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(54) **CONNECTOR FOR FLUID TUBING**

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We claim the ornamental design for a connector for fluid tubing, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a top-left isometric view of a connector for fluid tubing composed of a male body connected with a female body.

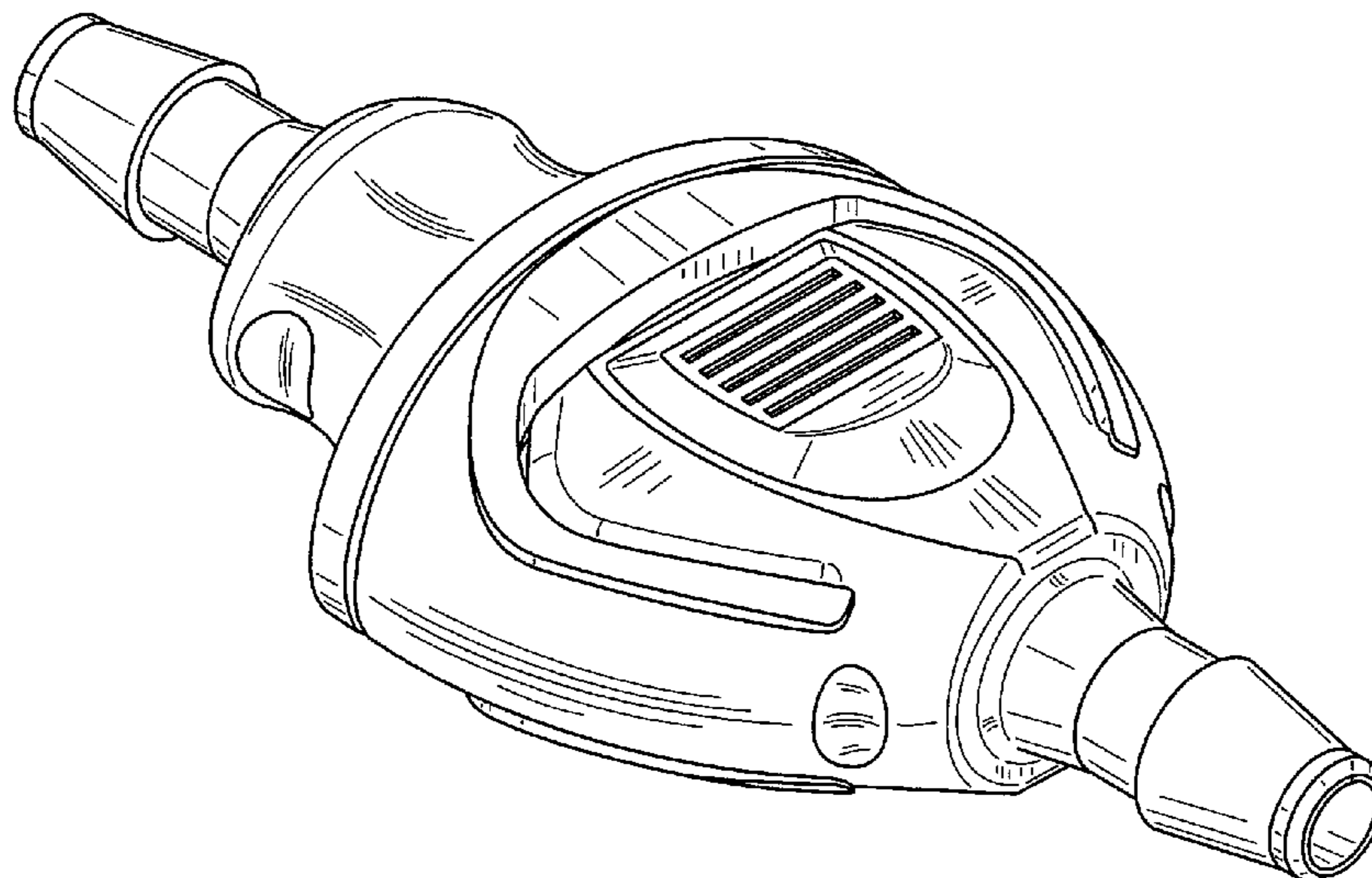
FIG. 2 is a left side elevation view of the connector of FIG. 1. FIG. 3 is a right side elevation view of the connector of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a front elevation view of the fluid connector of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a rear elevation view of the fluid connector of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of the fluid connector of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the fluid connector of FIG. 1.

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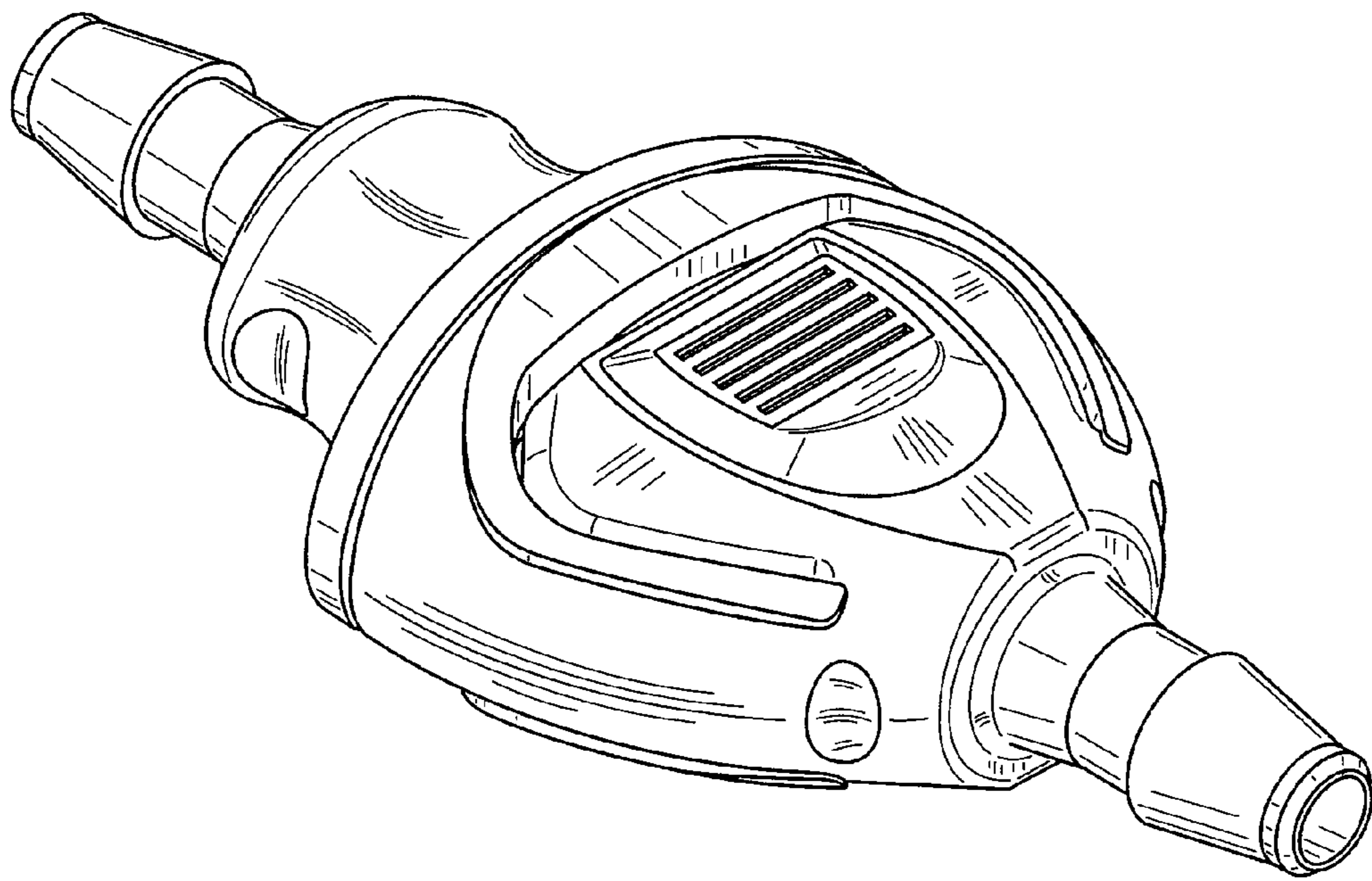


FIG.1

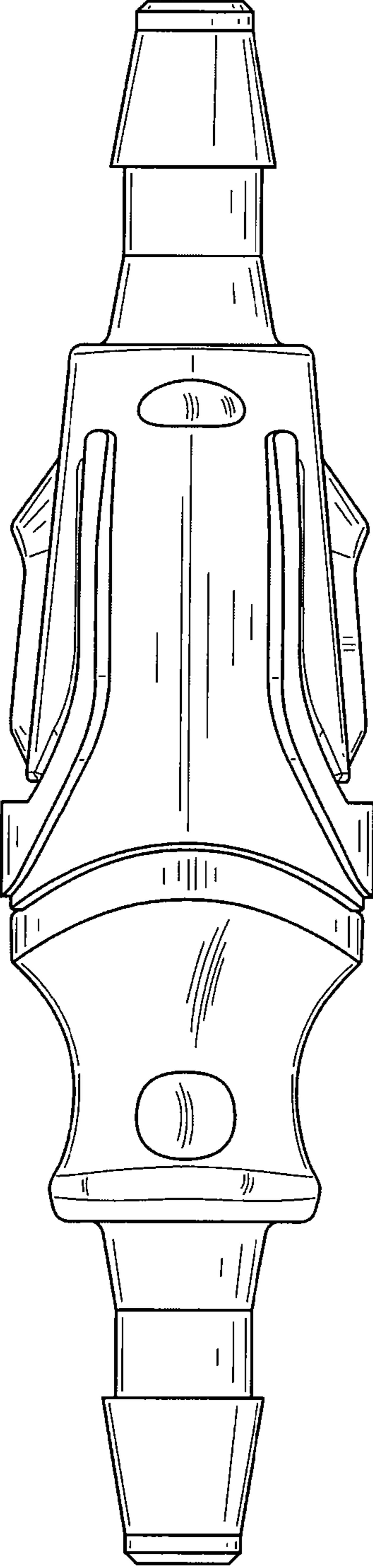


FIG. 2

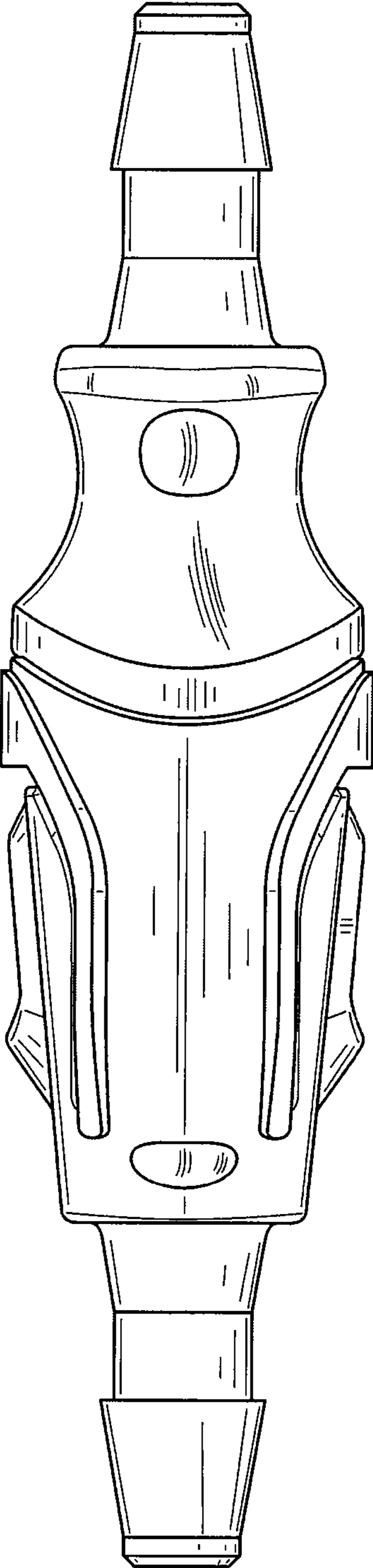


FIG. 3



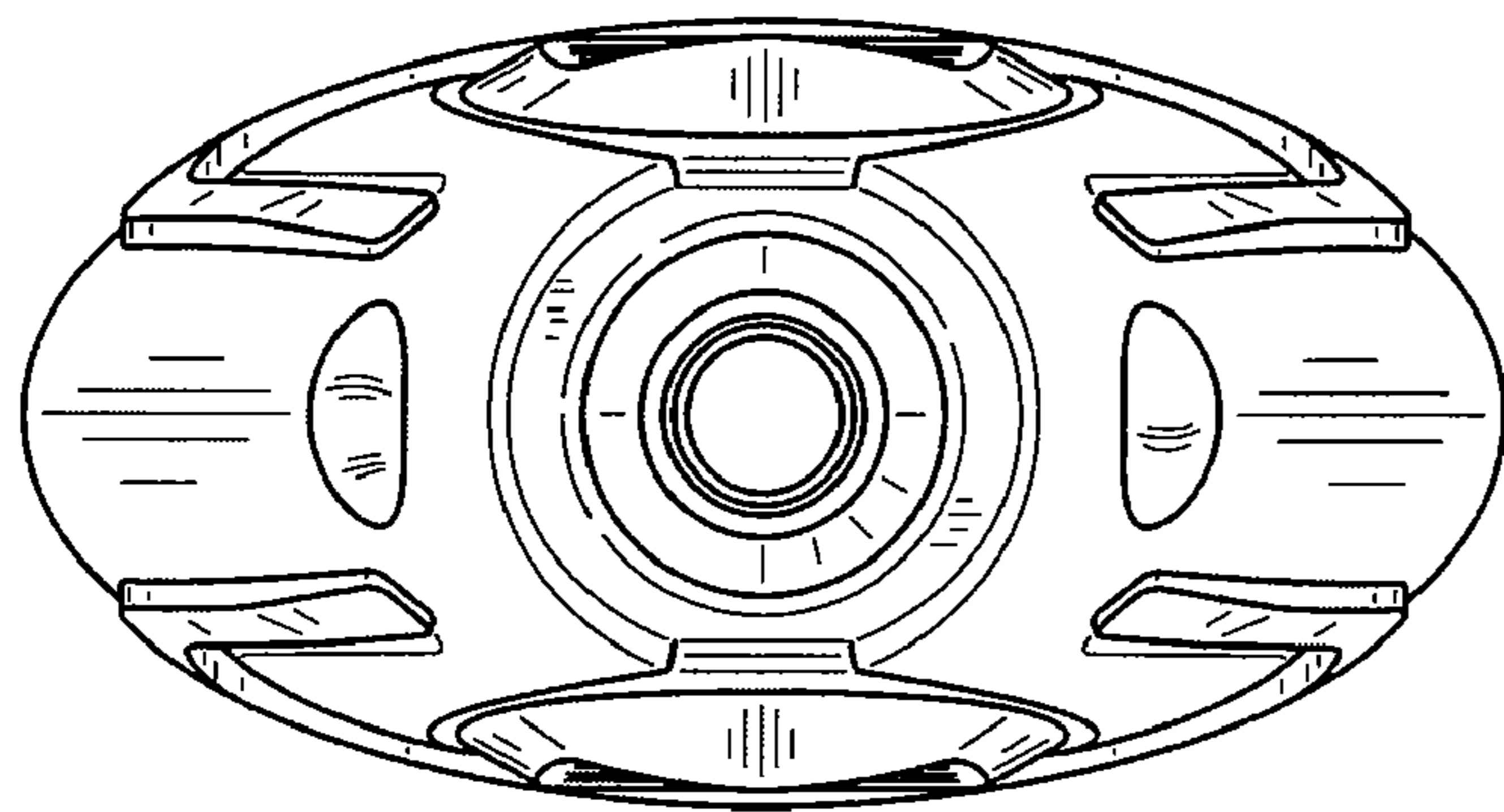


FIG. 4

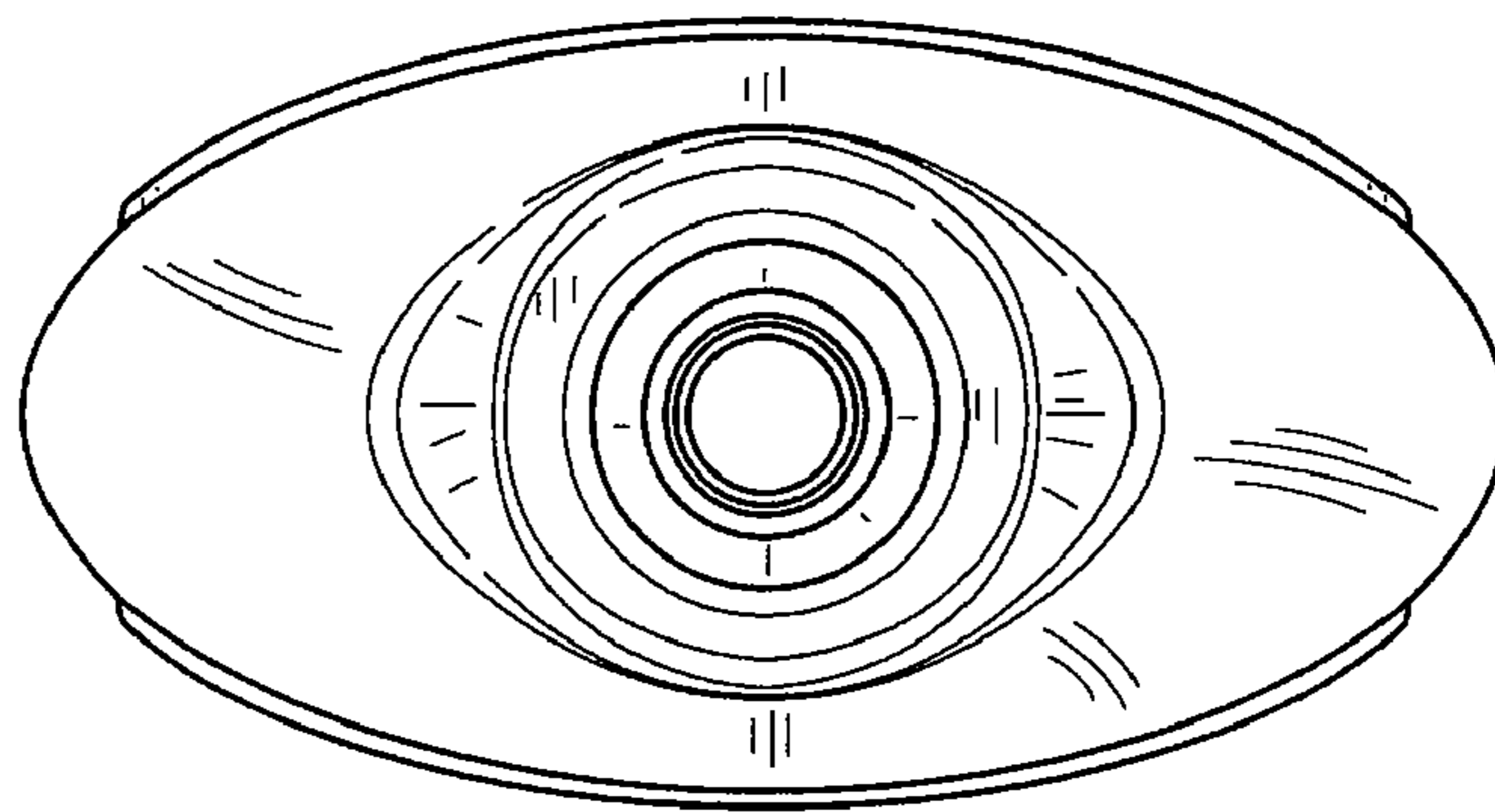


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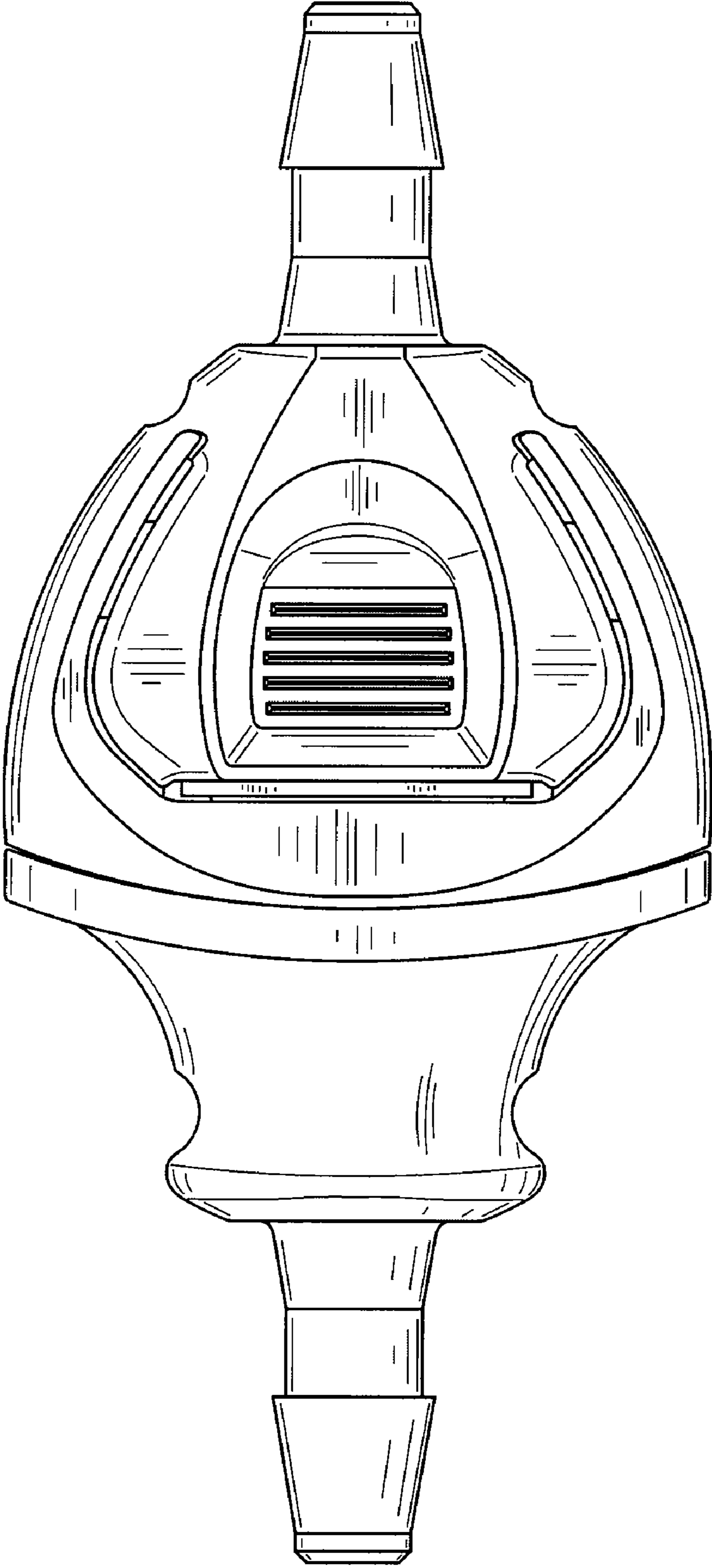


FIG.6

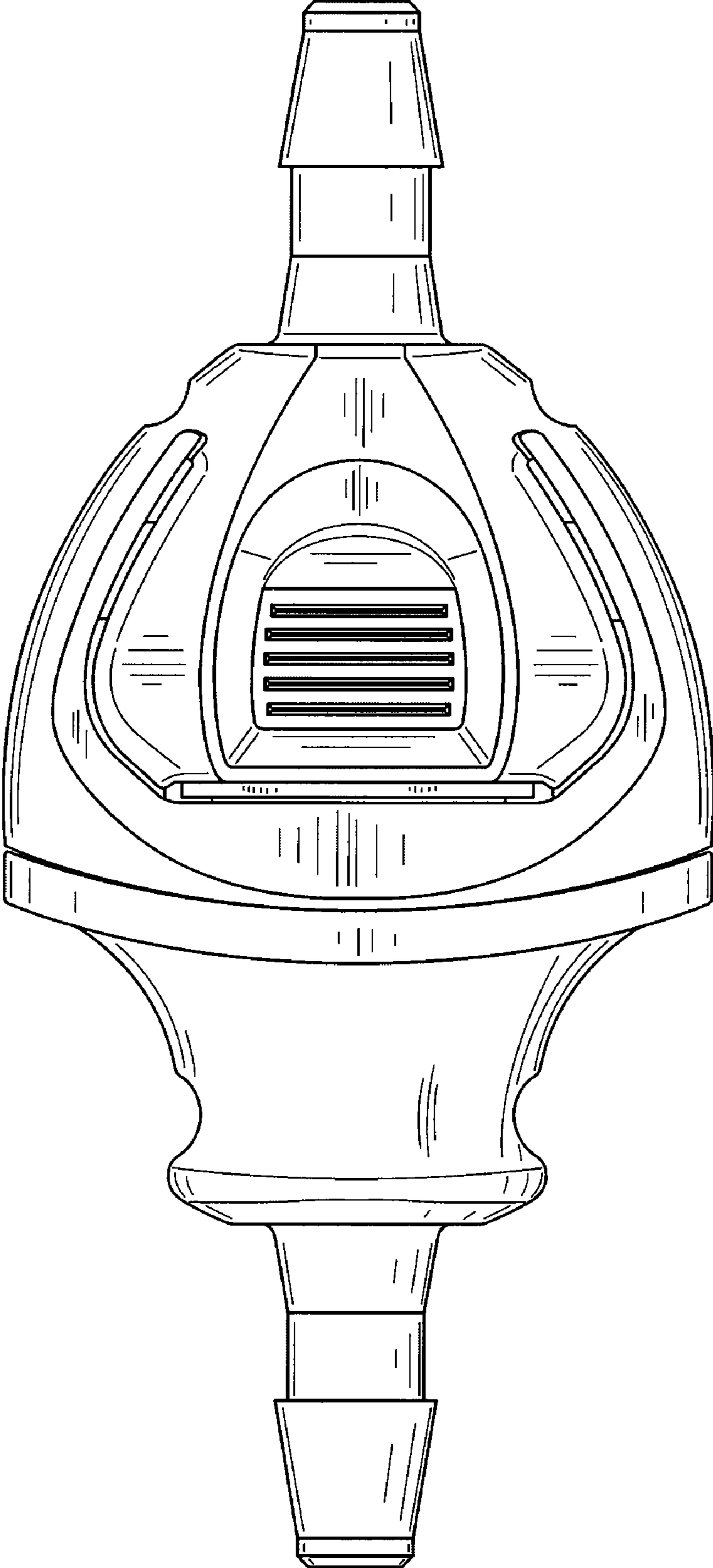


FIG.7