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(54) **GRIPPING PENCIL TOPPER AND SHARPENER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a gripping pencil topper and sharpener, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective top and front view of the gripping pencil topper and sharpener.

FIG. 2 is a front view of the gripping pencil topper and sharpener.

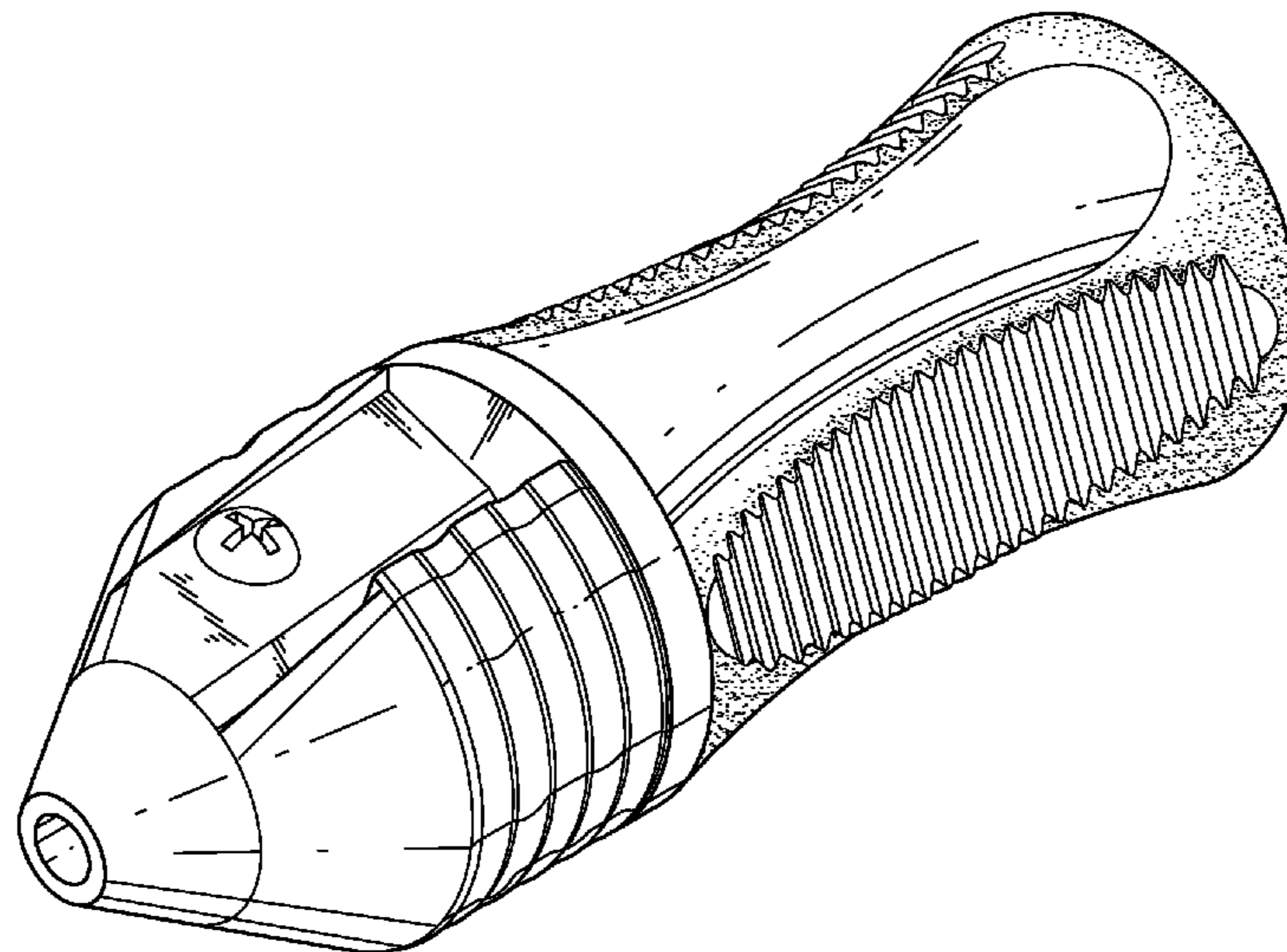
FIG. 3 is a back view of the gripping pencil topper and sharpener; and,

FIG. 4 is a top view of the gripping pencil topper and sharpener.

The stippling on the grip represents a surface texture and is part of the claimed design.

The gripping pencil topper and sharpener is intended to be used to fit on and around the head of a pencil so that a user may both sharpen the pencil without removing the gripping pencil topper and sharpener and more easily grip the pencil while writing with the pencil. As a pencil is sharpened by the gripping pencil topper and sharpener, only the graphite of the pencil protrudes through the top of the gripping pencil topper and sharpener.

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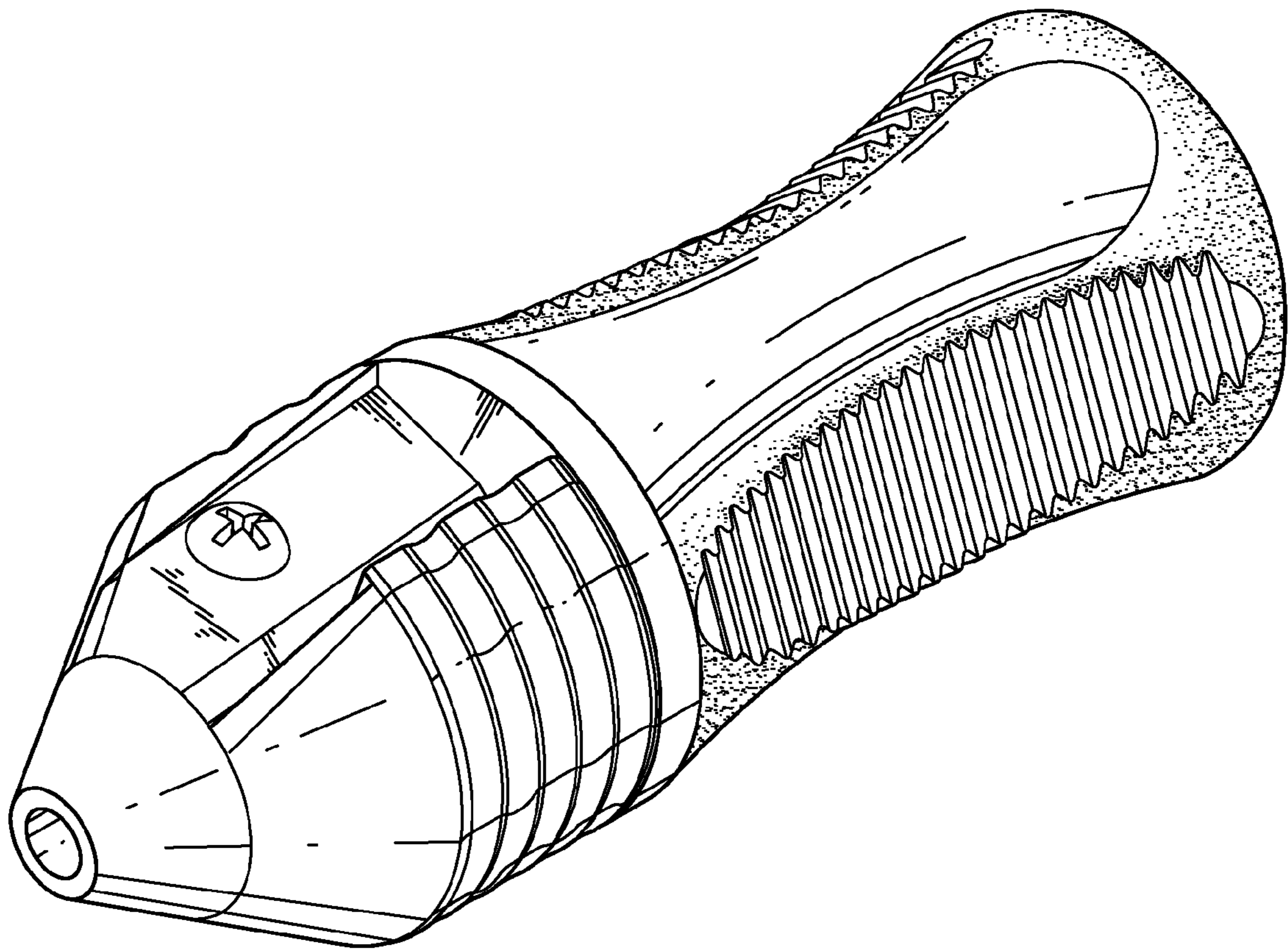


FIG. 1

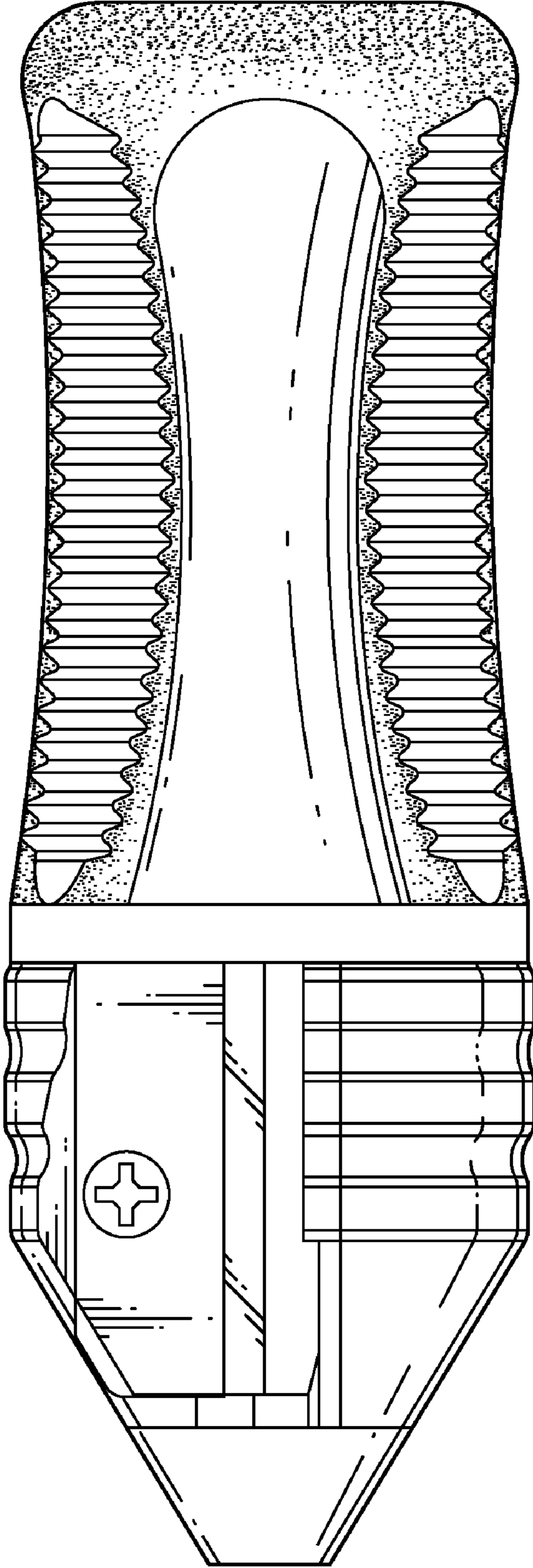


FIG. 2

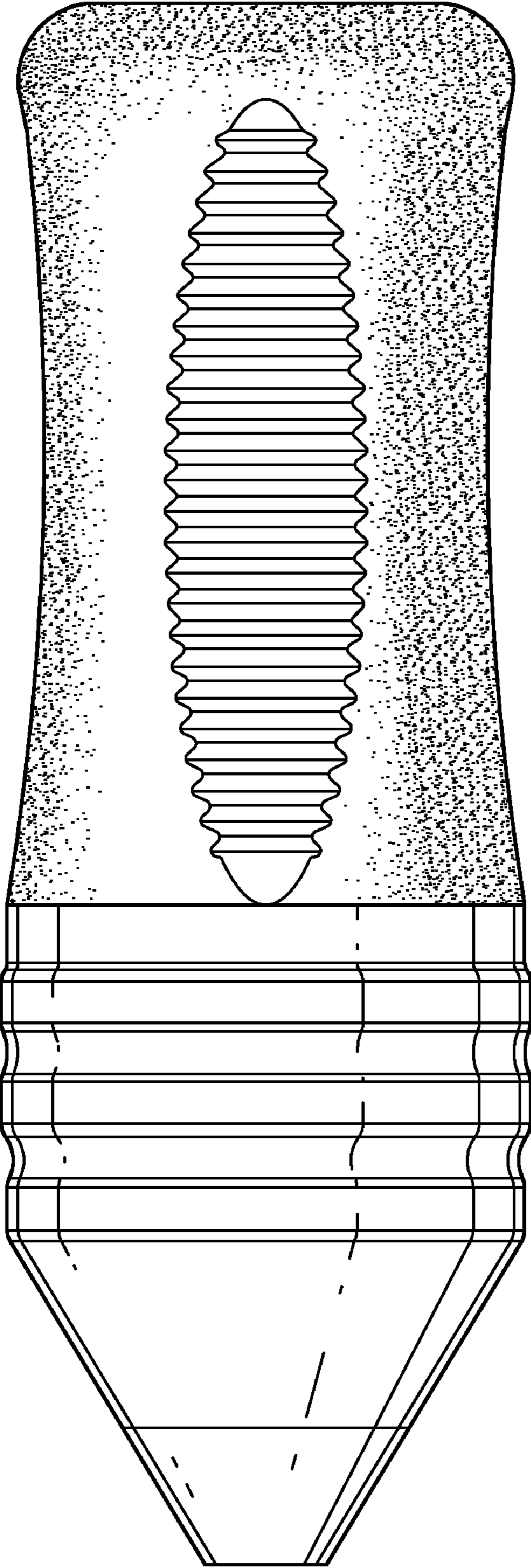
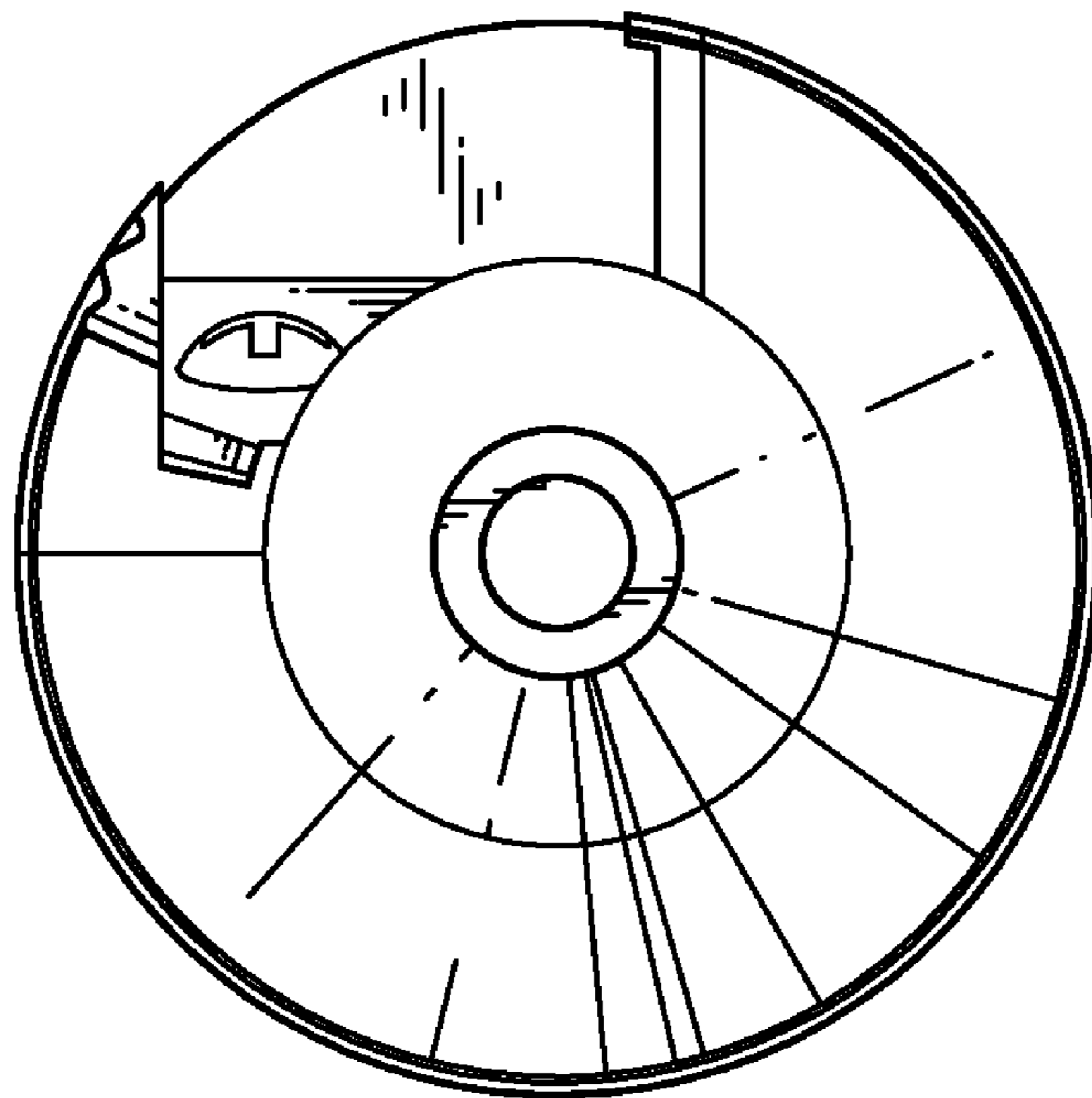


FIG. 3



*FIG. 4*