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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a wake tower, as shown and described.

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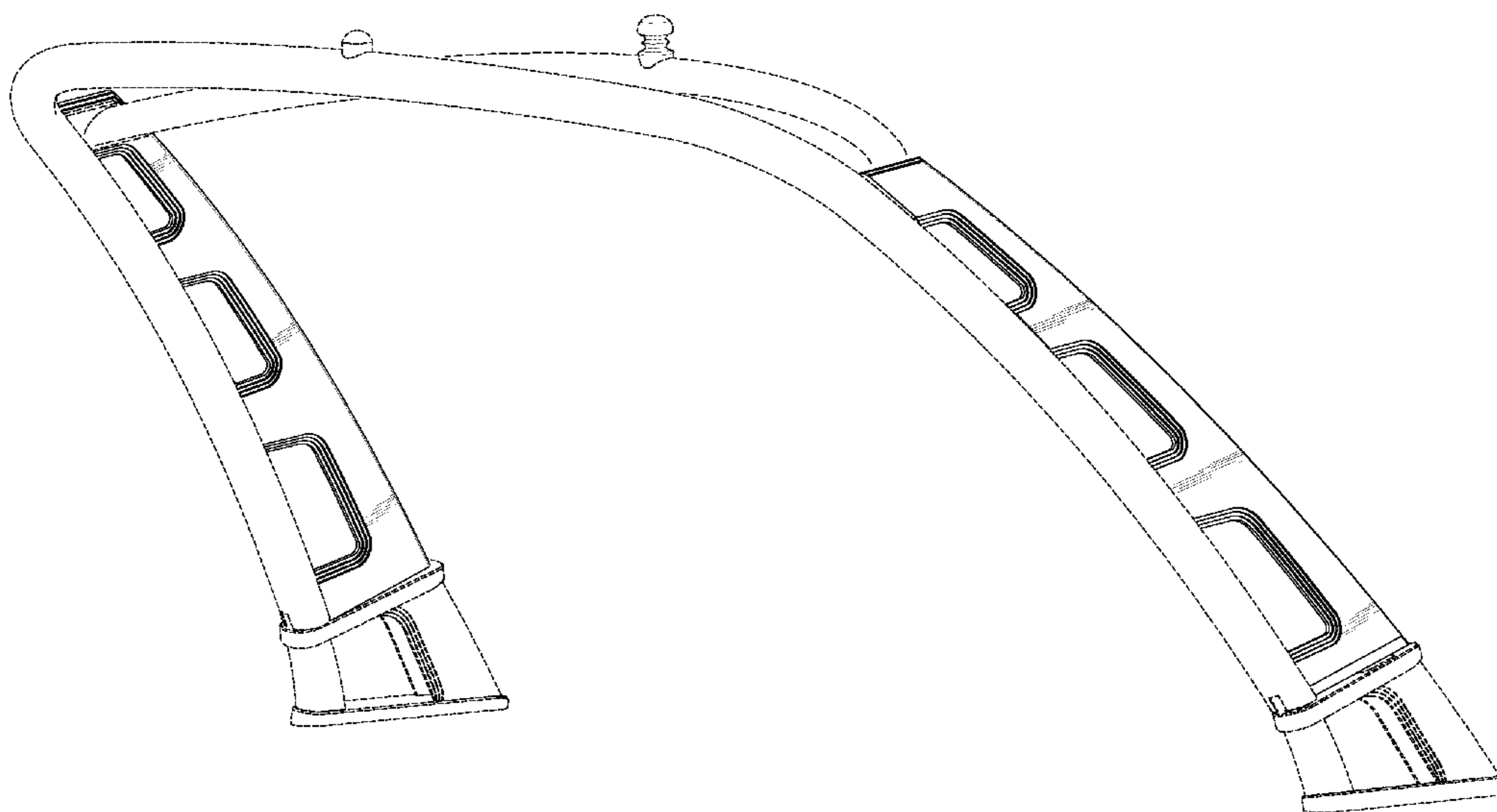
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DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a wake tower showing the new design;
 FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;
 FIG. 3 is a bottom view thereof;
 FIG. 4 is a left-side view thereof;
 FIG. 5 is a right-side view thereof;
 FIG. 6 is top view thereof;
 FIG. 7 is a rear view thereof; and,
 FIG. 8 is a rear perspective view thereof.
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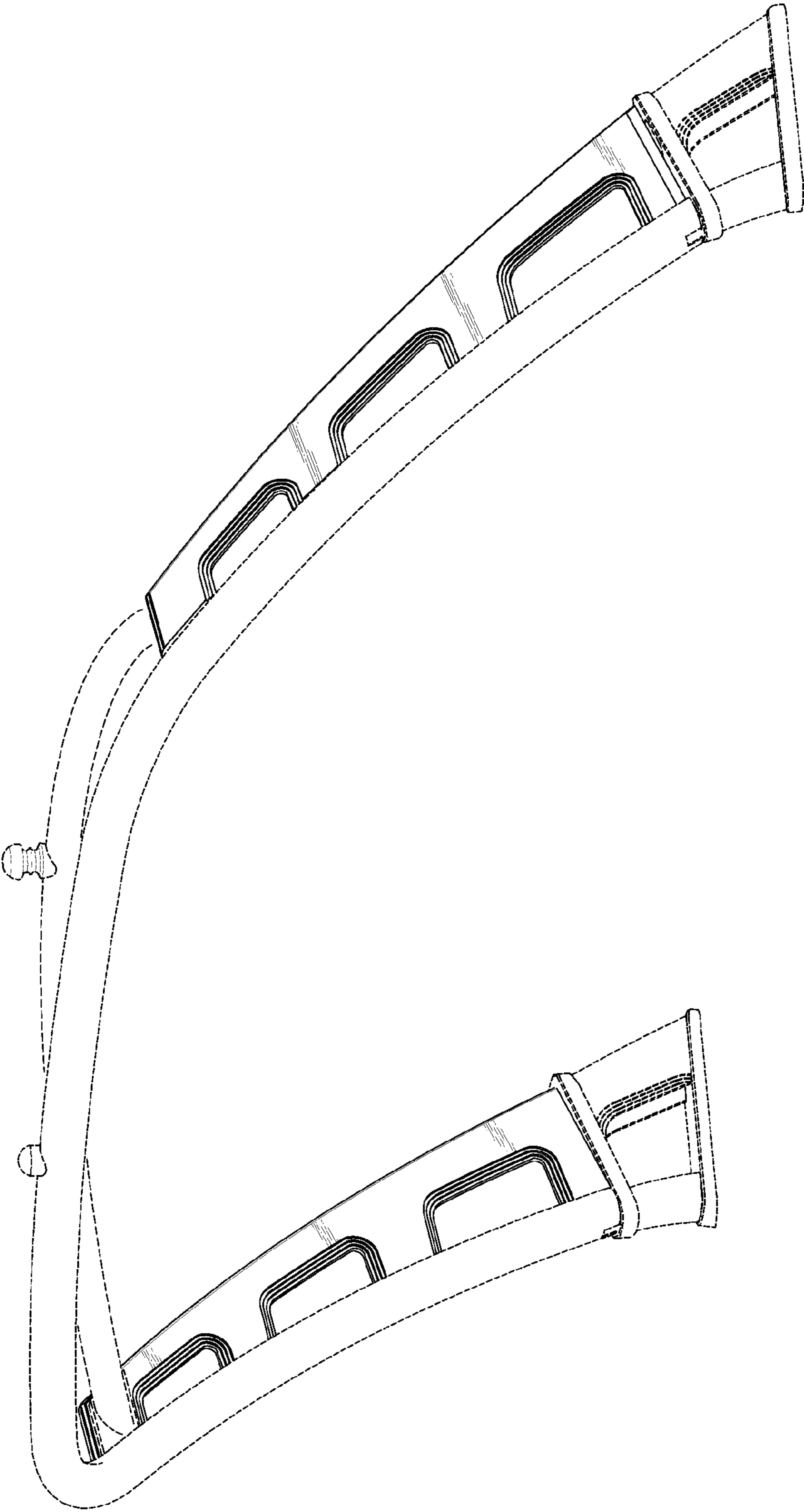


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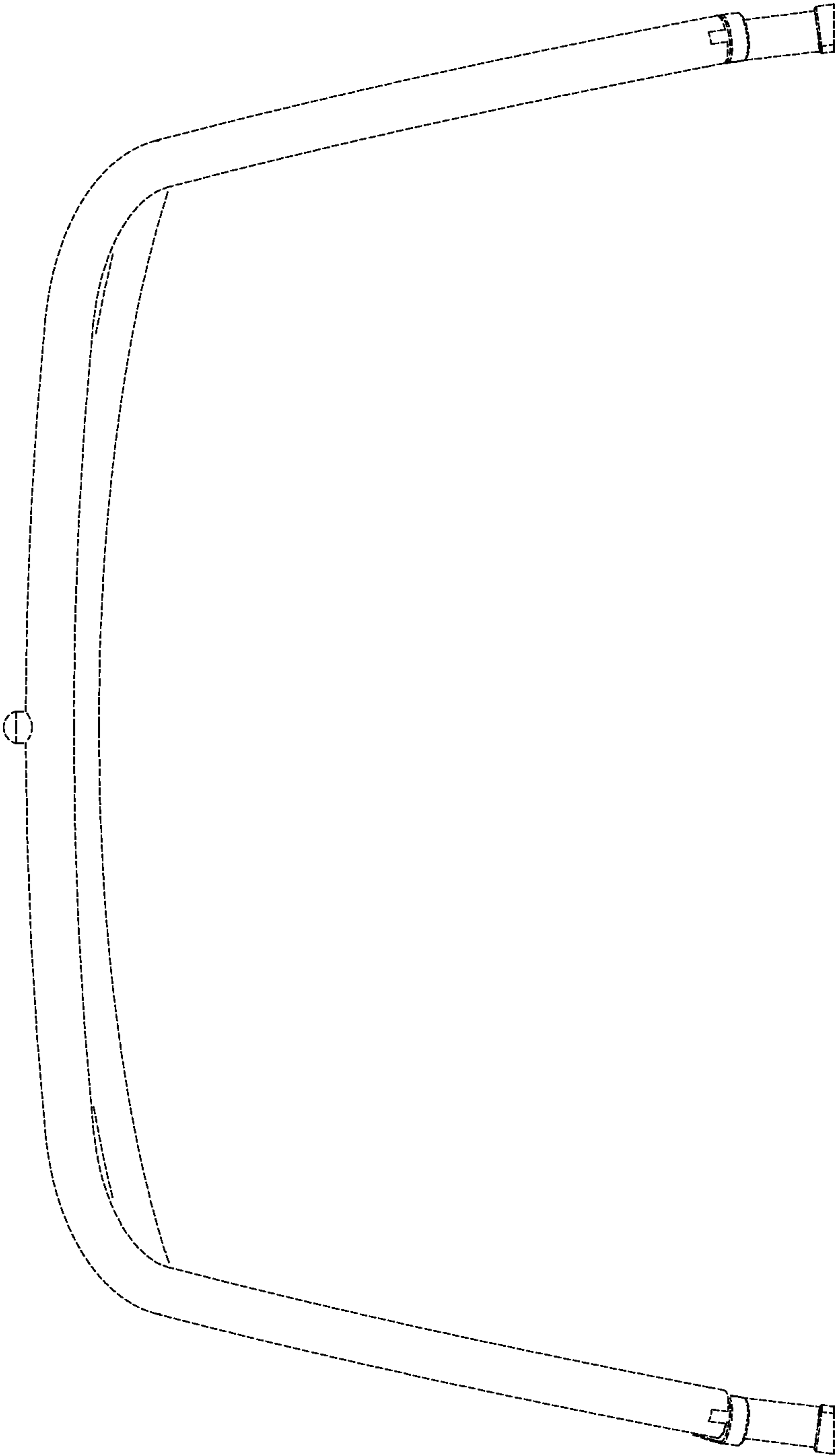


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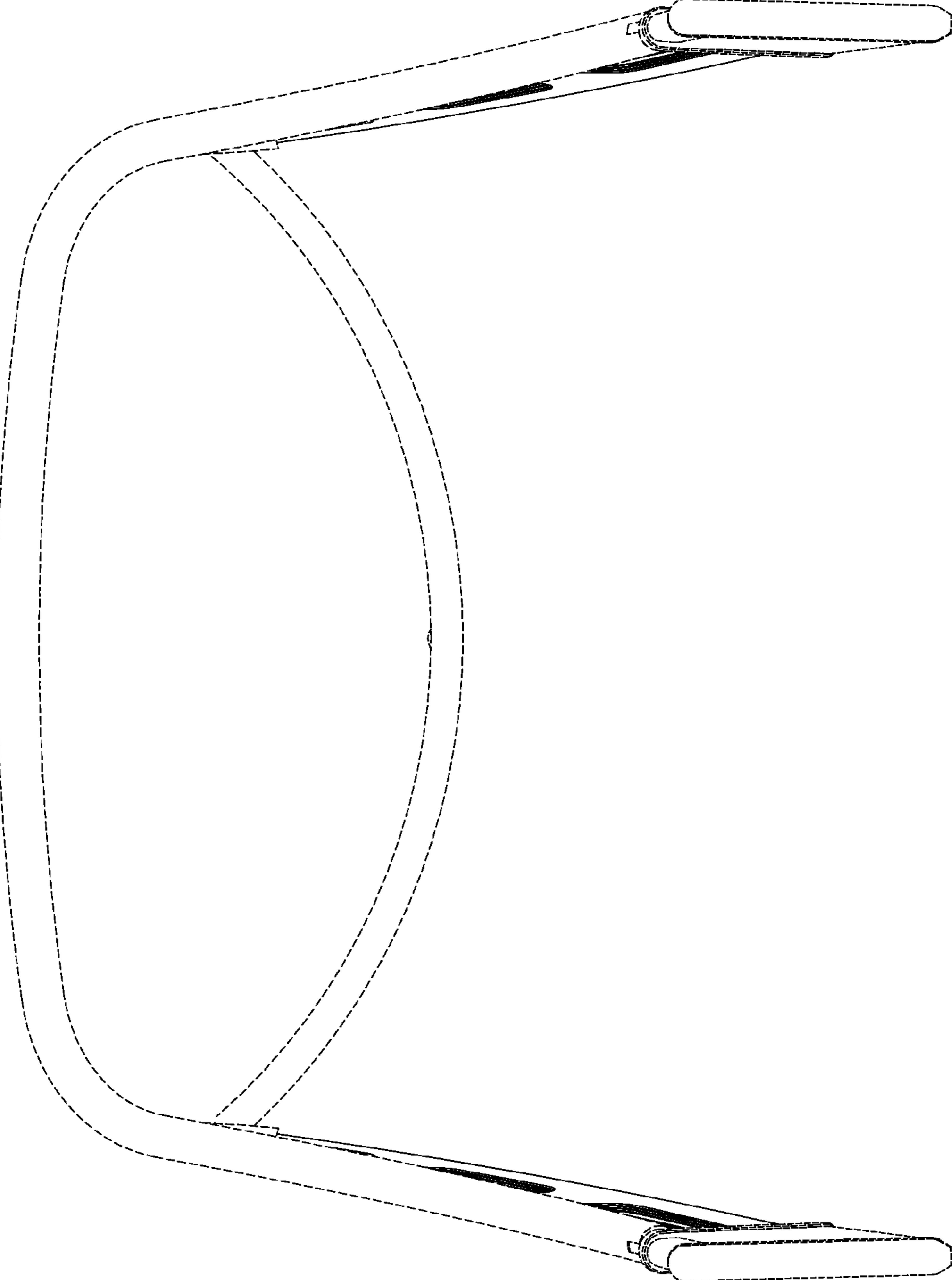


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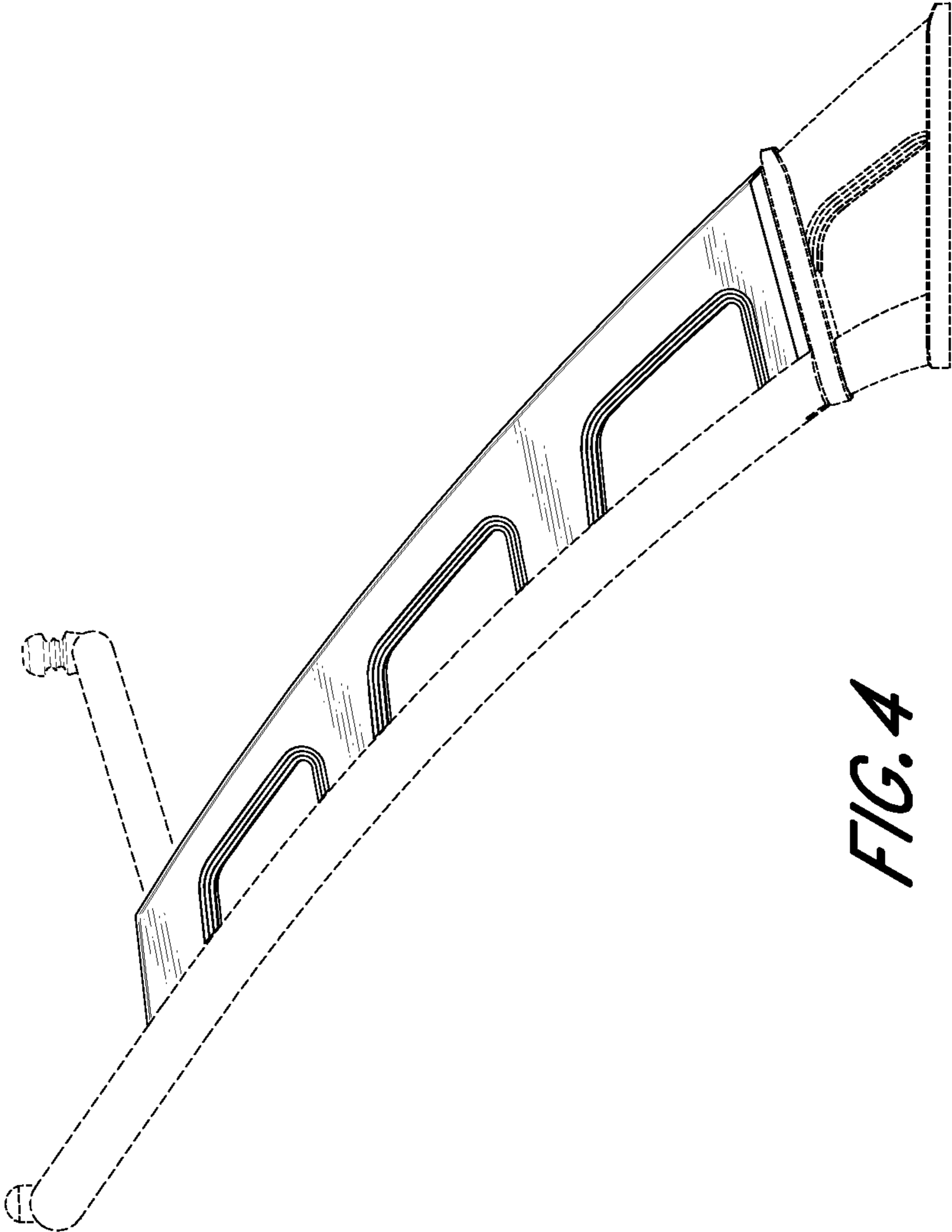
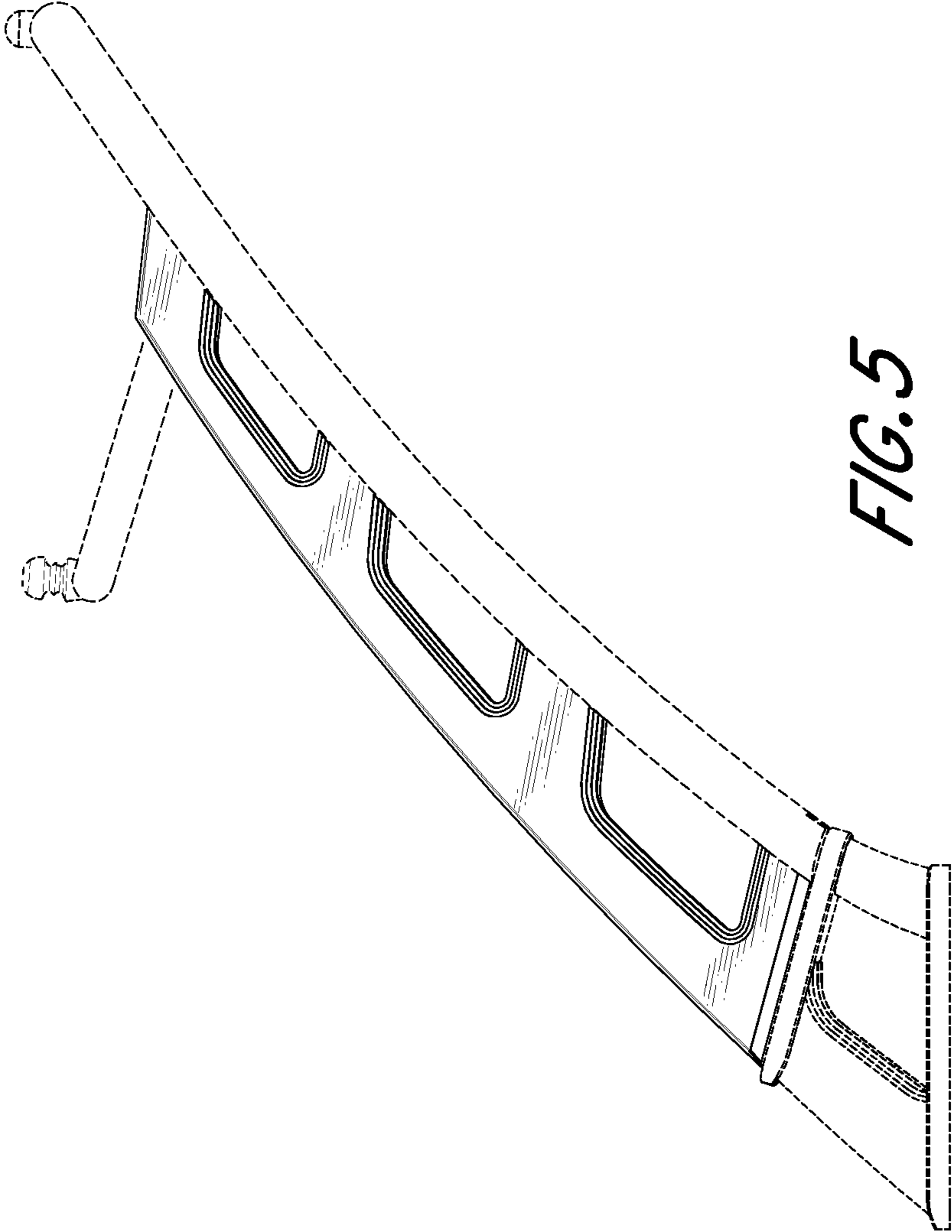


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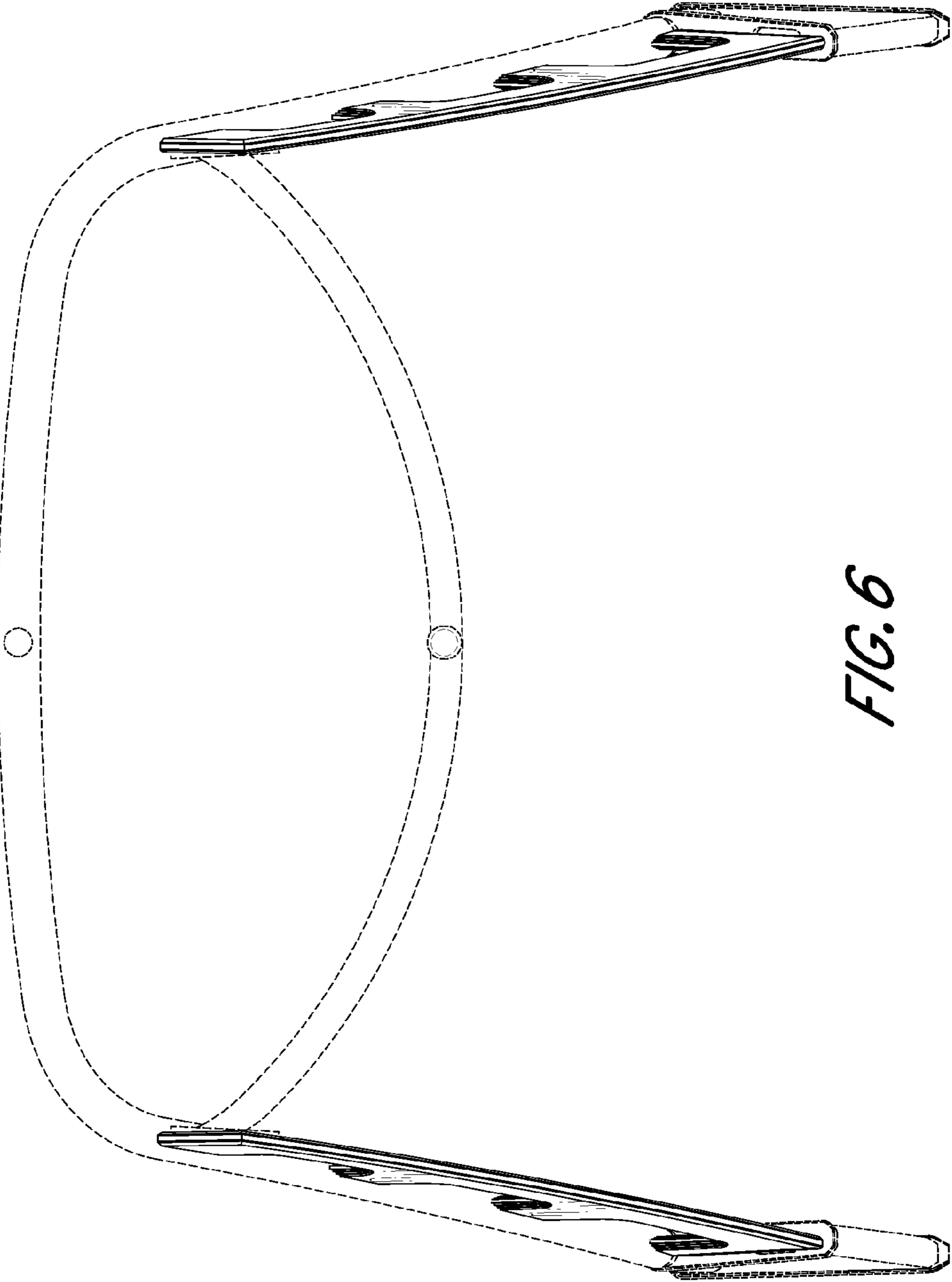


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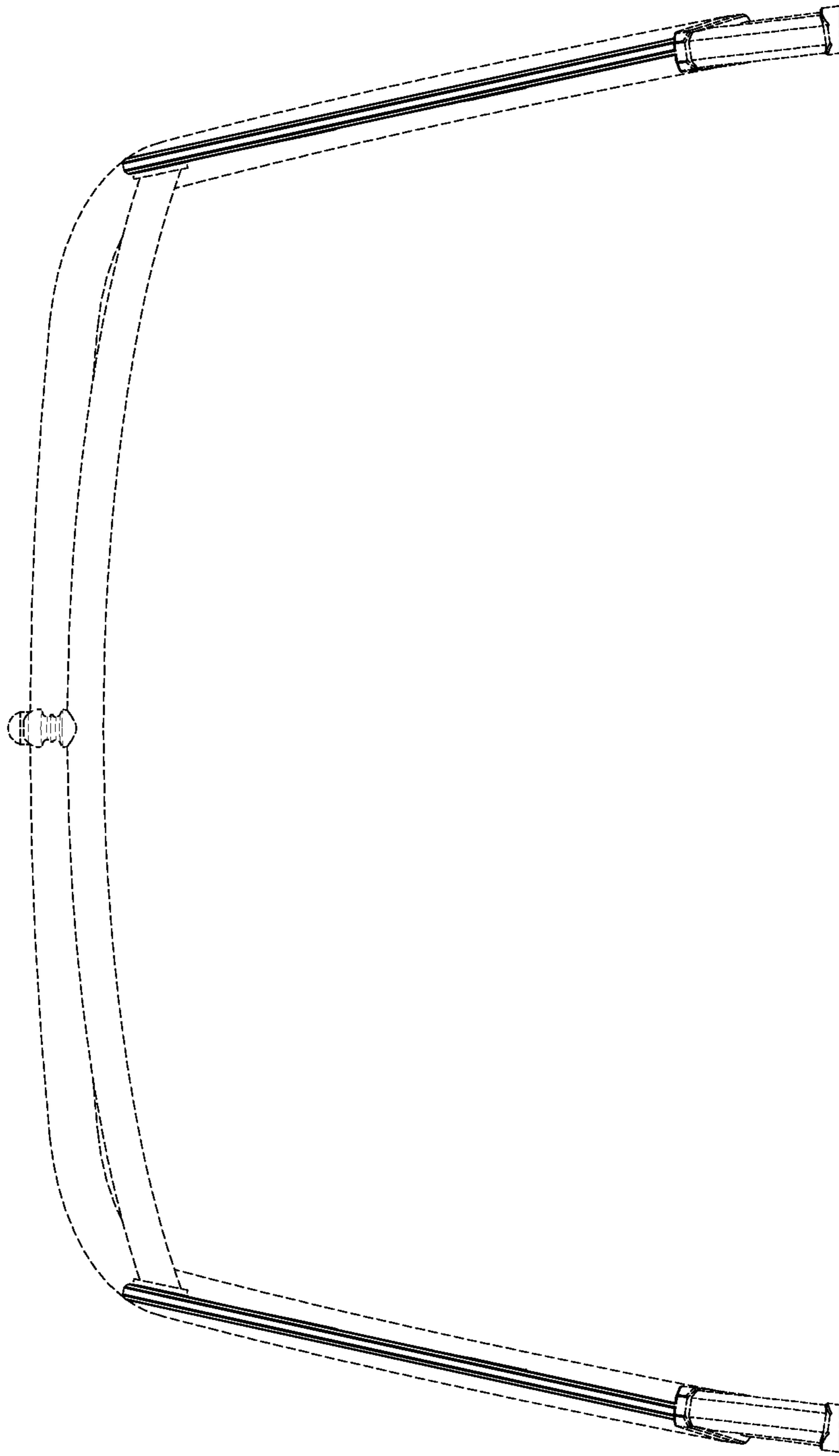


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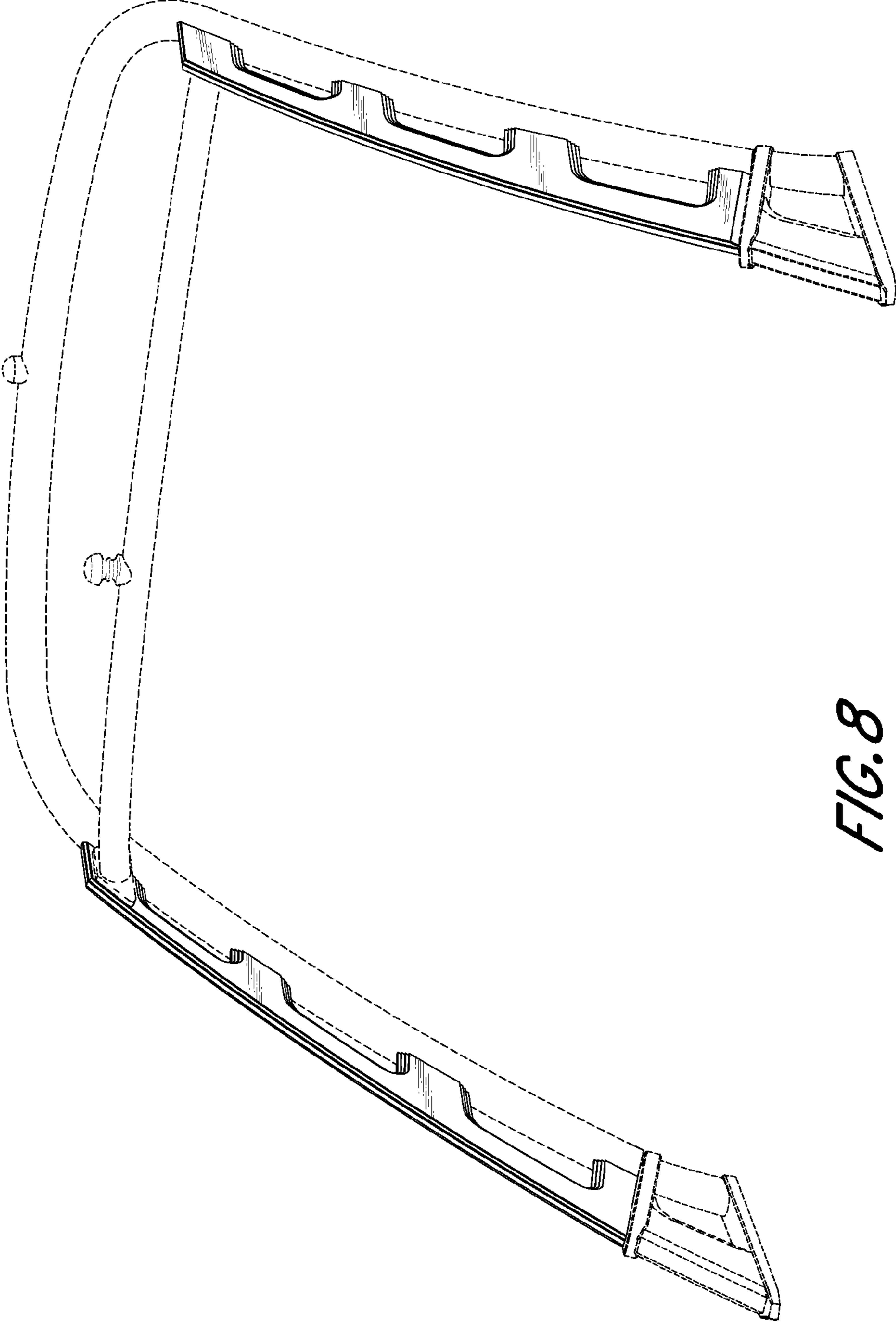


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