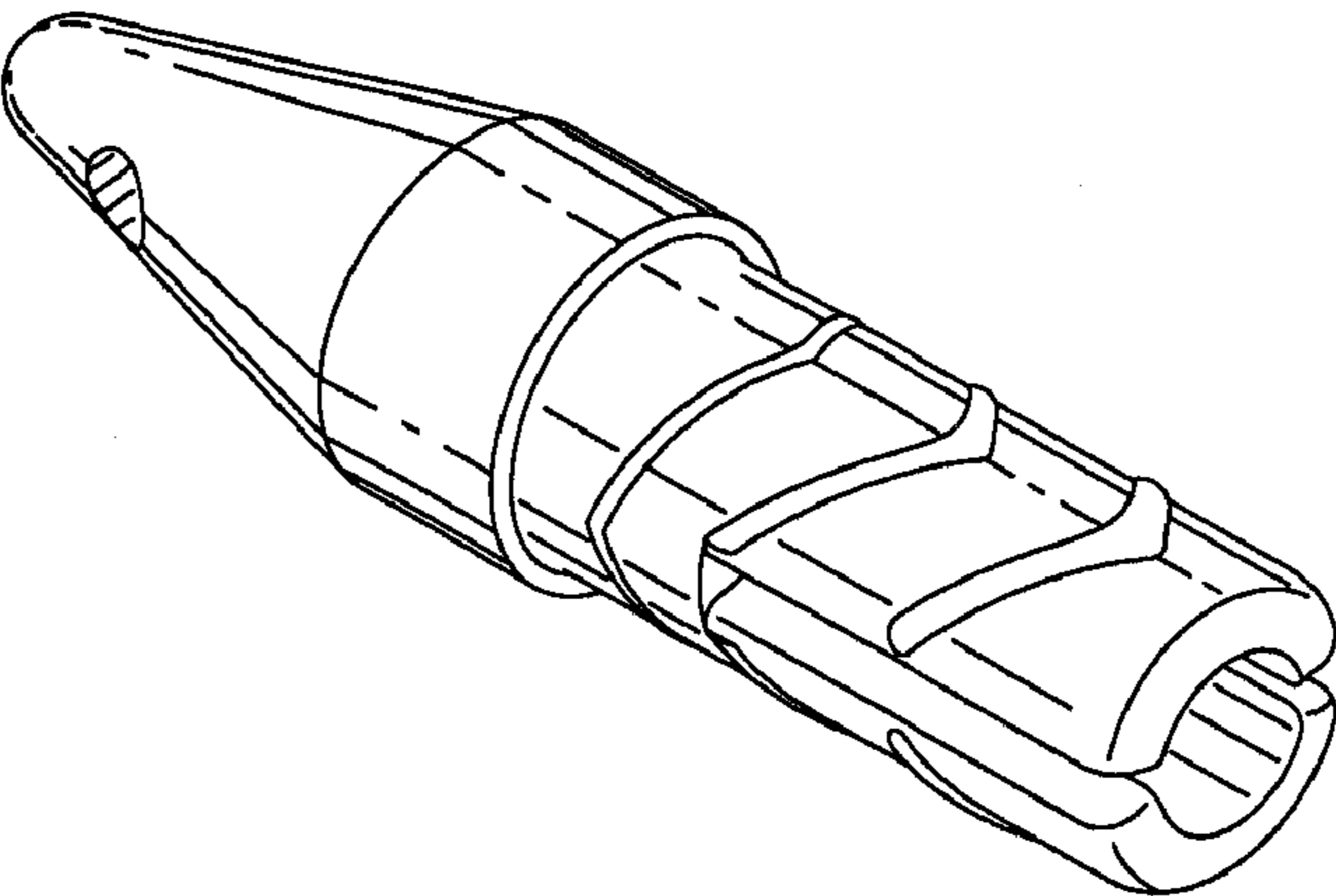


FIG. 1

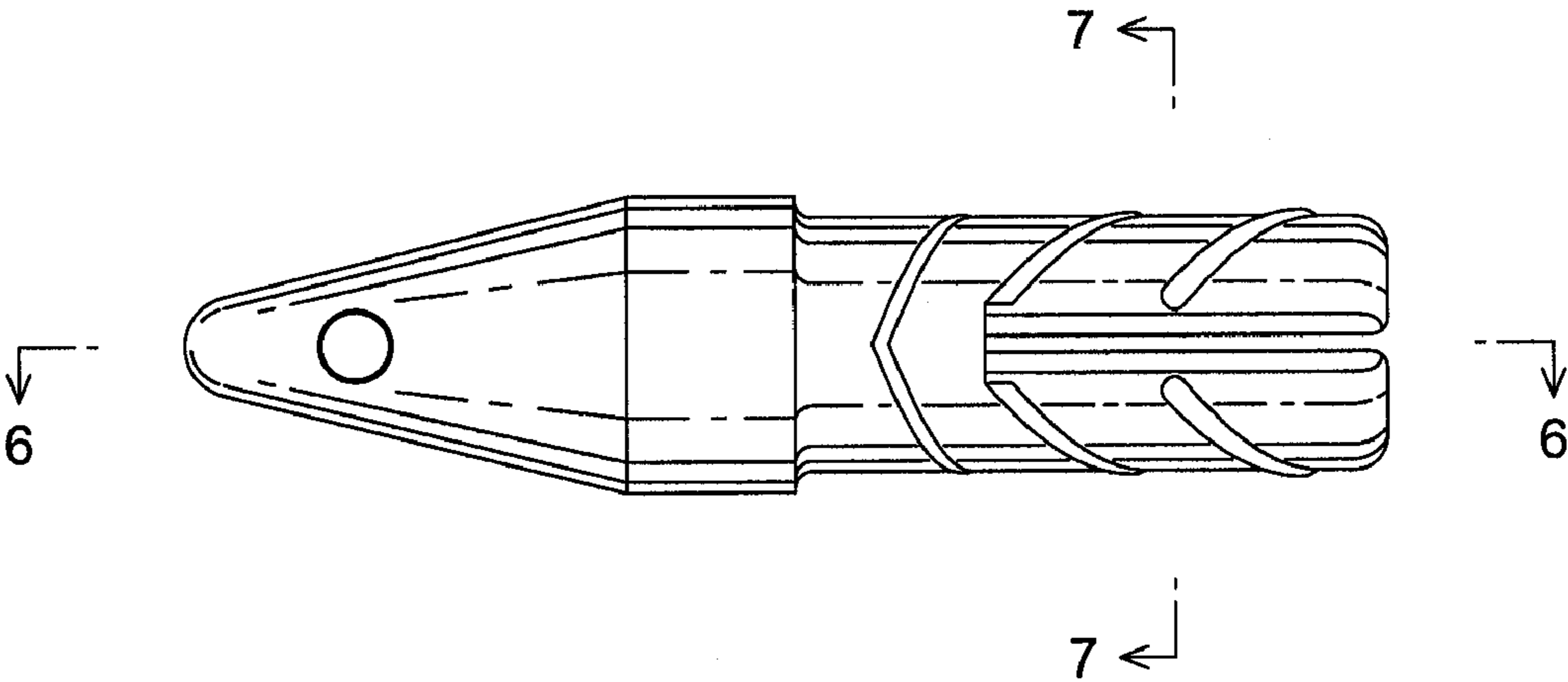
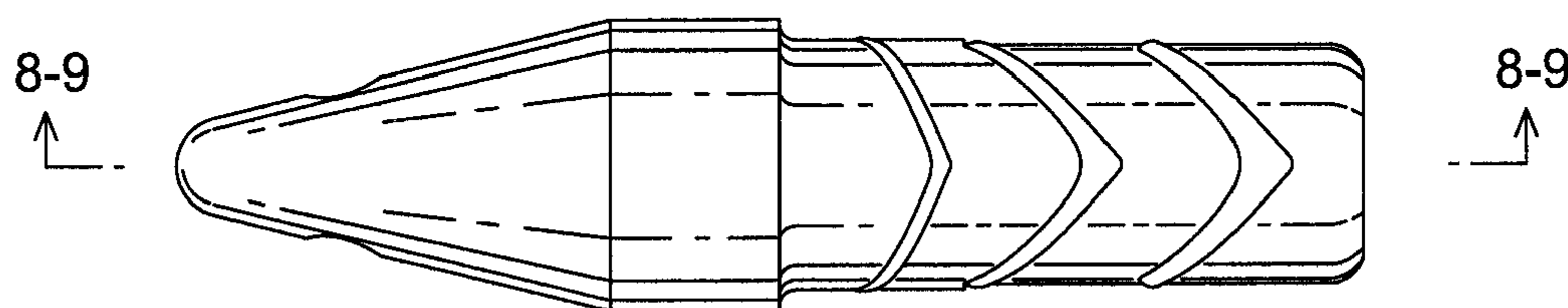
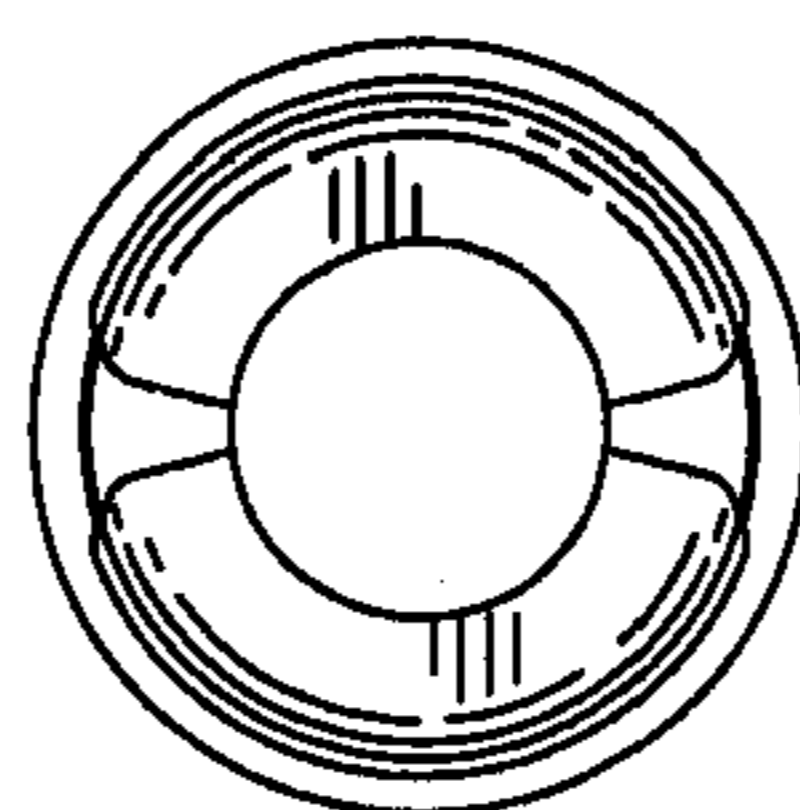


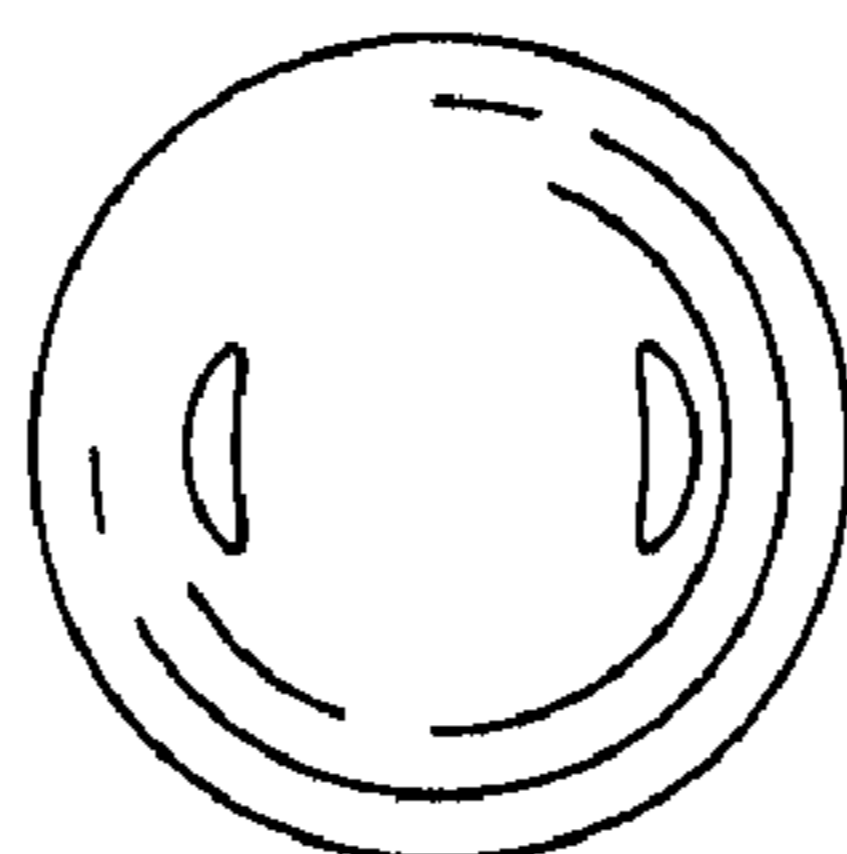
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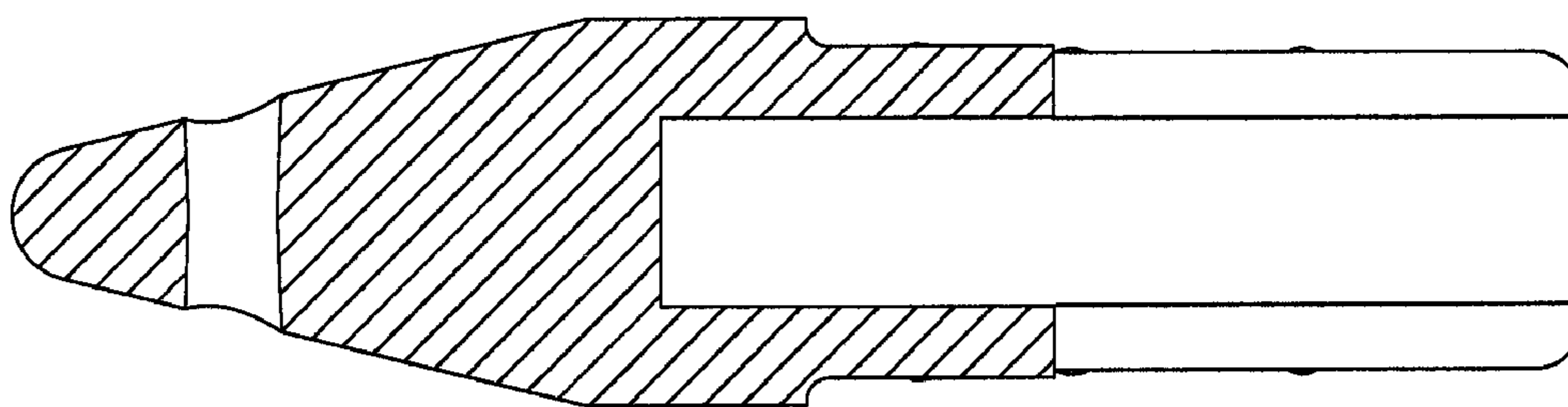
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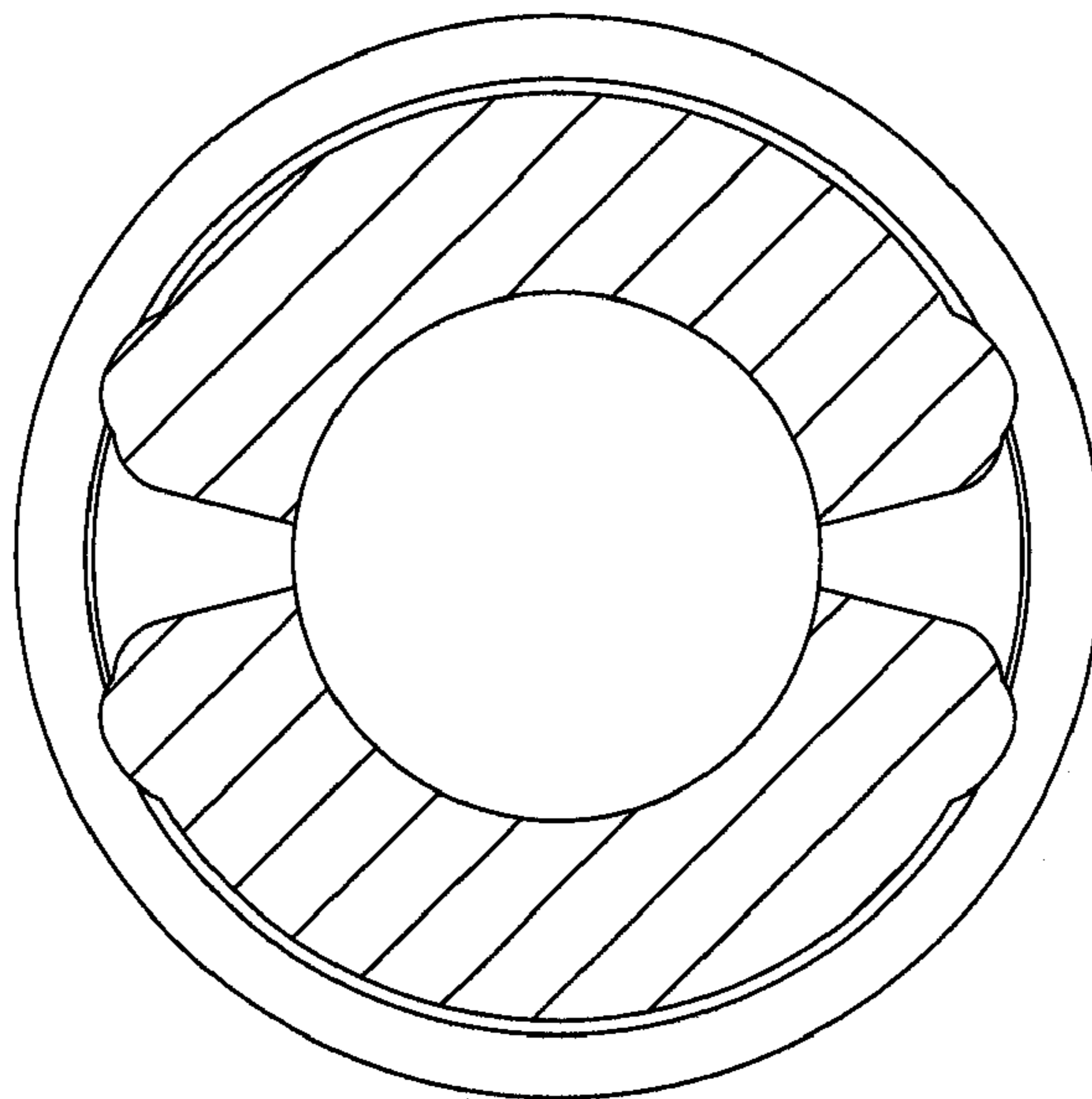
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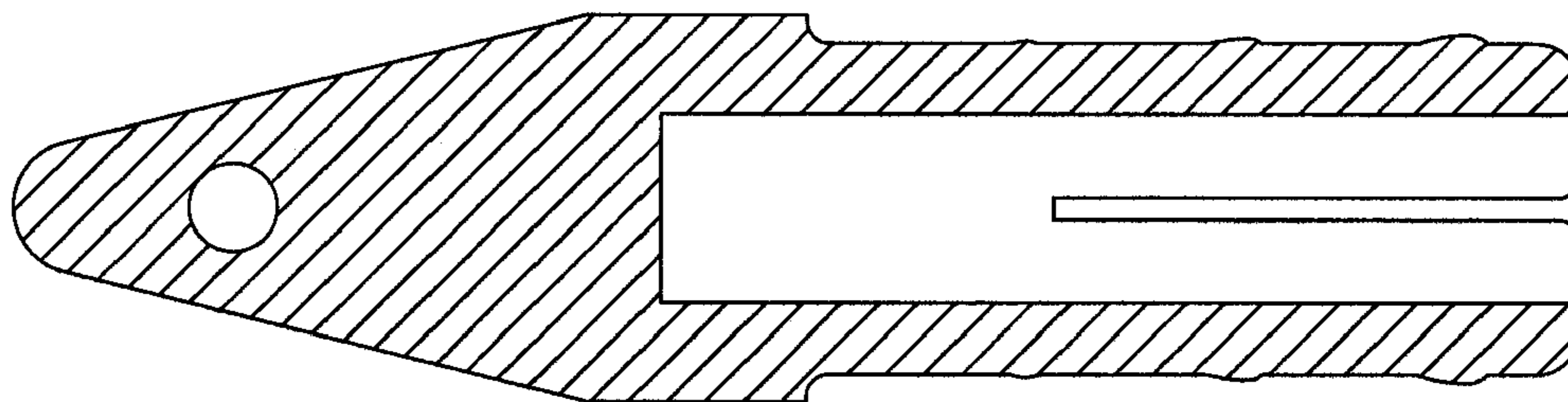
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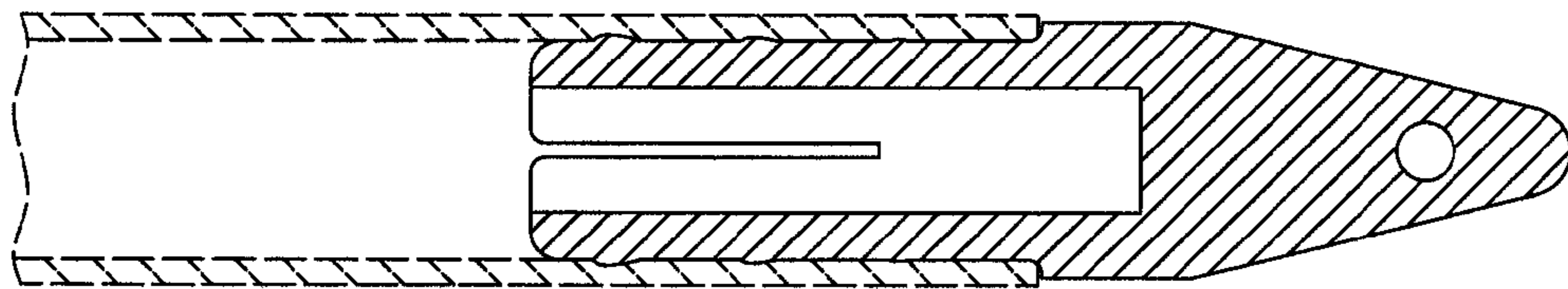
**FIG. 6**



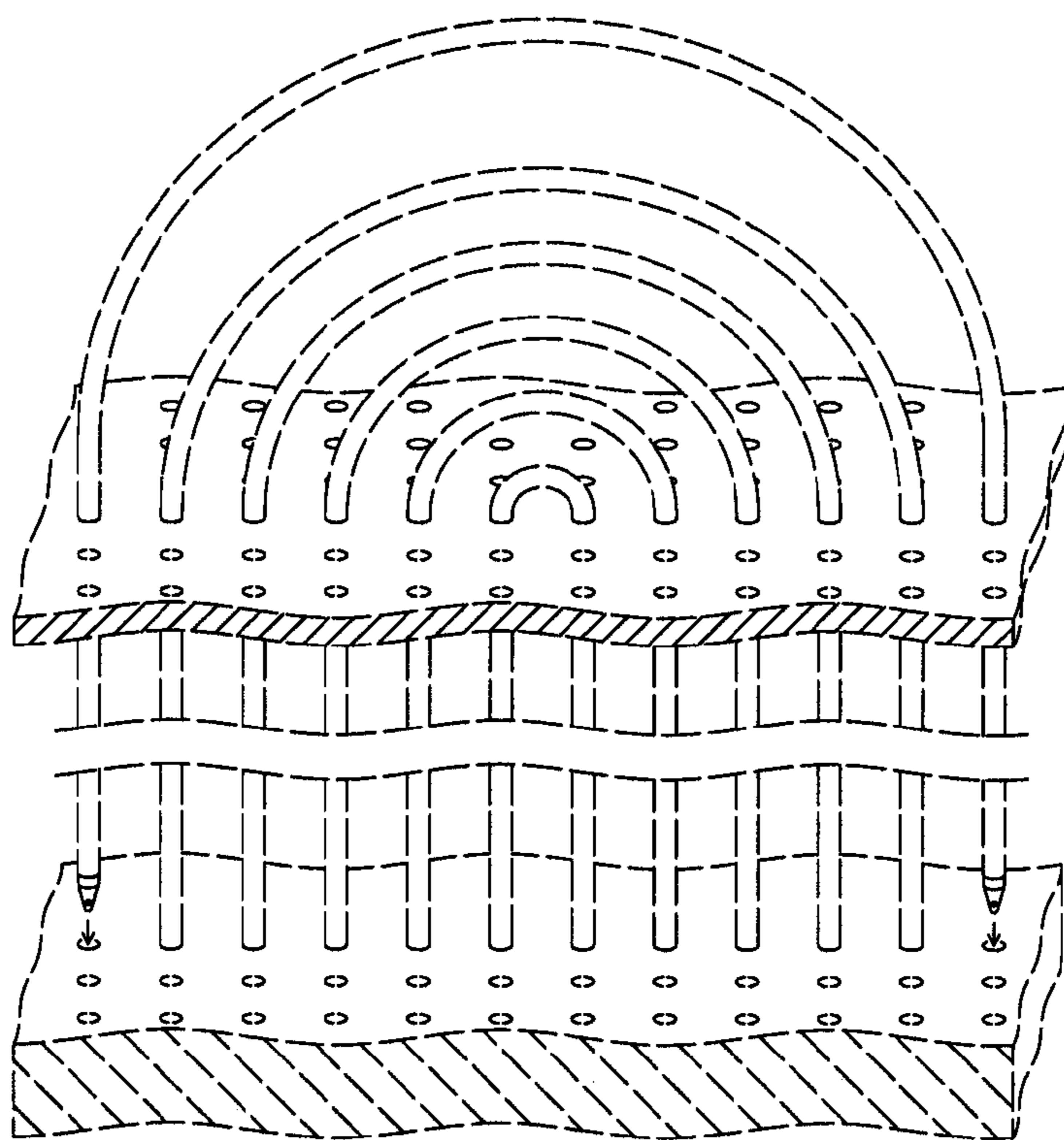
**FIG. 7**



**FIG. 8**



**FIG. 9**



**FIG. 10**