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(54) **CONNECTING ROD**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a connecting rod, as shown.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the connecting rod.

FIG. 2 is bottom perspective view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a top perspective view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a bottom perspective view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front perspective view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

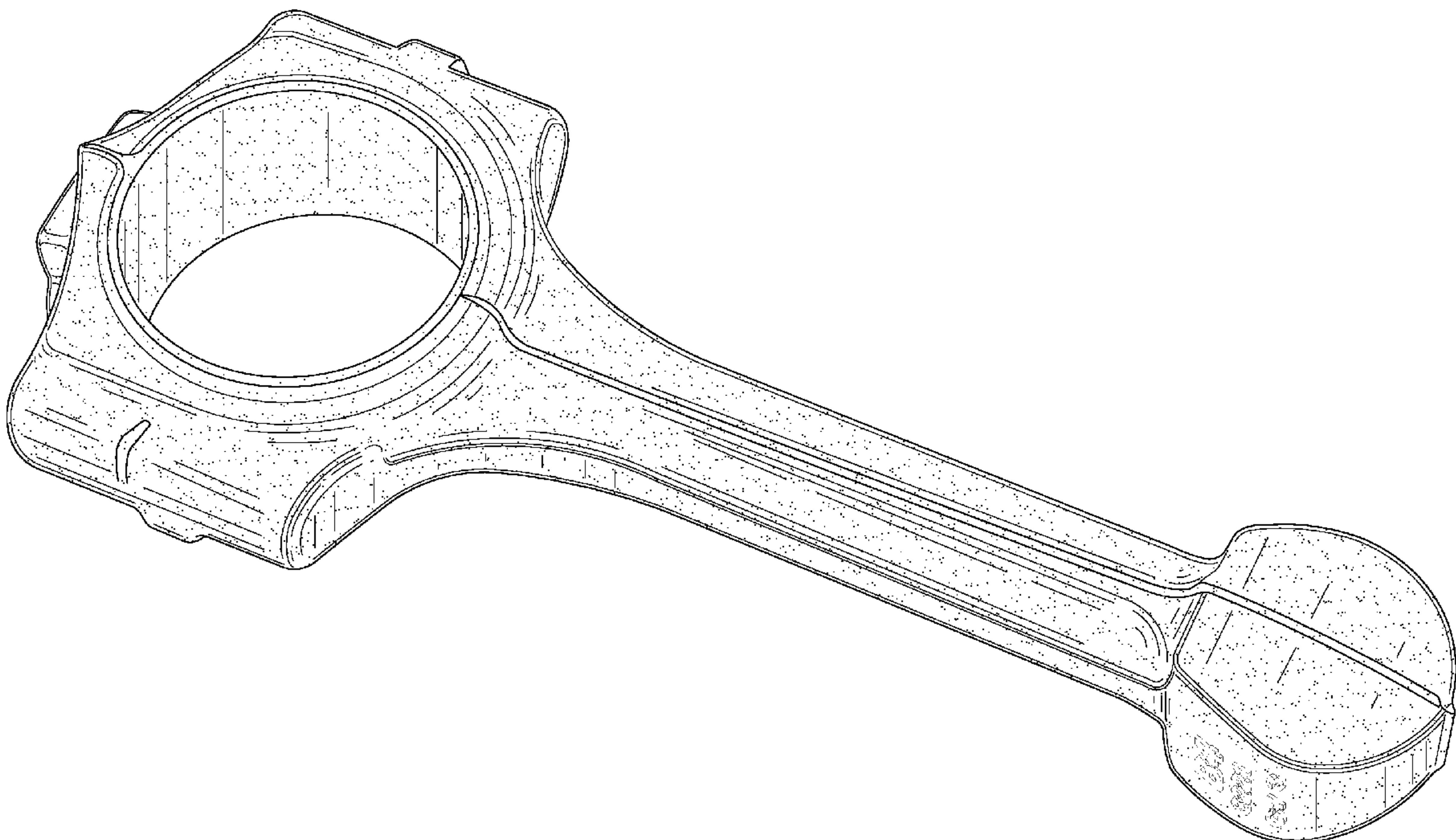
FIG. 6 is a back perspective view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

FIG. 7 is a left side view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 8 is a right side view of the connecting rod of FIG. 1.

The stippled surface shading represents the surface appearance created by sand casting.

The broken line in FIG. 6 represents the boundary between claimed and unclaimed areas of the connecting rod which forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**



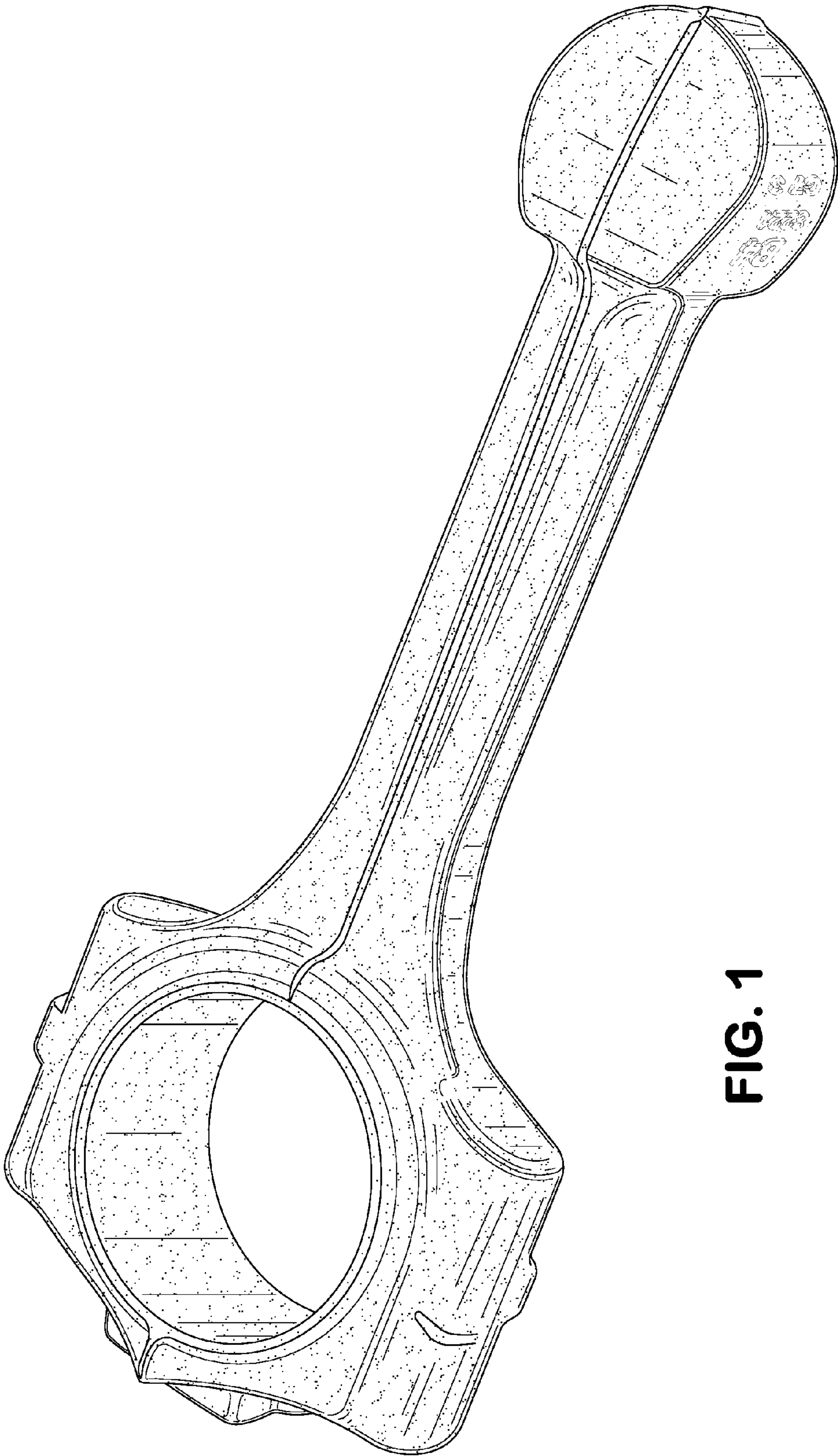


FIG. 1

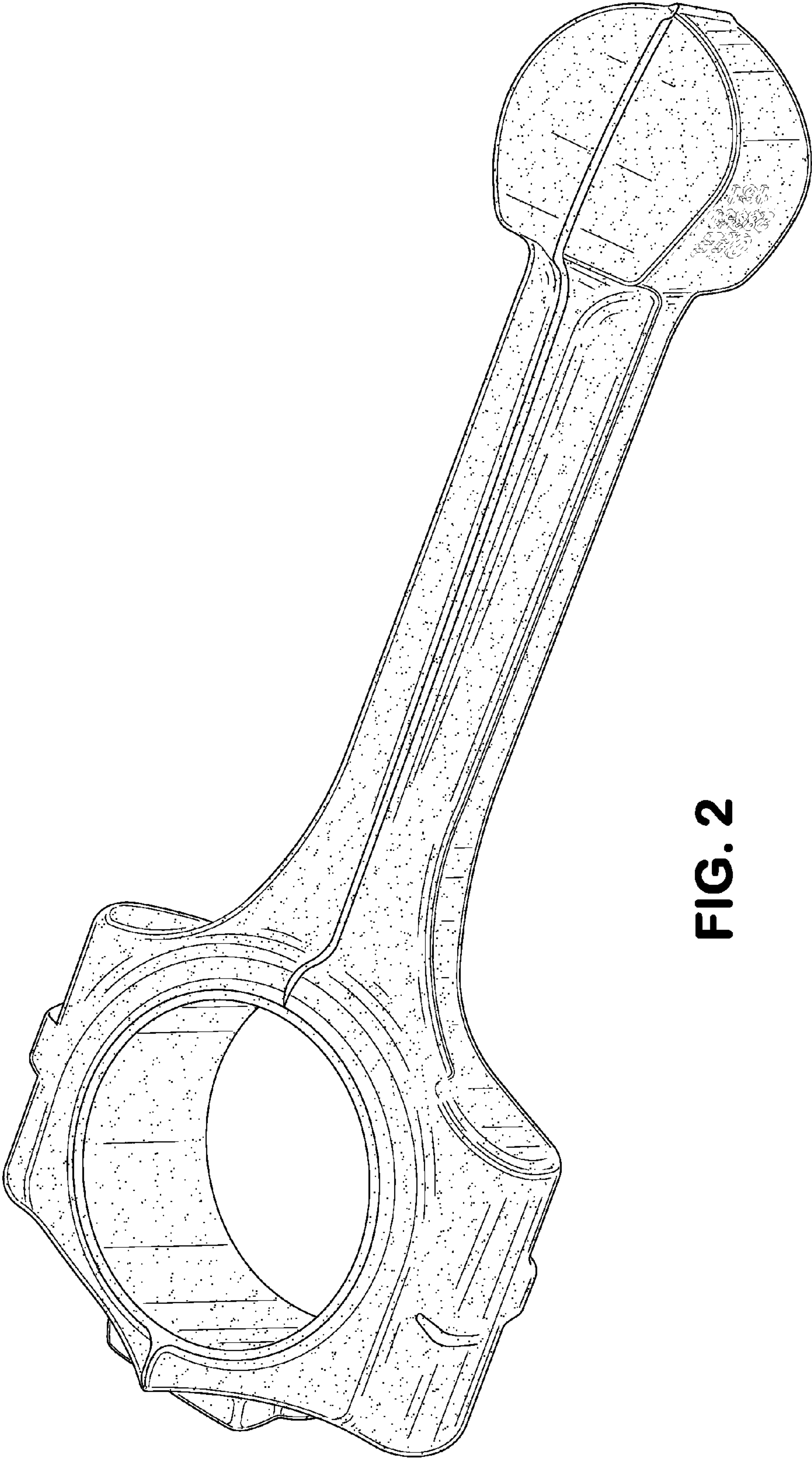


FIG. 2



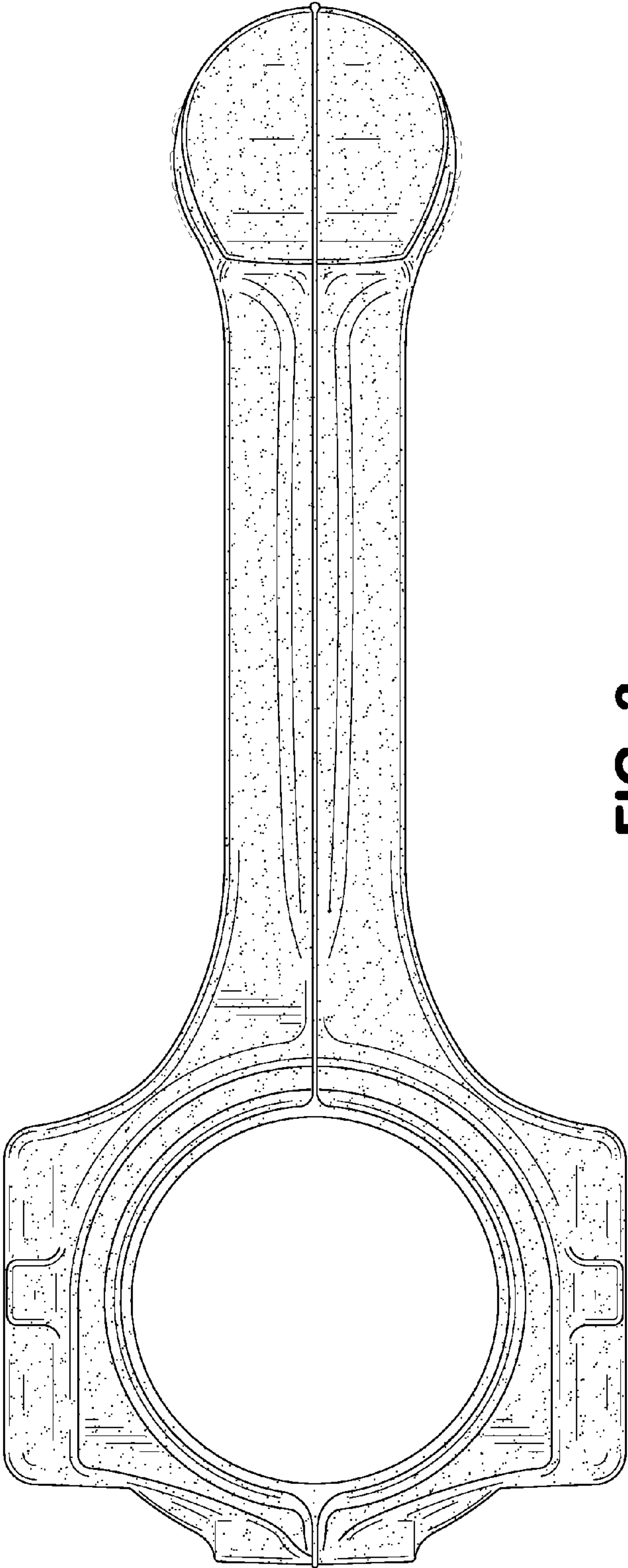


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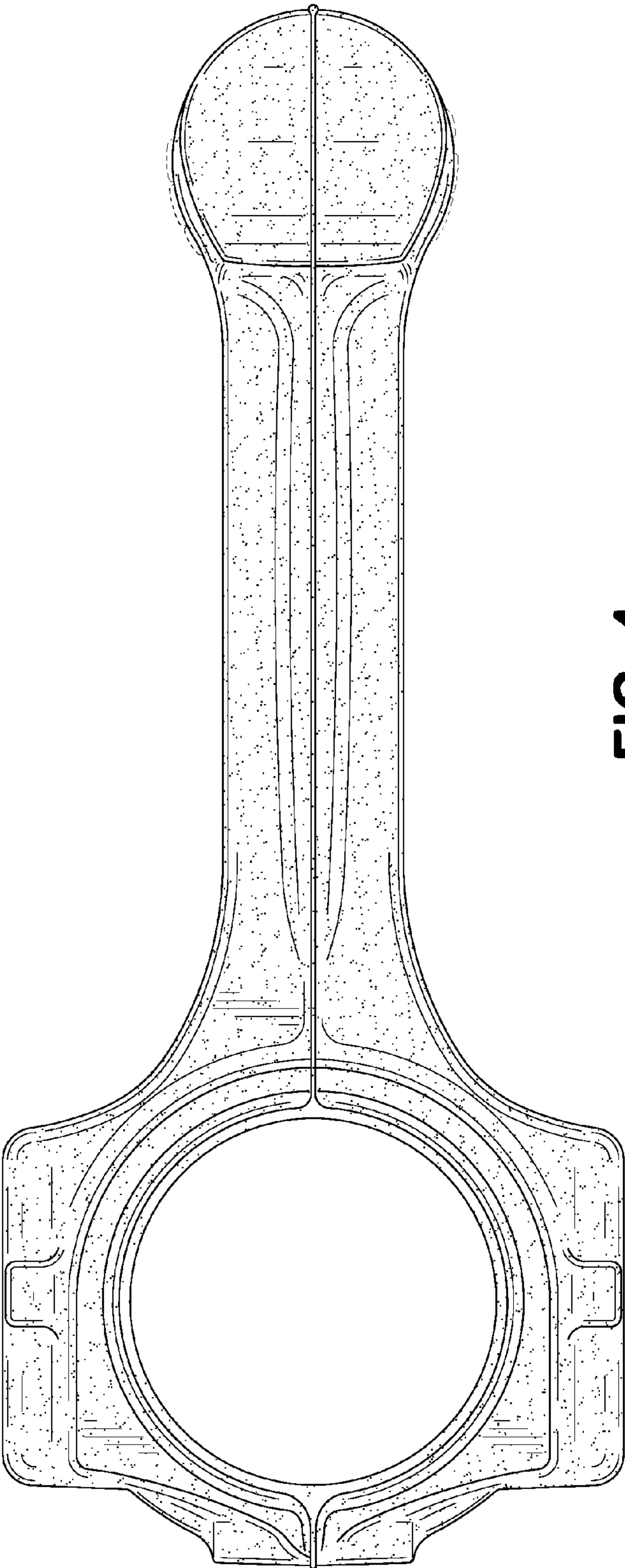


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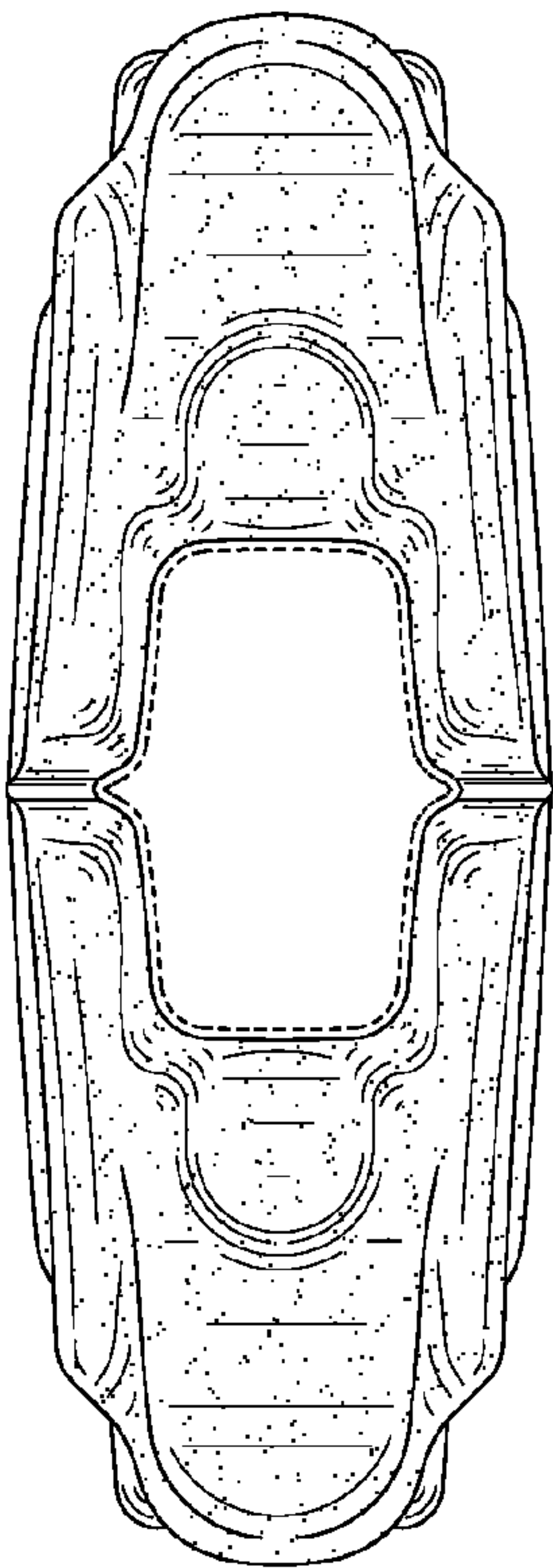


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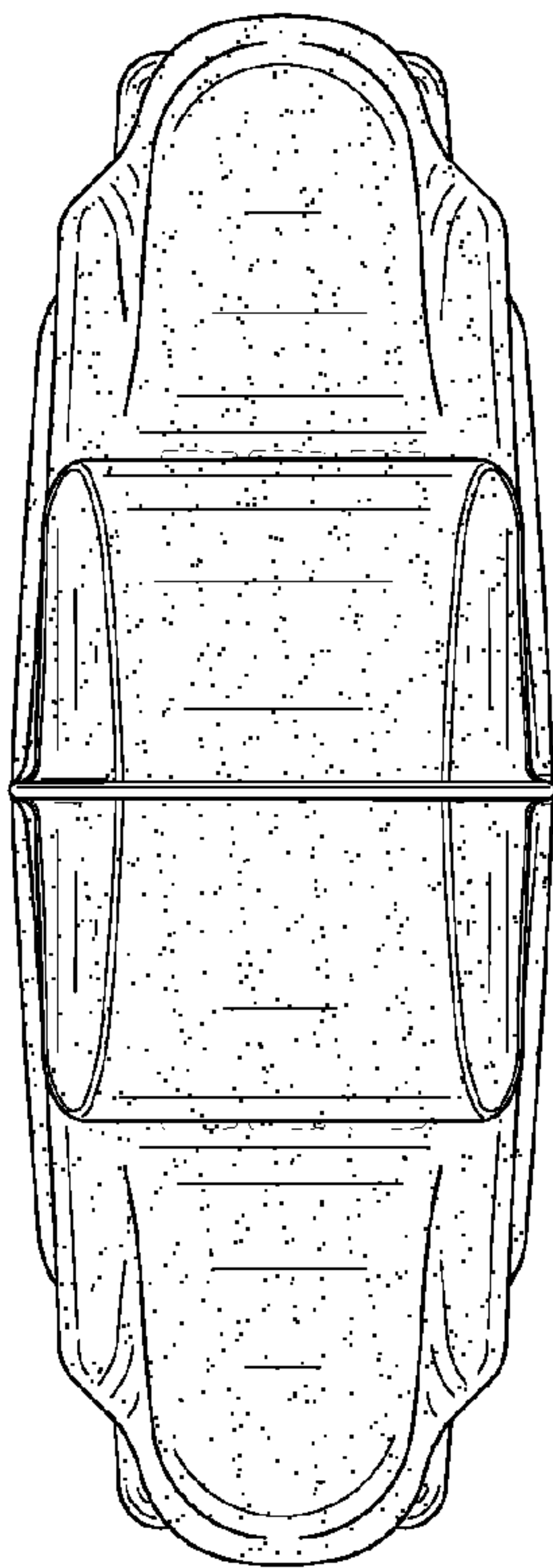


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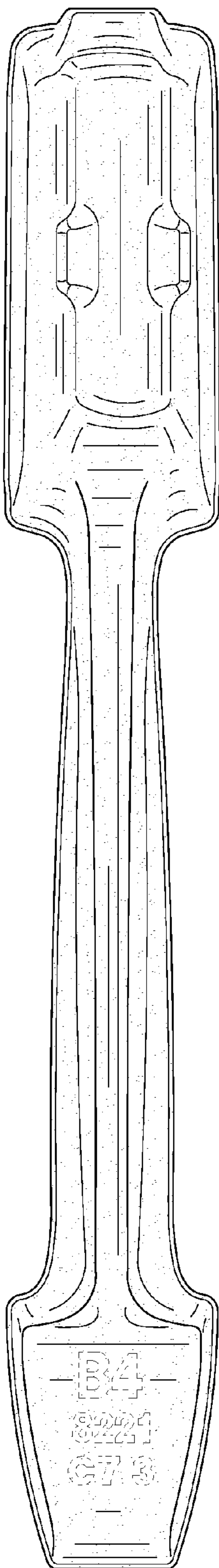


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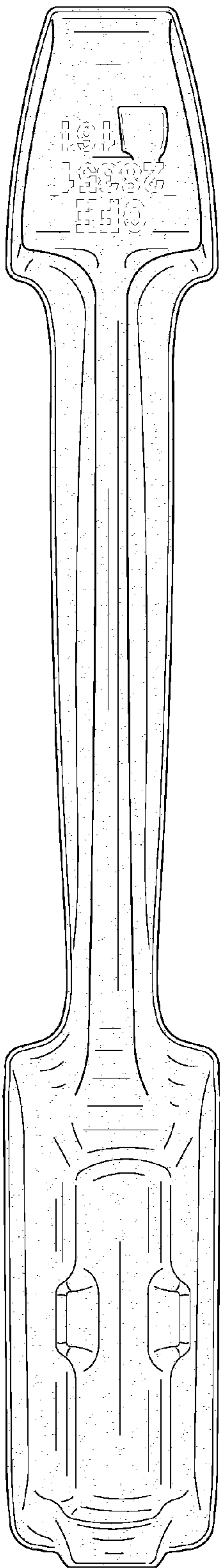


FIG. 8

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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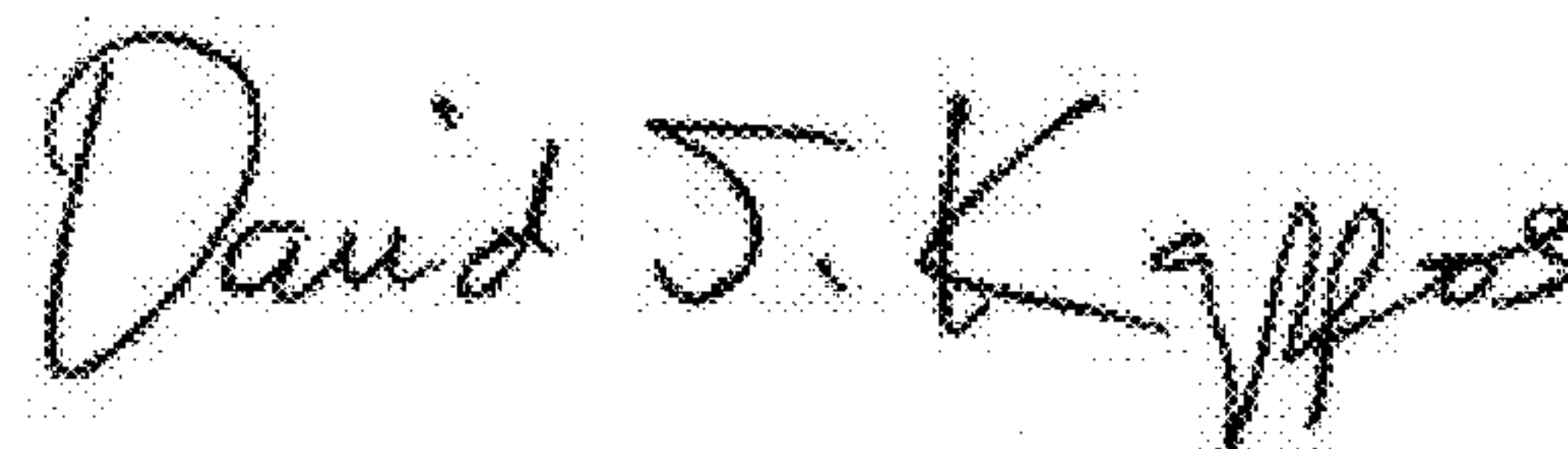
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the Title Page, Item (57)

In the Description preceding the claim, delete “The broken line in FIG. 6 represents the boundary between claimed and unclaimed areas of the connecting rod which forms no part of the claimed design.” and insert --The broken lines showing unclaimed portions of the connecting rod form no part of the claimed design.--.

Signed and Sealed this  
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