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(54) **TOWEL HOLDER**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a towel holder, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a front view of the towel holder according to the present design.

FIG. 2 is a back view thereof.

FIG. 3 is a side view thereof. The right and left side views will be mirror images of each other.

FIG. 4 is a top view thereof.

FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 6 is front perspective view thereof.

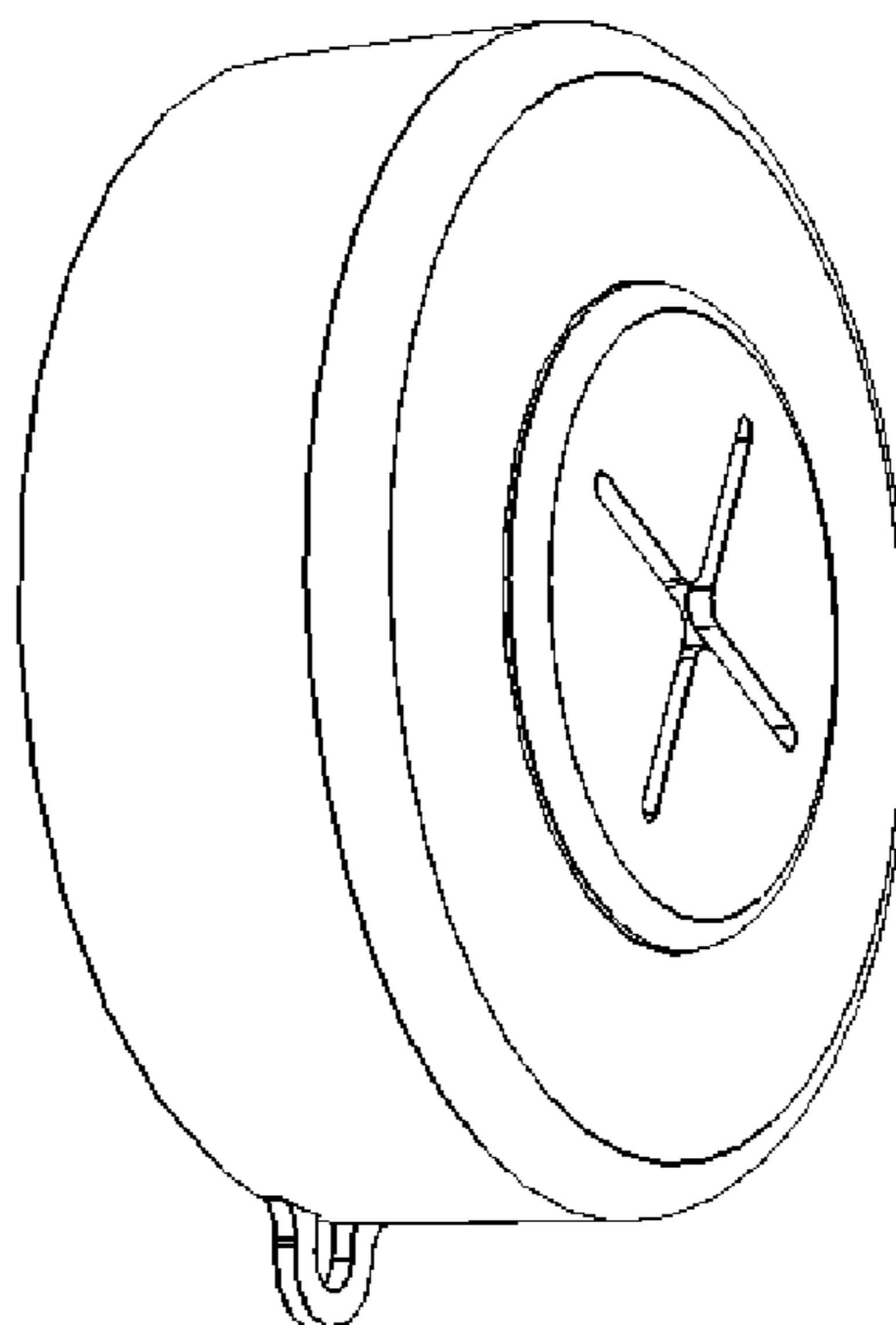
FIG. 7 is rear perspective view thereof.

FIG. 8 is a front view of an alternative embodiment of the towel holder according to the present design. In FIG. 8, the flexible teeth are at a different angle with respect to the body of the towel holder than in the embodiment of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 9 is front view of the towel holder of FIG. 8 with a towel attached.

The broken lines shown in FIG. 9 are included for the purpose of illustrating environmental structure and form no part of the claimed design.

The article in which the present design is embodied is a towel holder having a plurality of flexible “teeth” in the center of its front face, which can be attached to a clip on its back suitable for attachment to a belt or clothing. The teeth can be flexible so that a portion of a towel or cloth can be pushed between the teeth, which then grip and hold the towel in place. The towel can then be easily disengaged with a simple one hand manual pulling action.

**1 Claim, 8 Drawing Sheets**



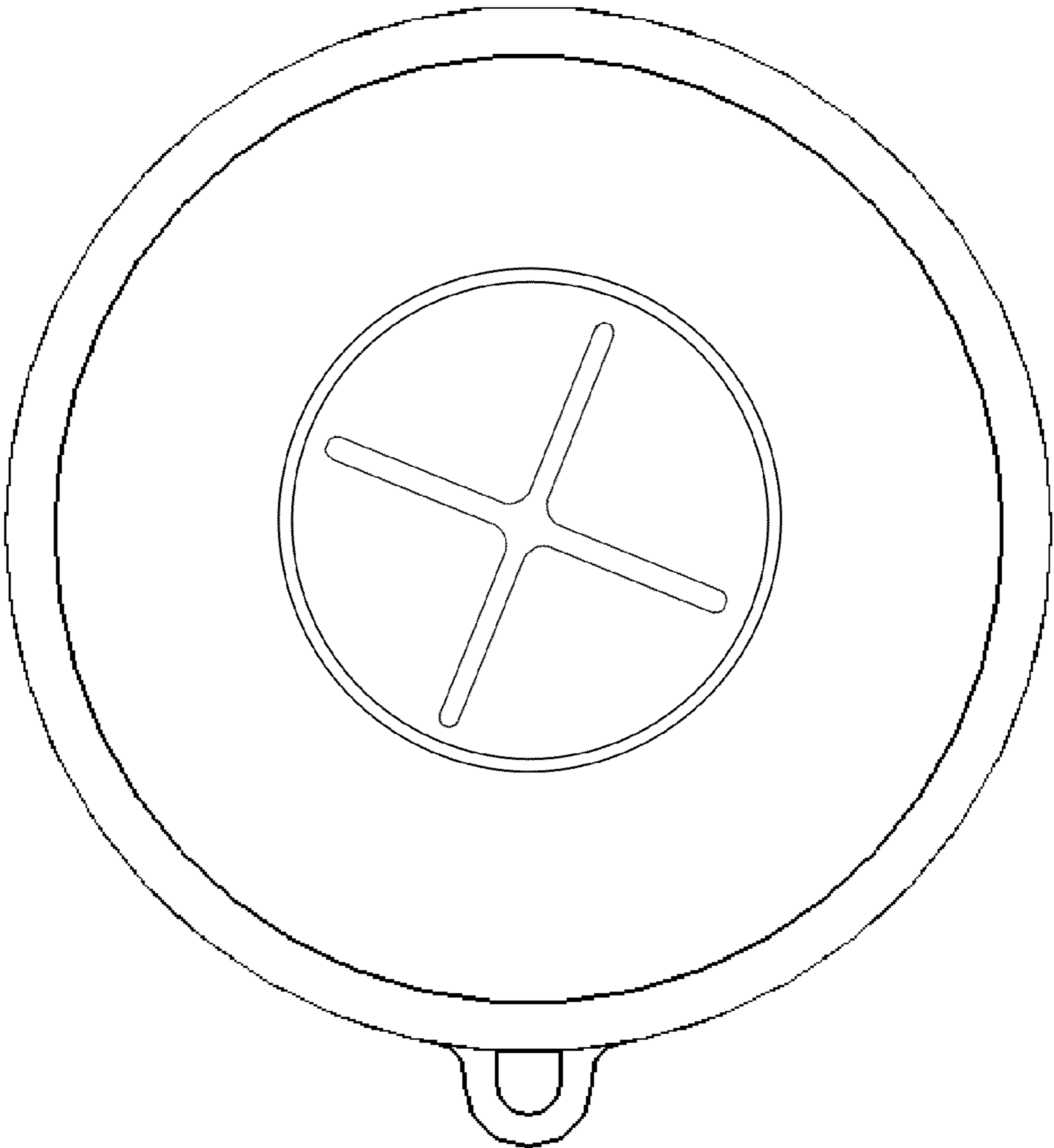


FIG. 1

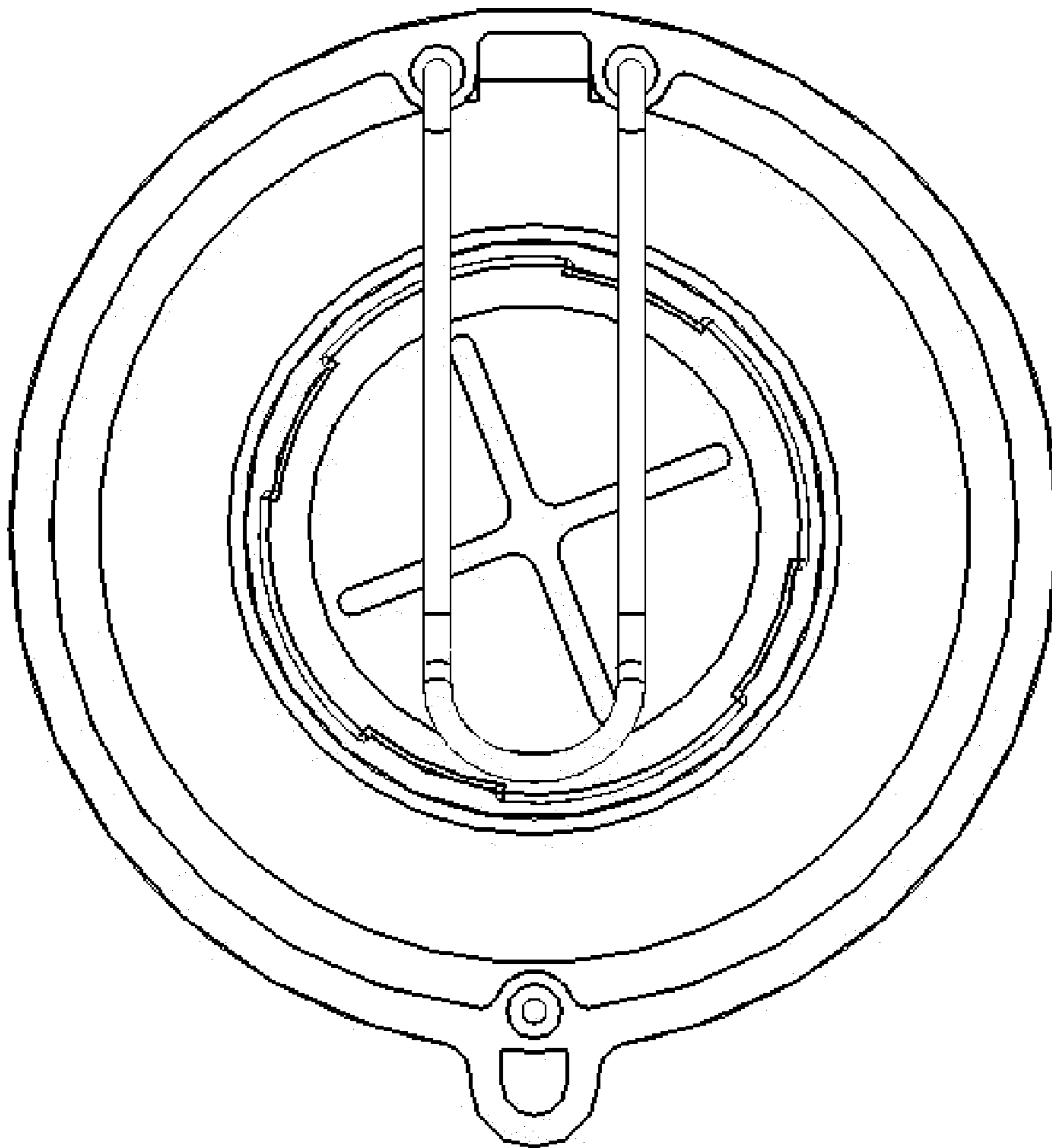


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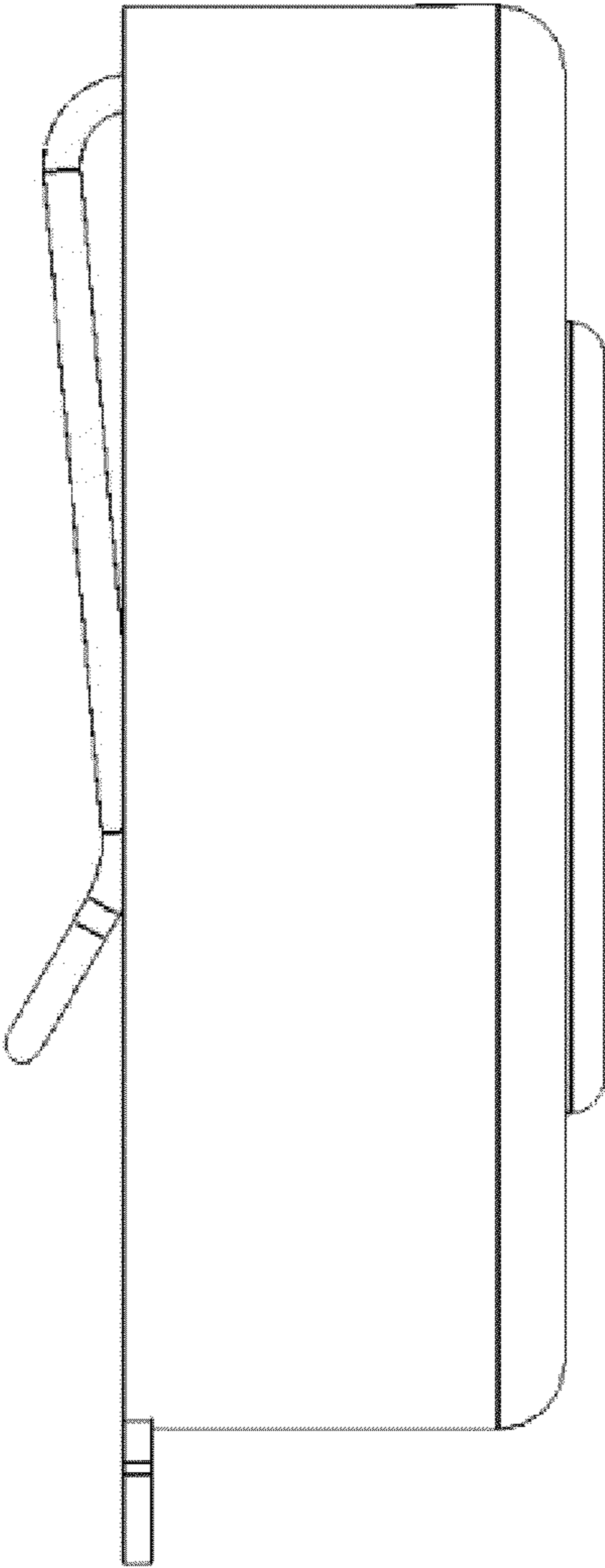


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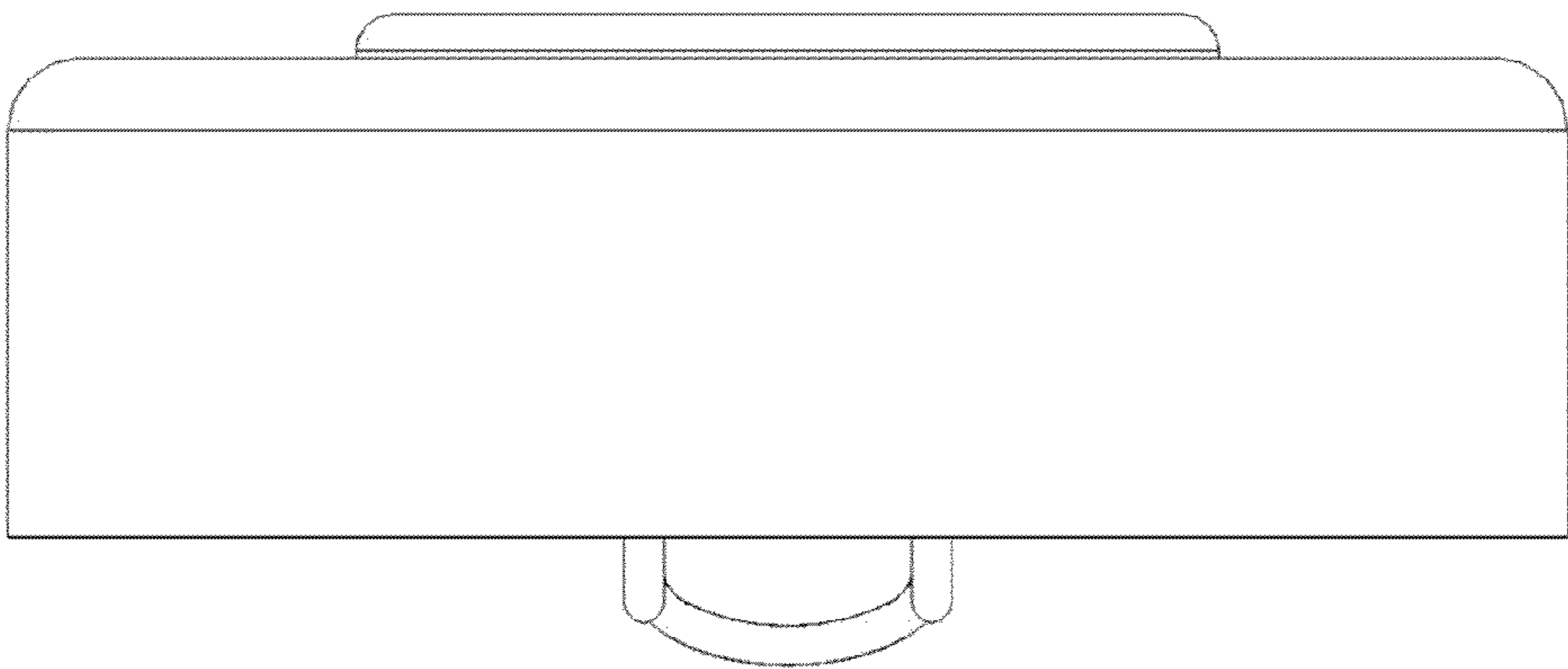


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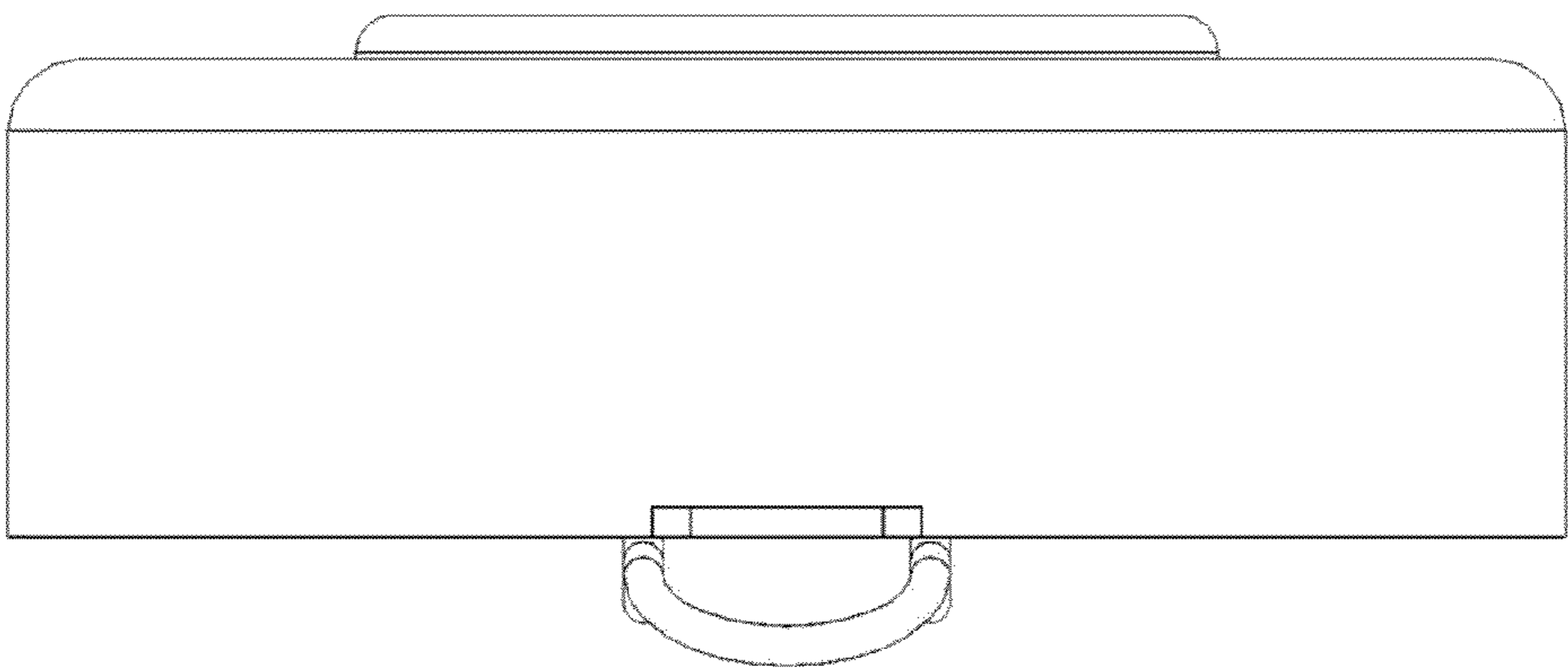


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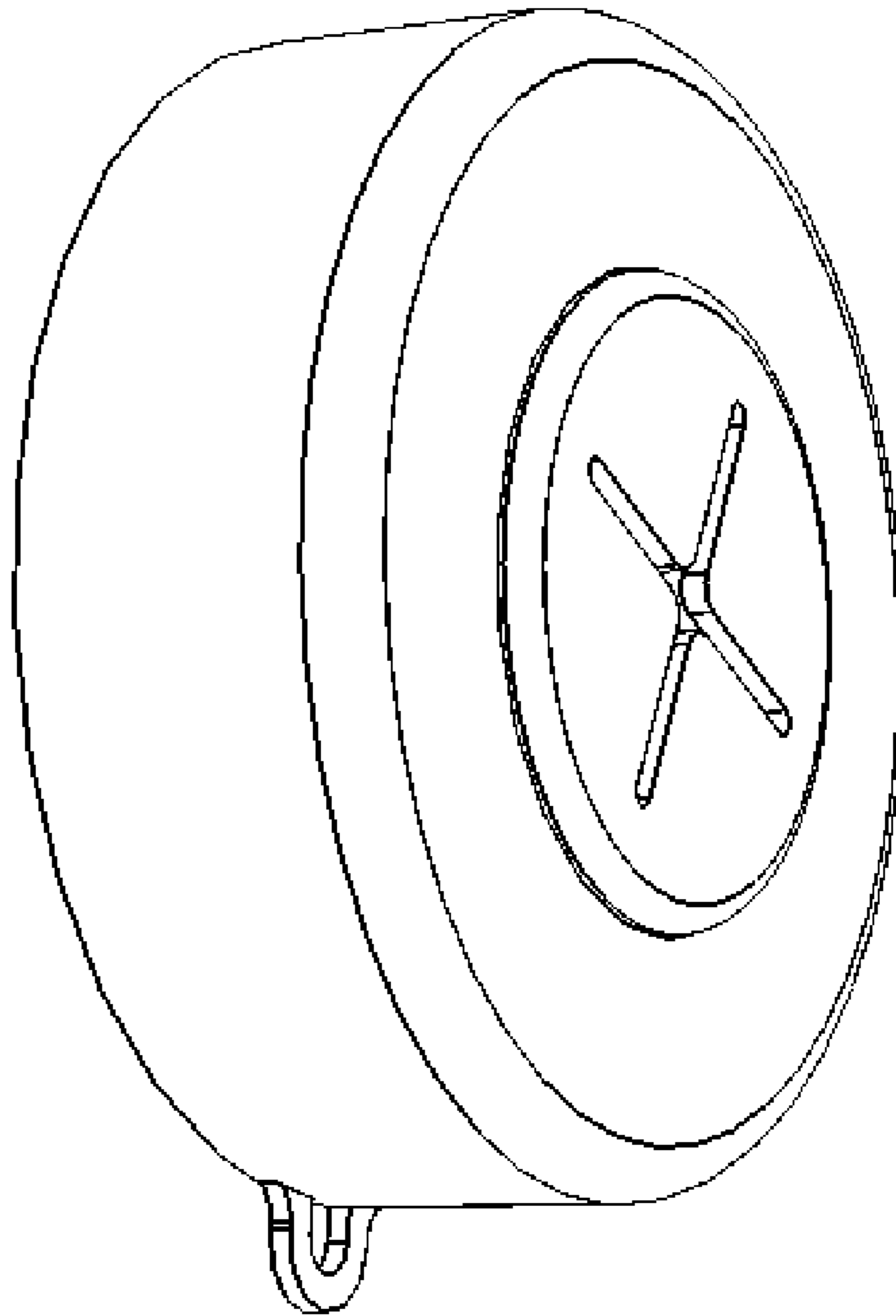


FIG. 6

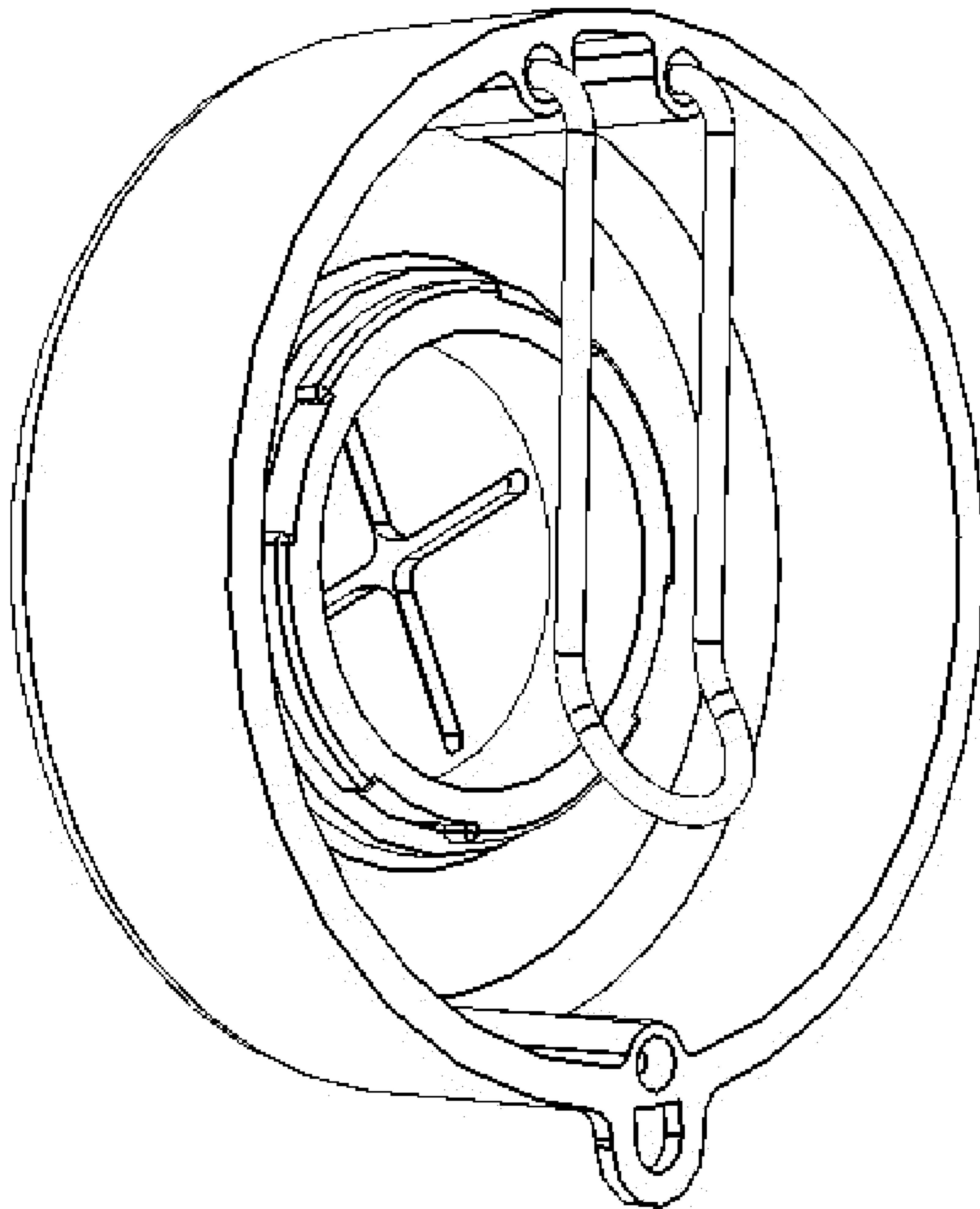


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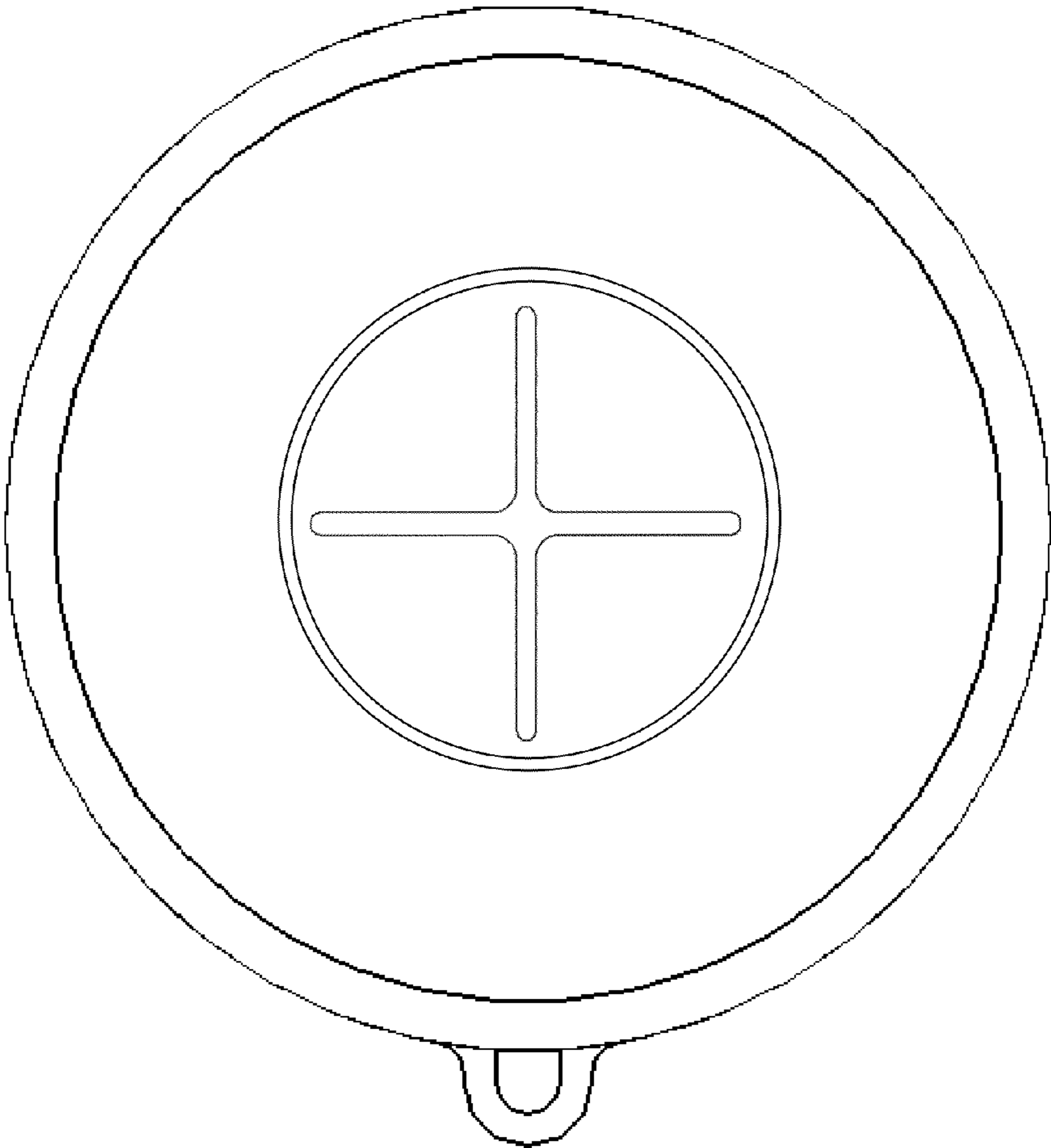


FIG. 8

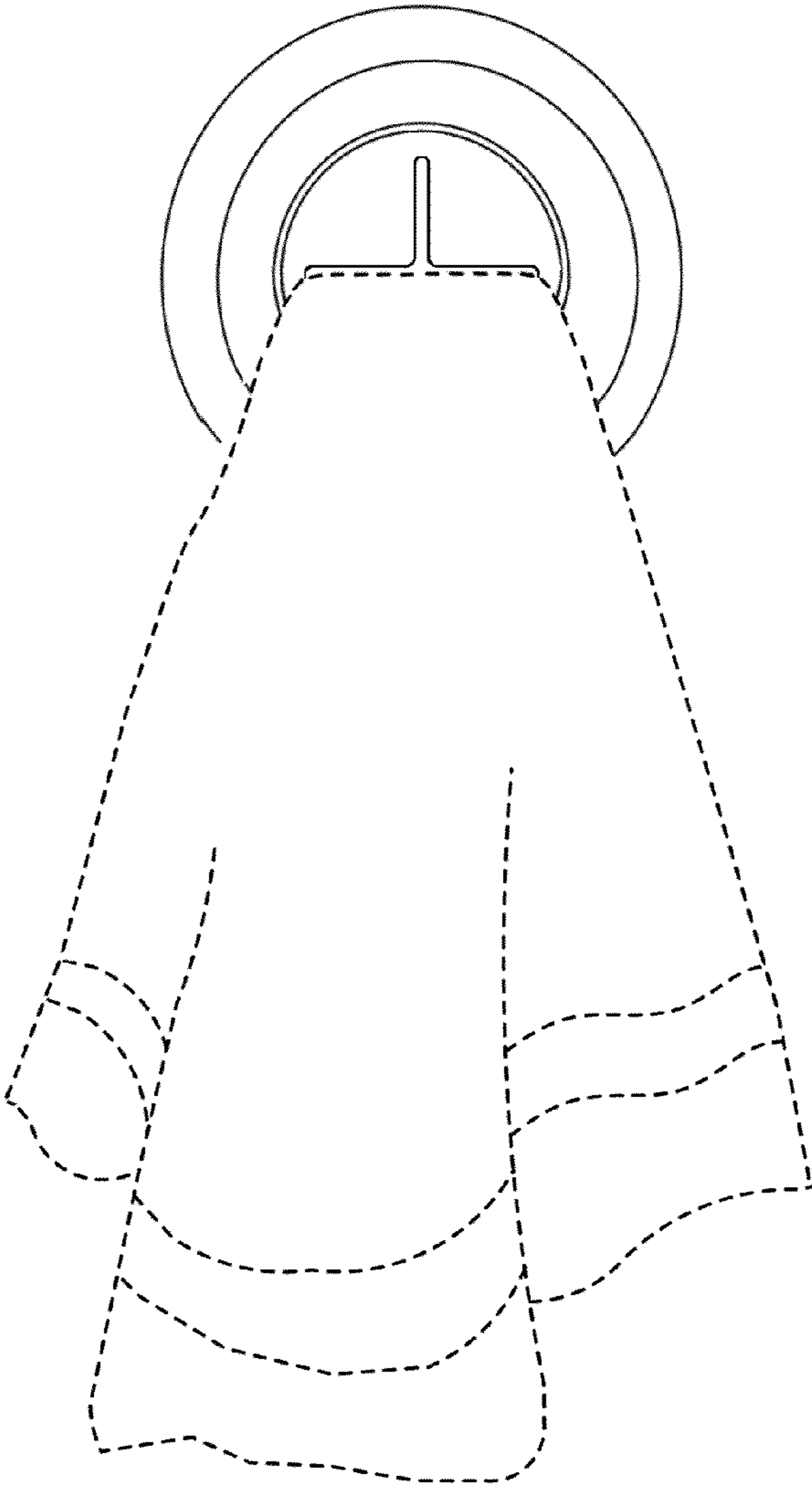


FIG. 9