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(54) **EARPLUG STEM**

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(57) **CLAIM**

I claim, the ornamental design for an earplug stem, as shown
and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of an earplug stem, showing my
new design,

FIG. 2 is a first side elevation view thereof, the opposite side
being a mirror image thereof;

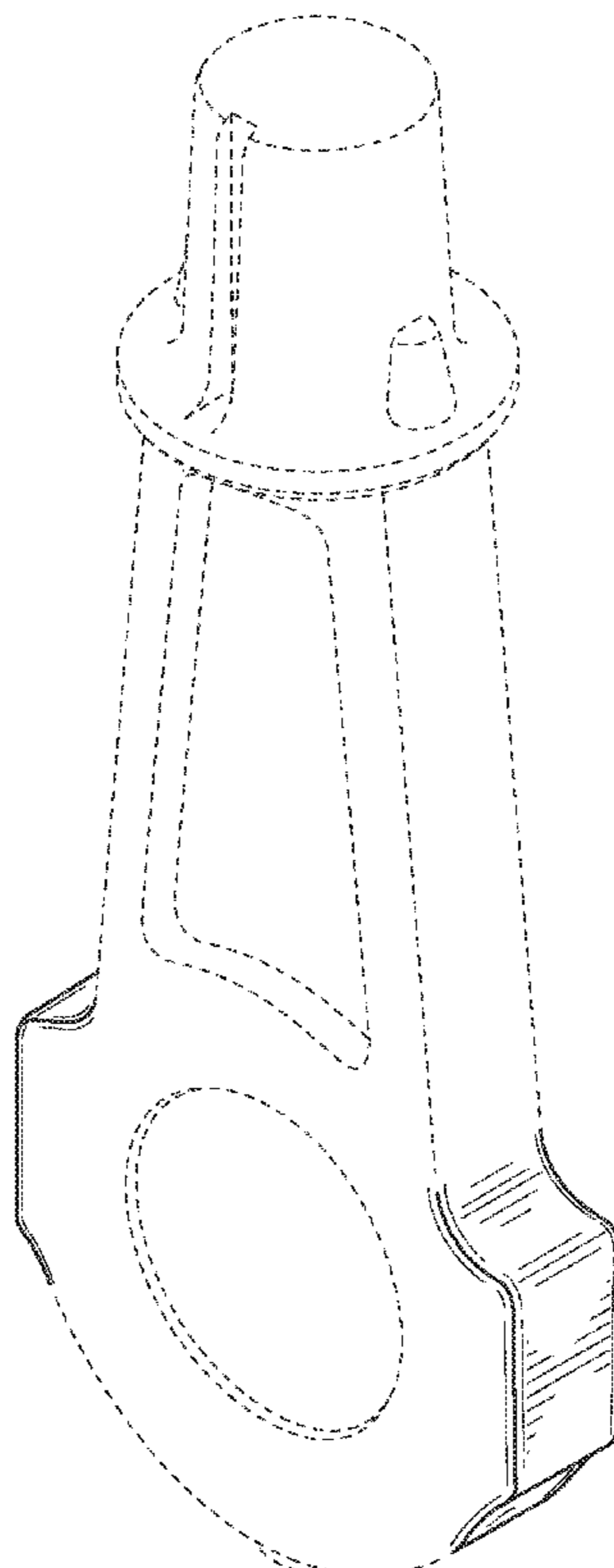
FIG. 3 is a second side elevation view thereof, the opposite
side being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof.

The broken lines illustrate environment only and form no part
of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



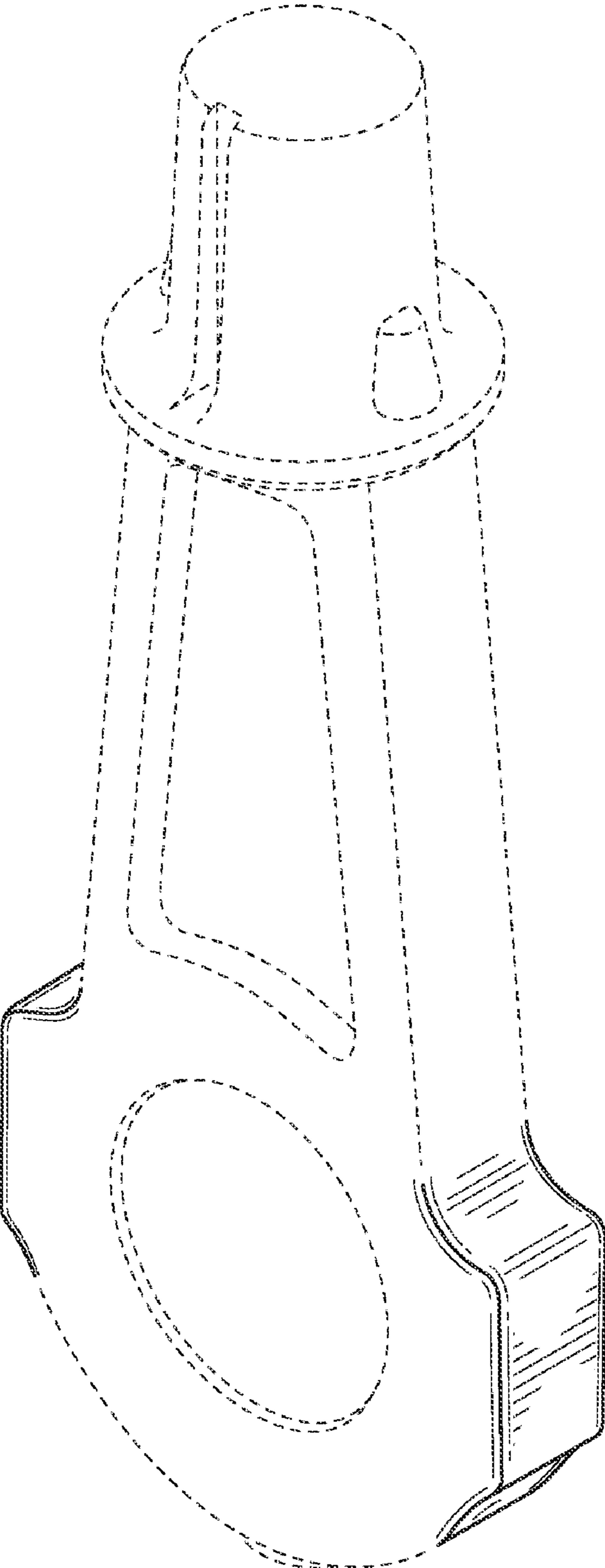


Fig. 1

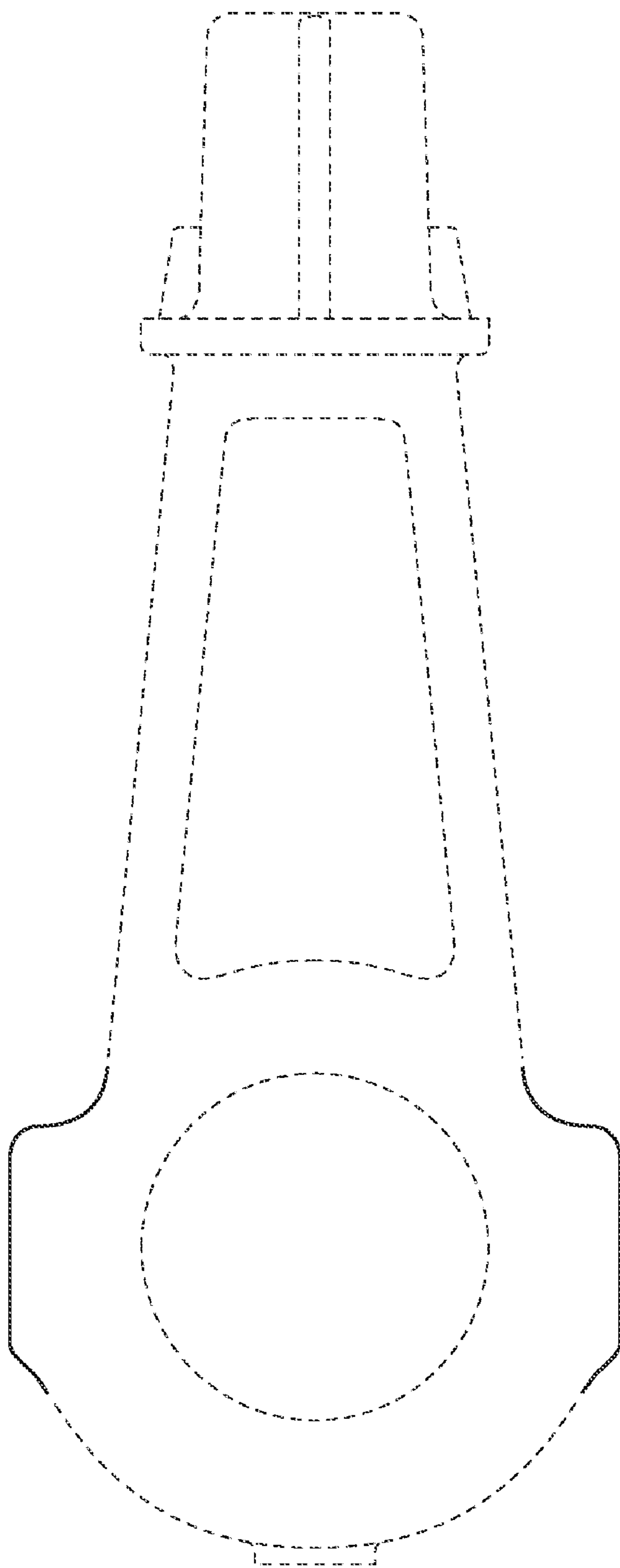


Fig. 2

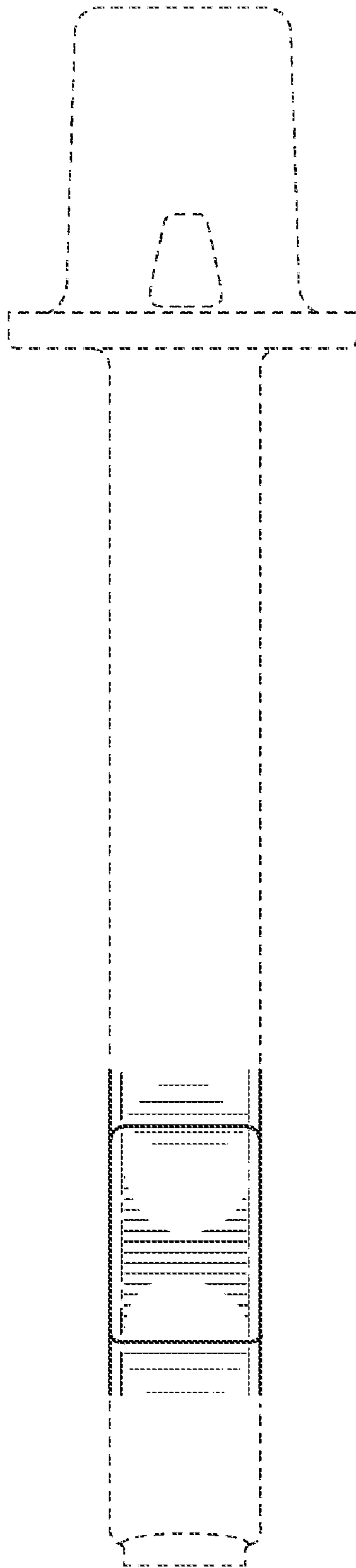


Fig. 3

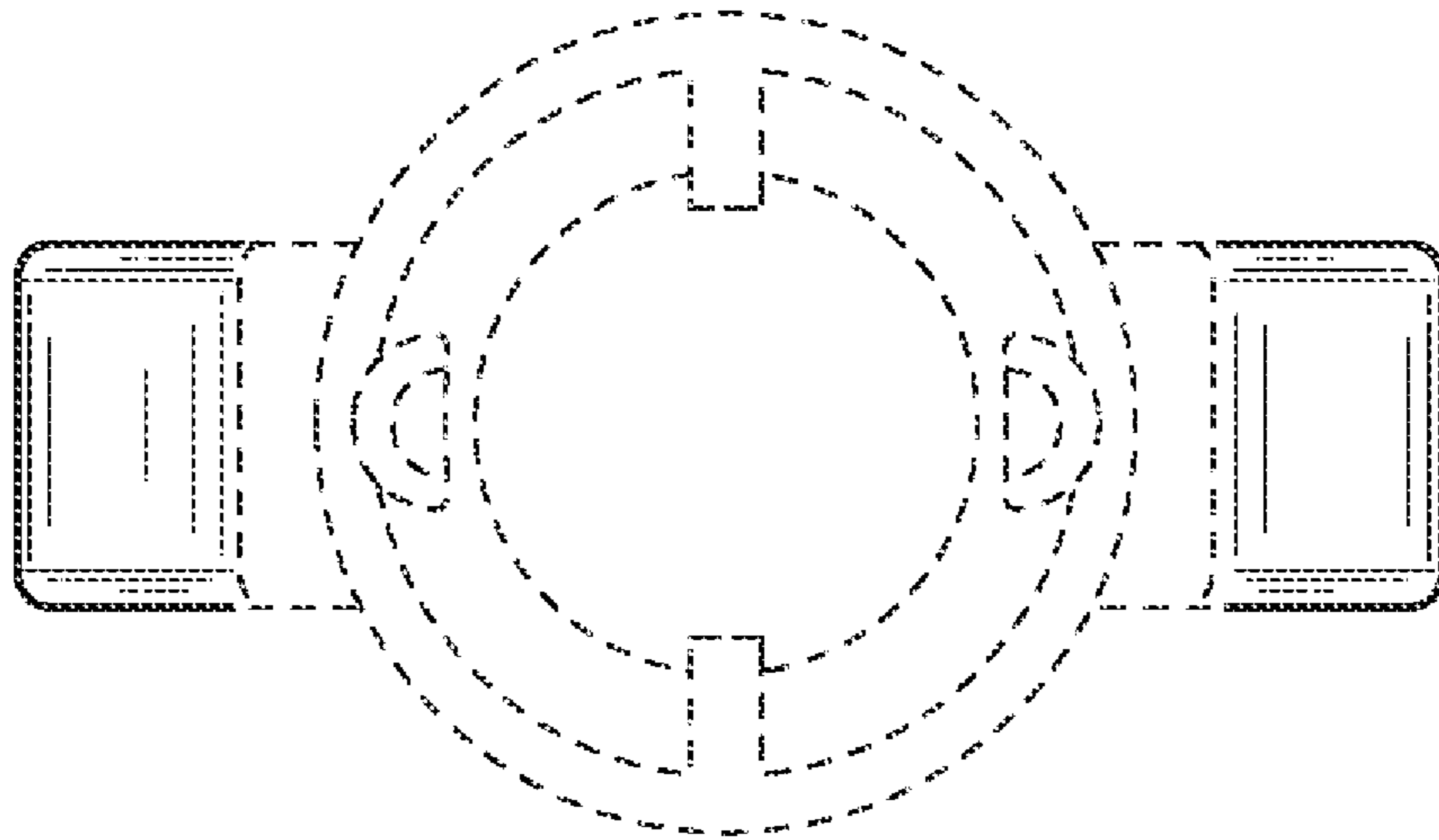


Fig. 4

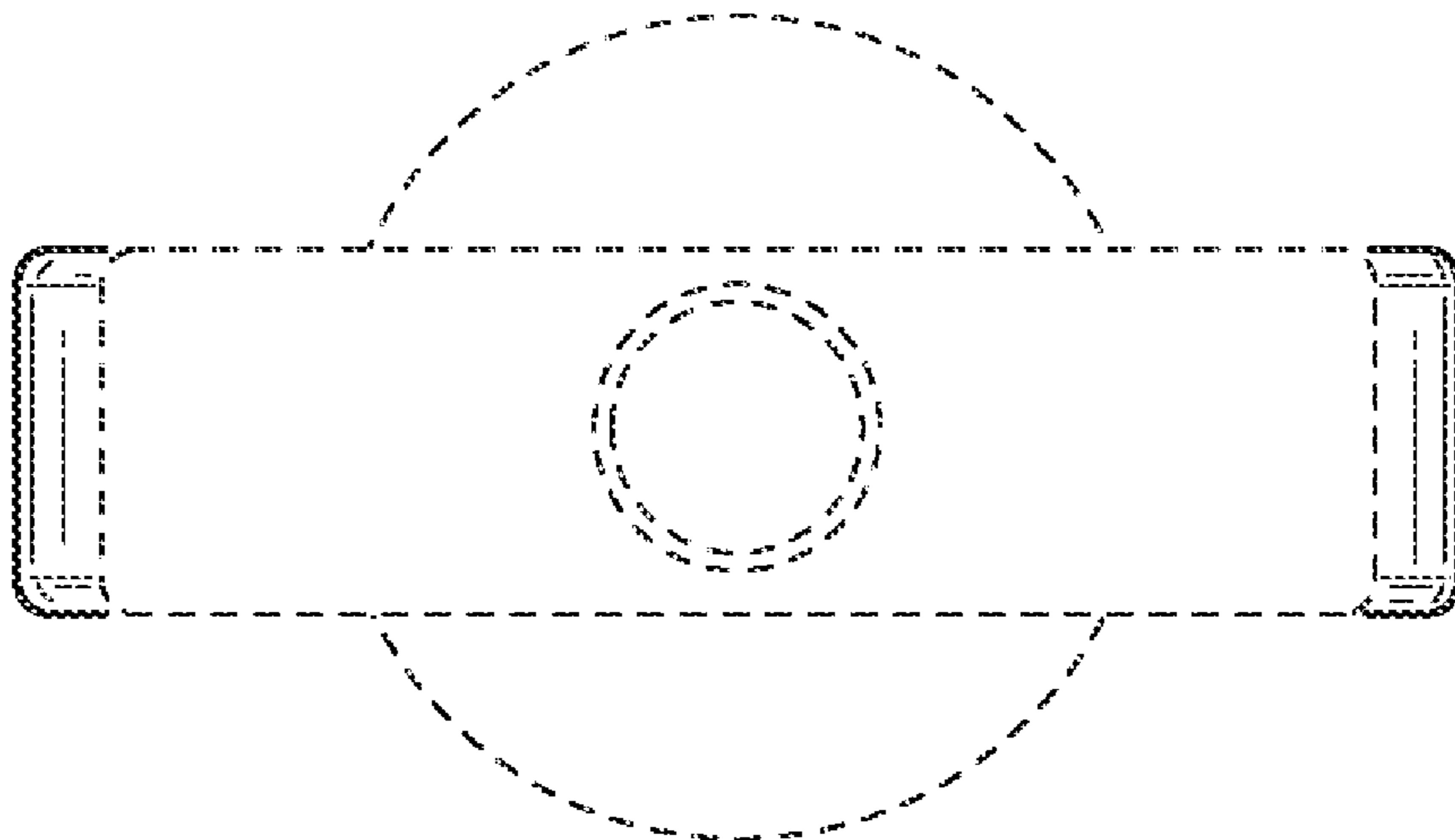


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