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- (54) **HITCH STEP**
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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hitch step, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a hitch step showing our new design;

FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a rear view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a top view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof;

FIG. 6 is a first side view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a second side view thereof; and,

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the hitch step shown attached with a hitch receiver.

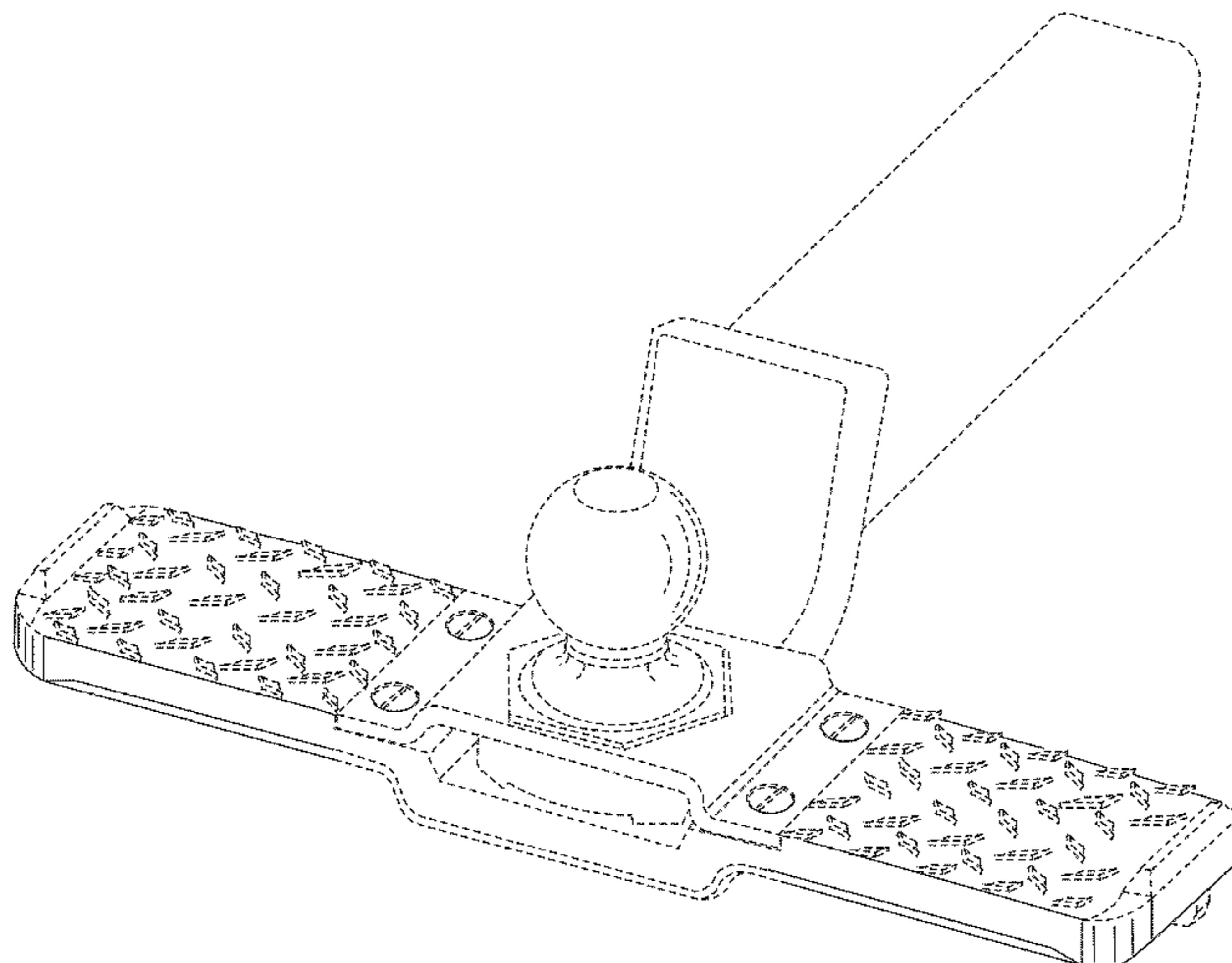
The broken lines in the drawings illustrate portions of the hitch step which form no part of the claimed design.

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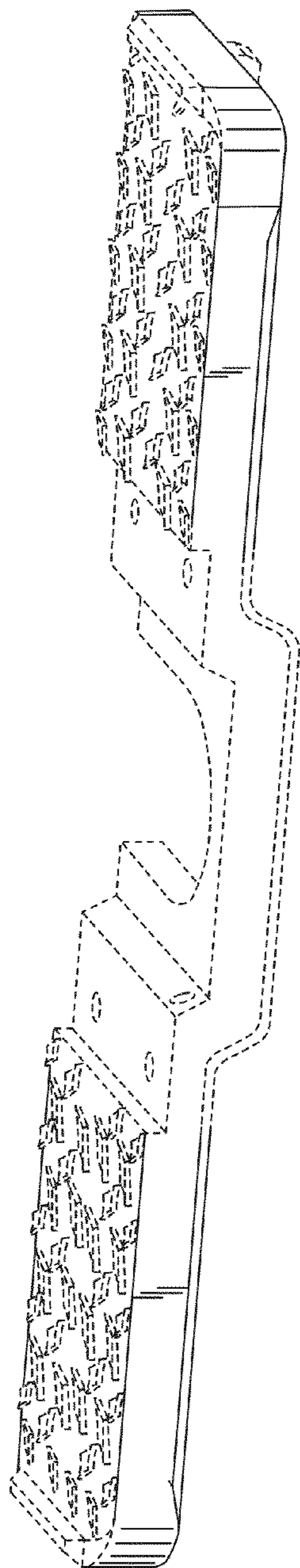


FIG. 1

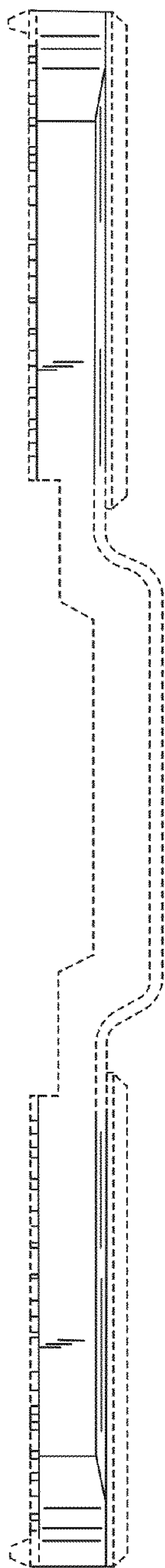


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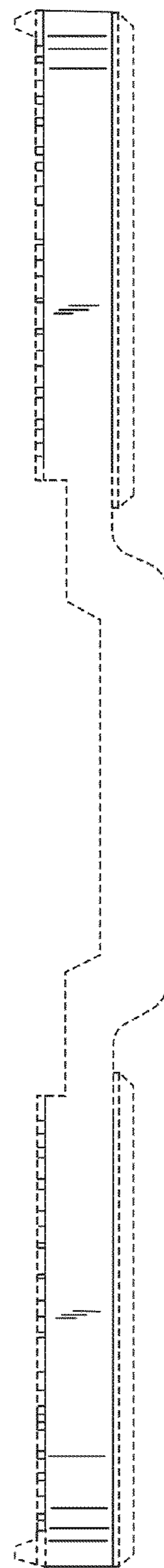


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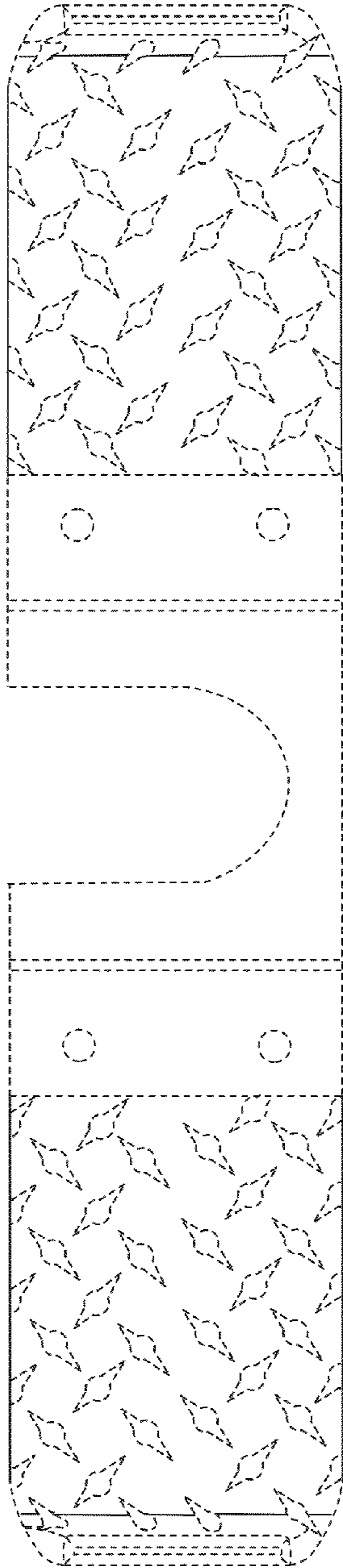


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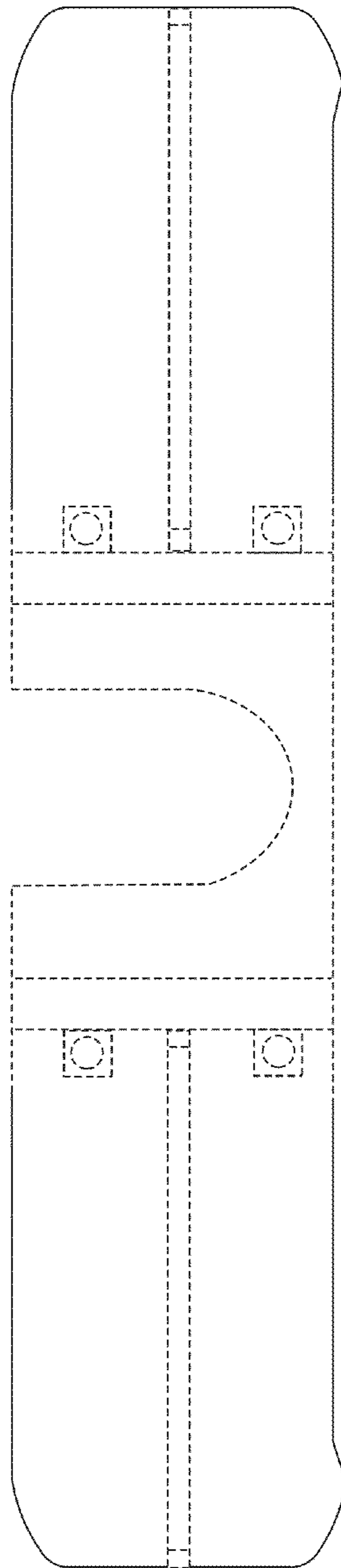


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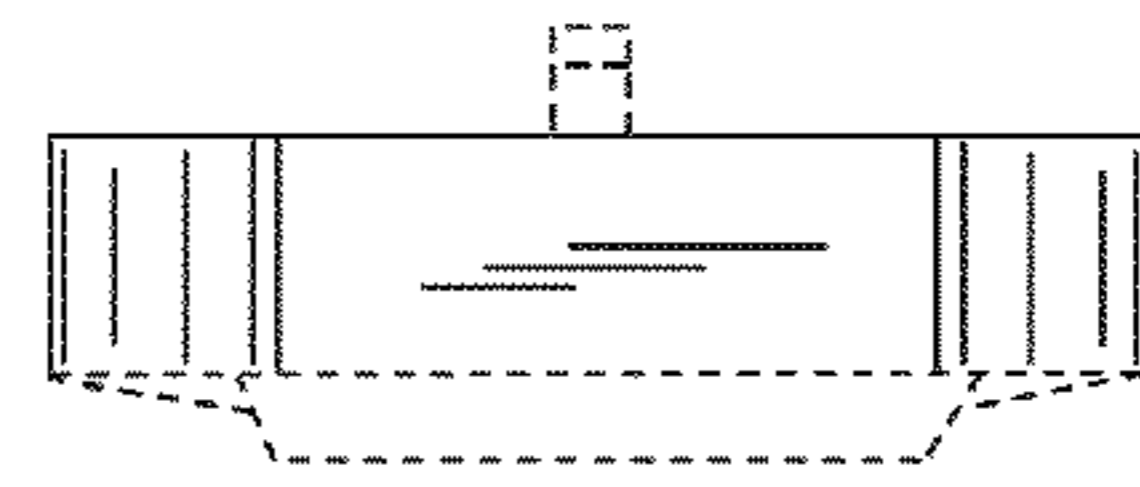


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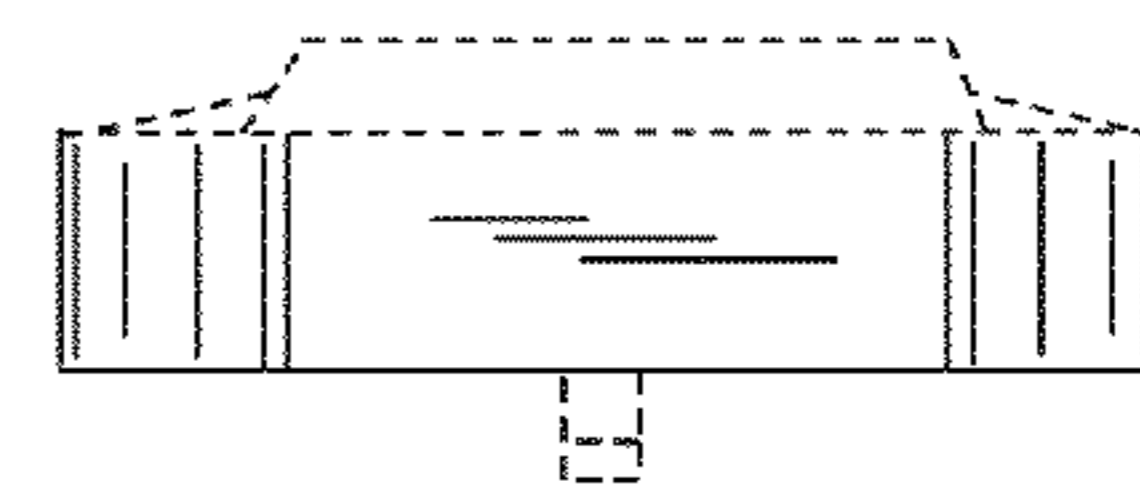


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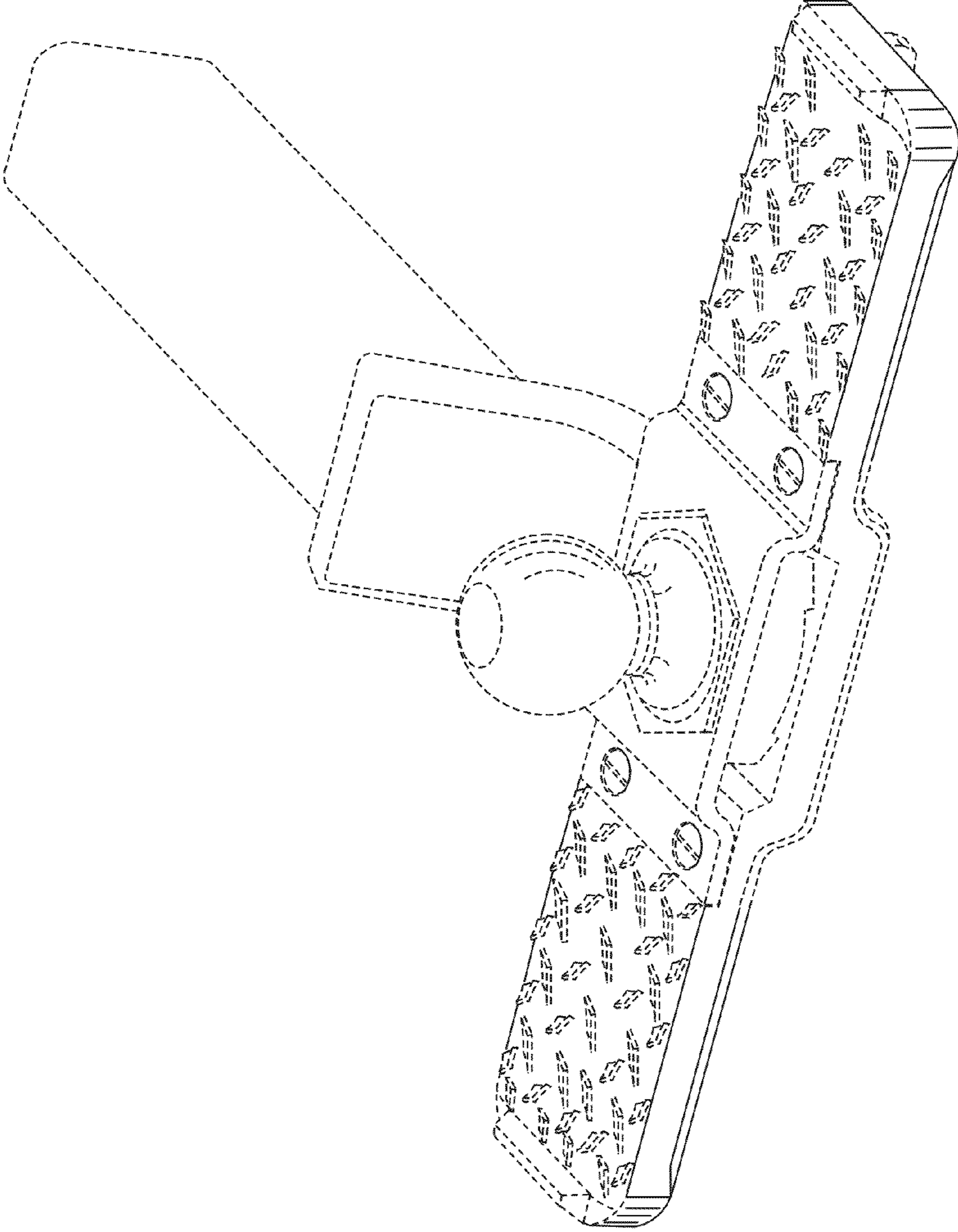


FIG. 8