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(54) **FLOW RATE CONTROLLER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a flow rate controller, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a bottom plan view of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

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FIG. 3 is a left side elevational view of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

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FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the flow rate controller of the present invention when a connector is repositioned.

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FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

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FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

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FIG. 7 is a right side elevational view of the flow rate controller of the present invention; and,

FIG. 8 is a top plan view of the flow rate controller of the present invention.

Any indicia shown in broken lines in the drawings form no part of the design to be patented.

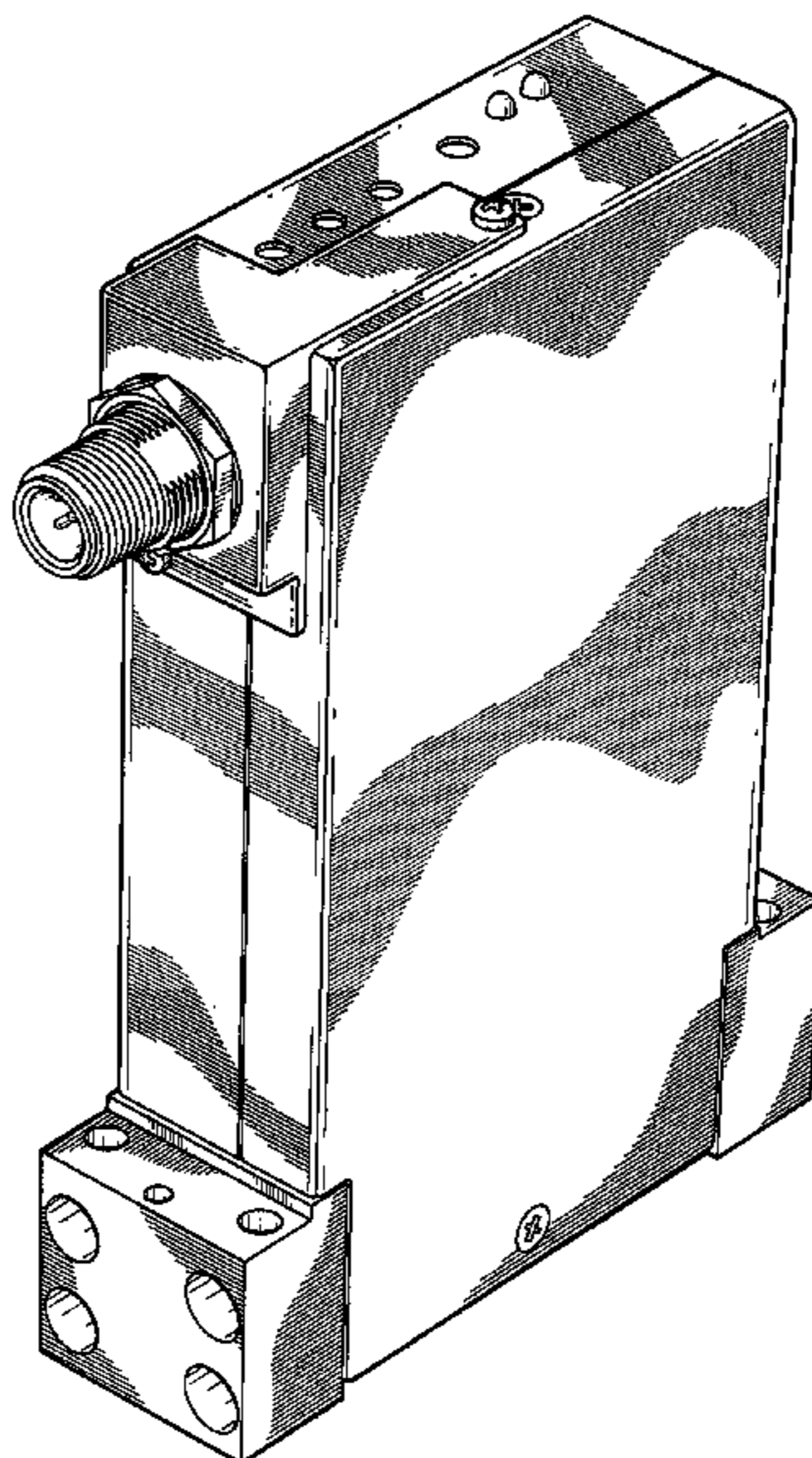
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The present article relates to a design of a flow rate controller, which controls fluid including process gas used for fluid supply lines at semiconductor manufacturing facilities, chemical plants, nuclear power plants, petroleum refinery plants and the like.

A flow rate controller is easily connected to a cable by changing the position and direction of the connector even when it is found difficult to connect a cable to a connector because of the relative position of other devices to the controller.

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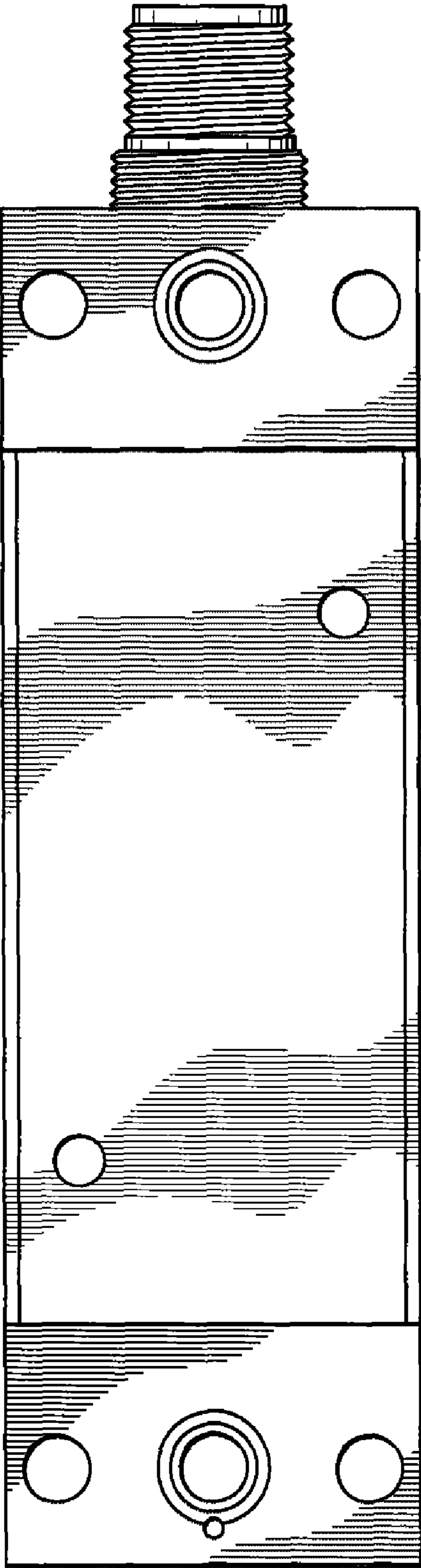


FIG. 1

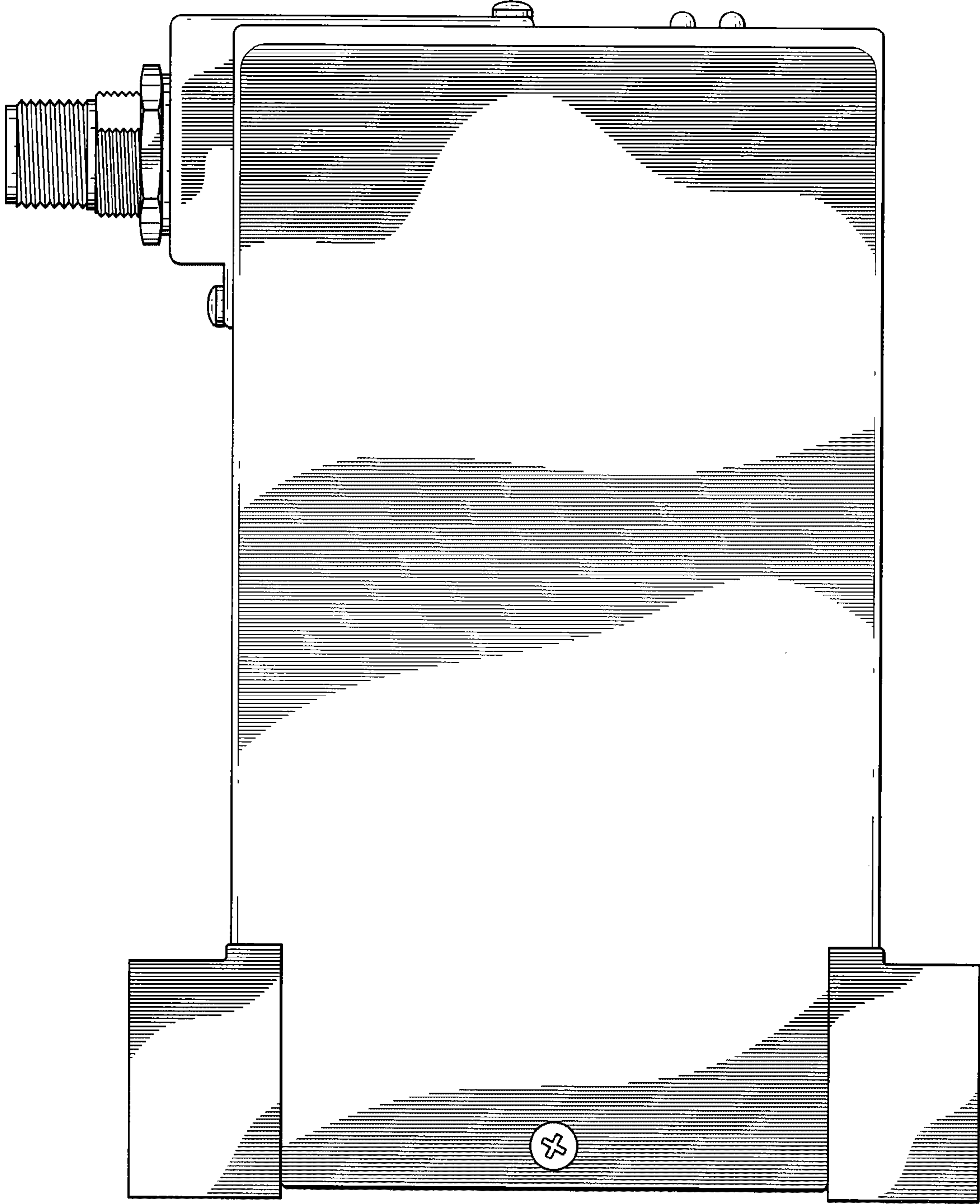


FIG. 2

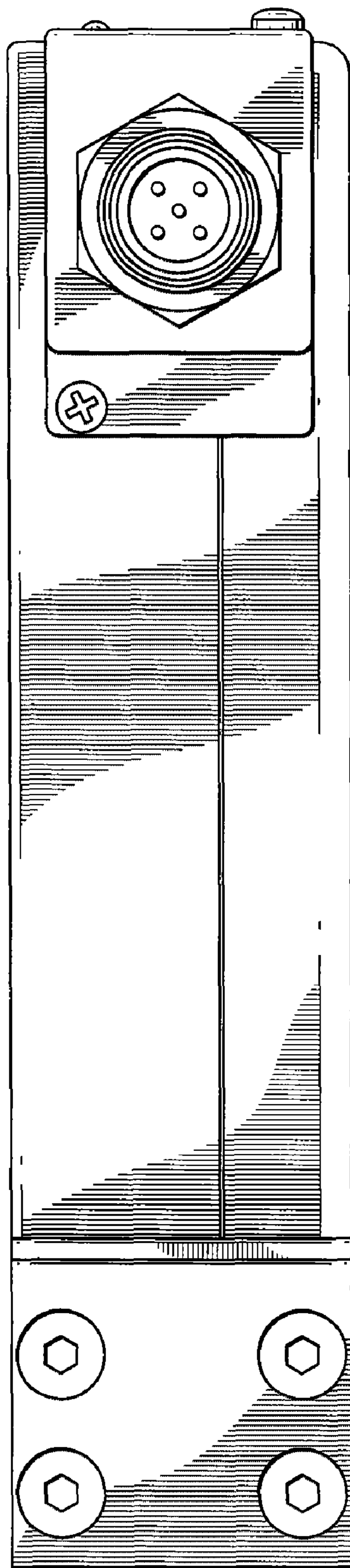


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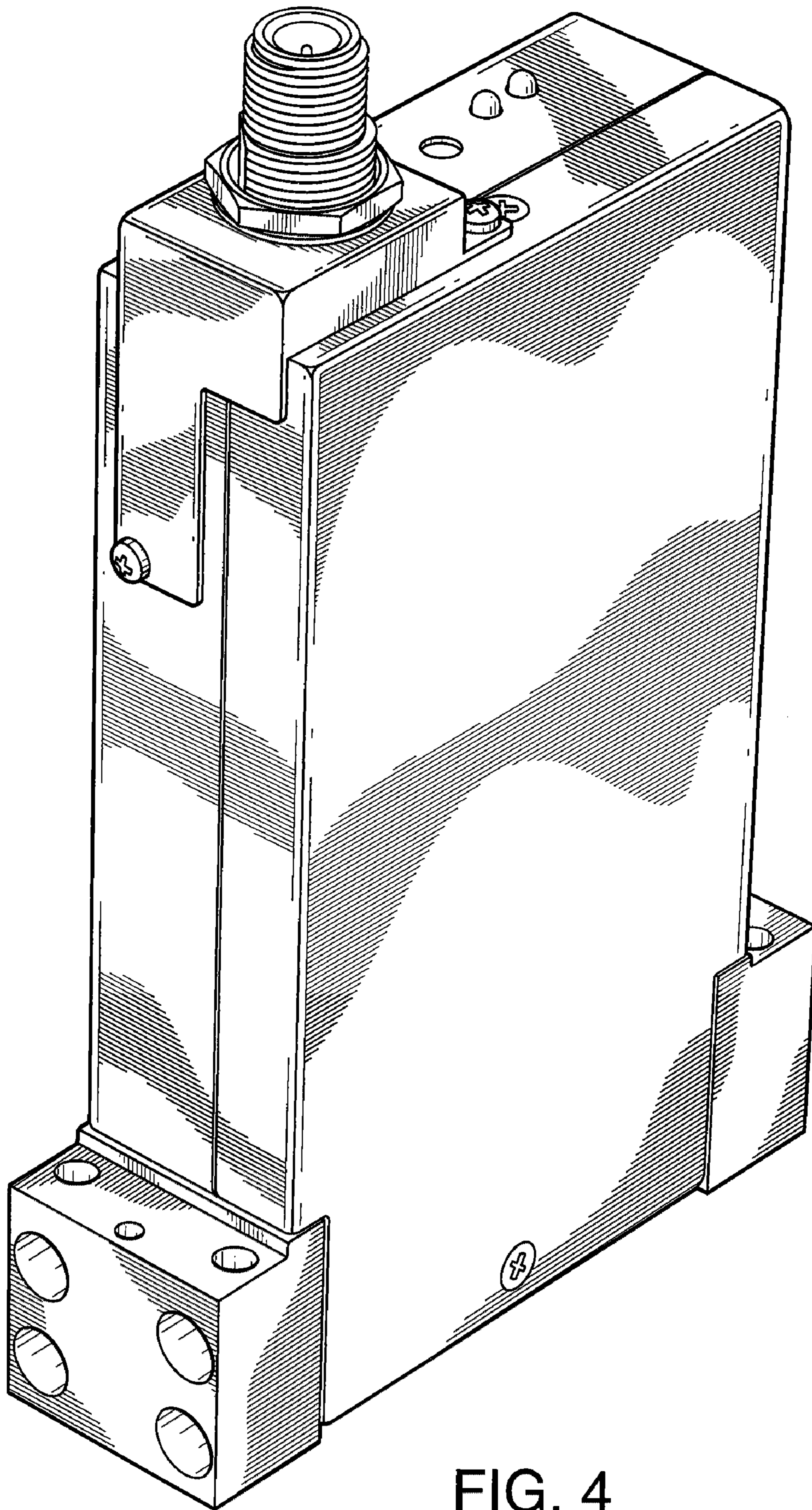


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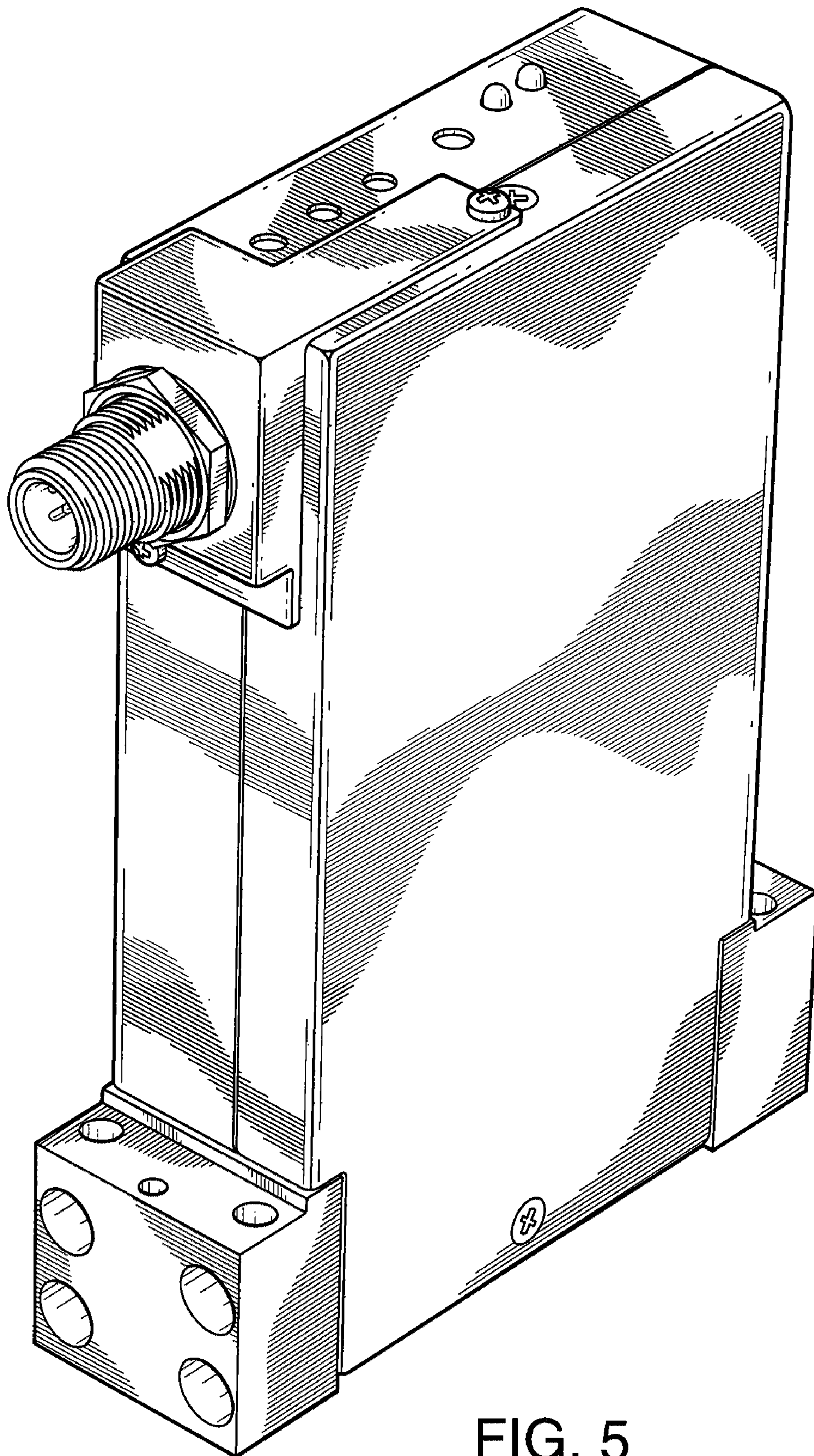


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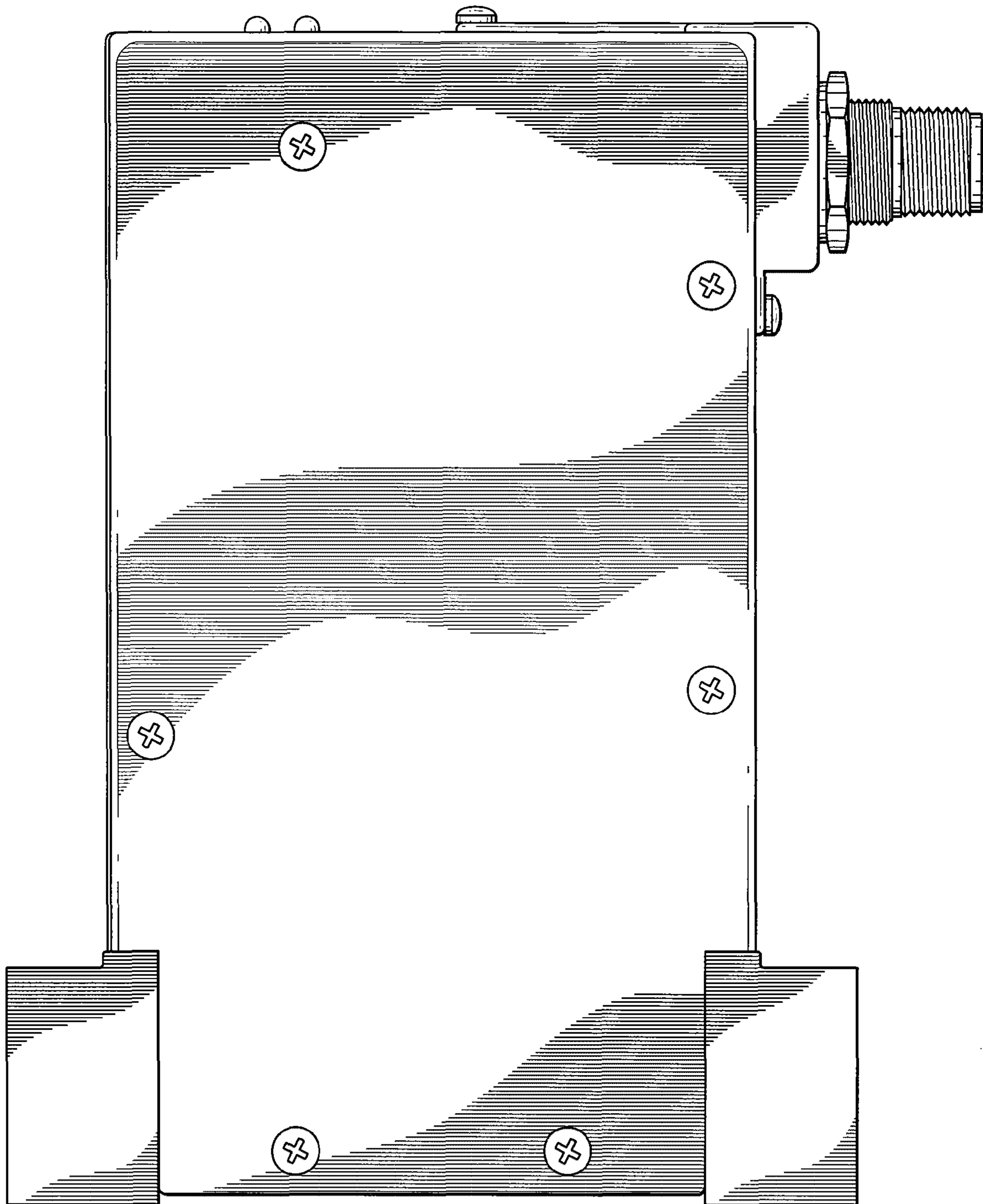


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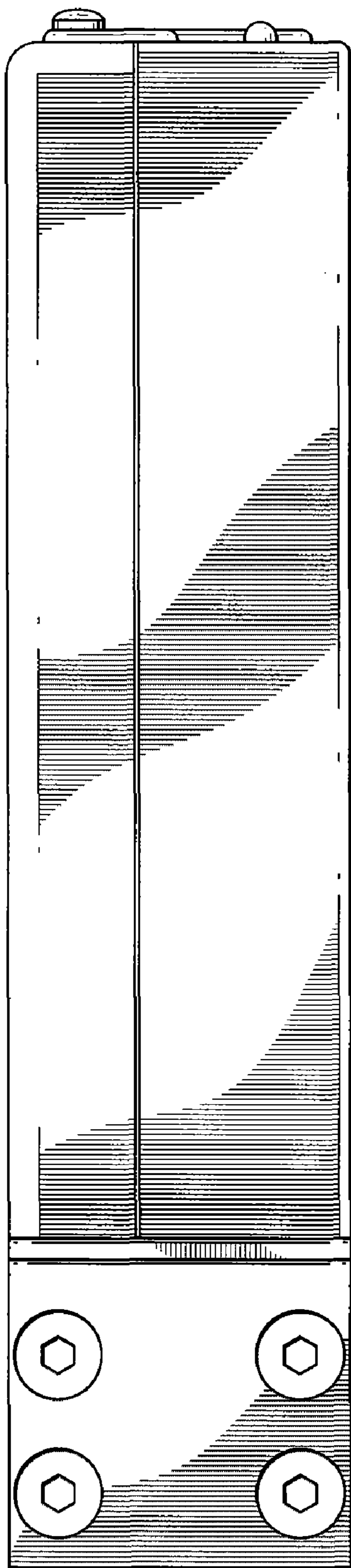


FIG. 7



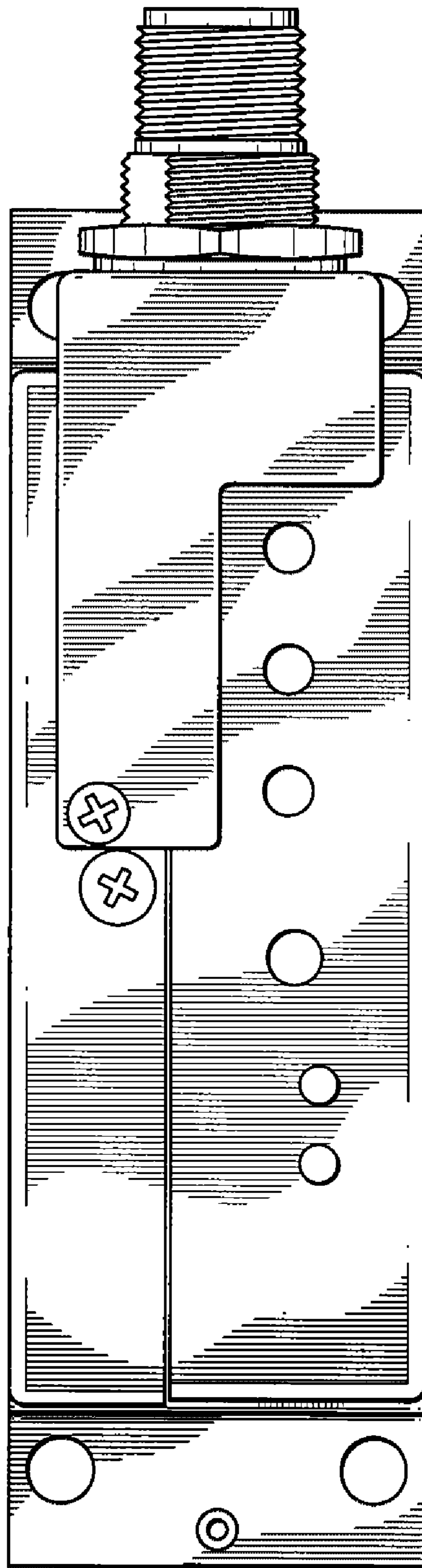


FIG. 8