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(54) **HEART SHAPED STRINGED INSTRUMENT**

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(57) **CLAIM**

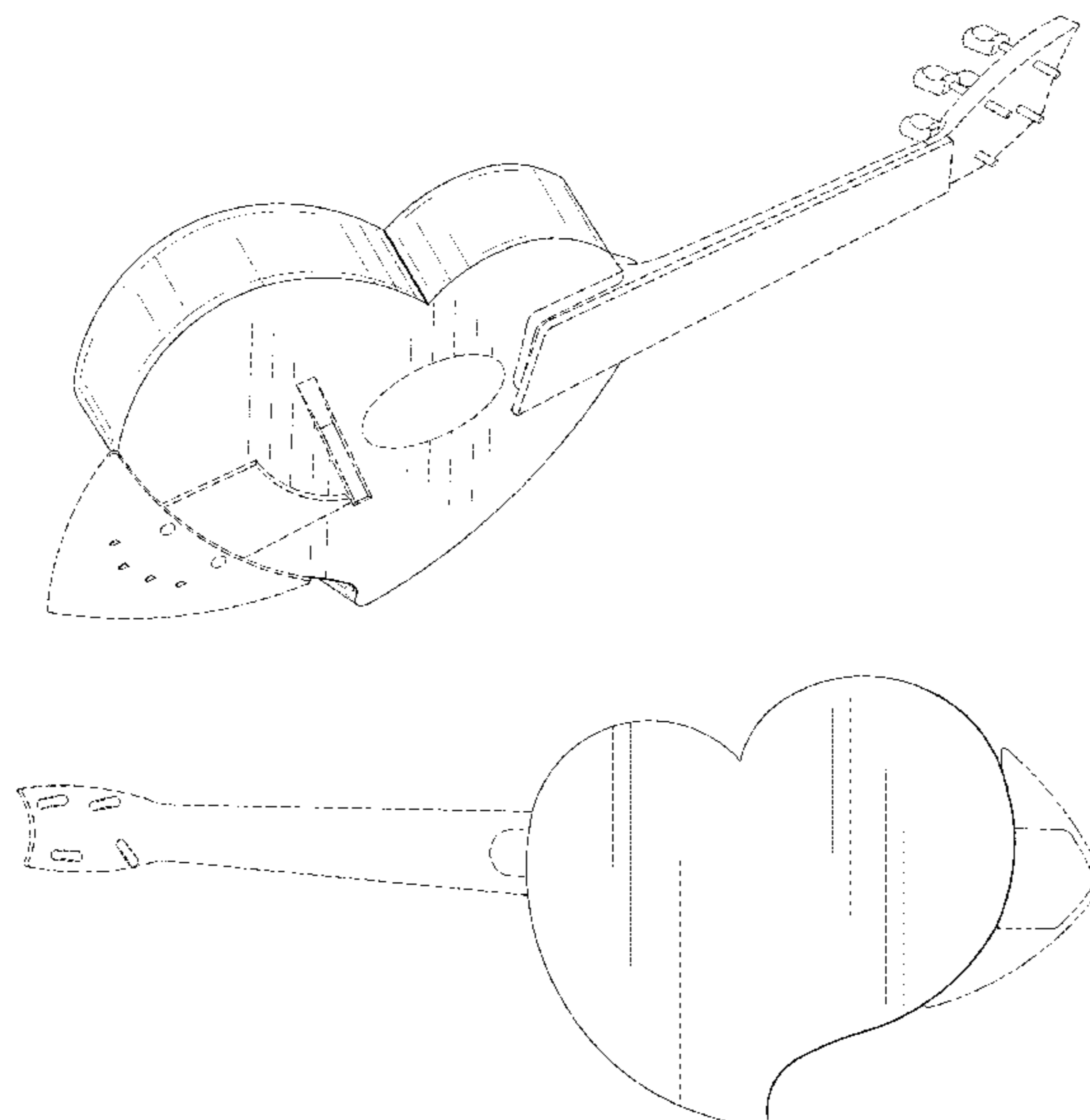
I claim the ornamental design for a heart-shaped stringed instrument, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a heart-shaped stringed instrument;
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a left side elevational view thereof; and,
FIG. 7 is a back elevational view thereof.

In FIGS. 1-7, the broken lines represent the portions of the heart-shaped stringed instrument which form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



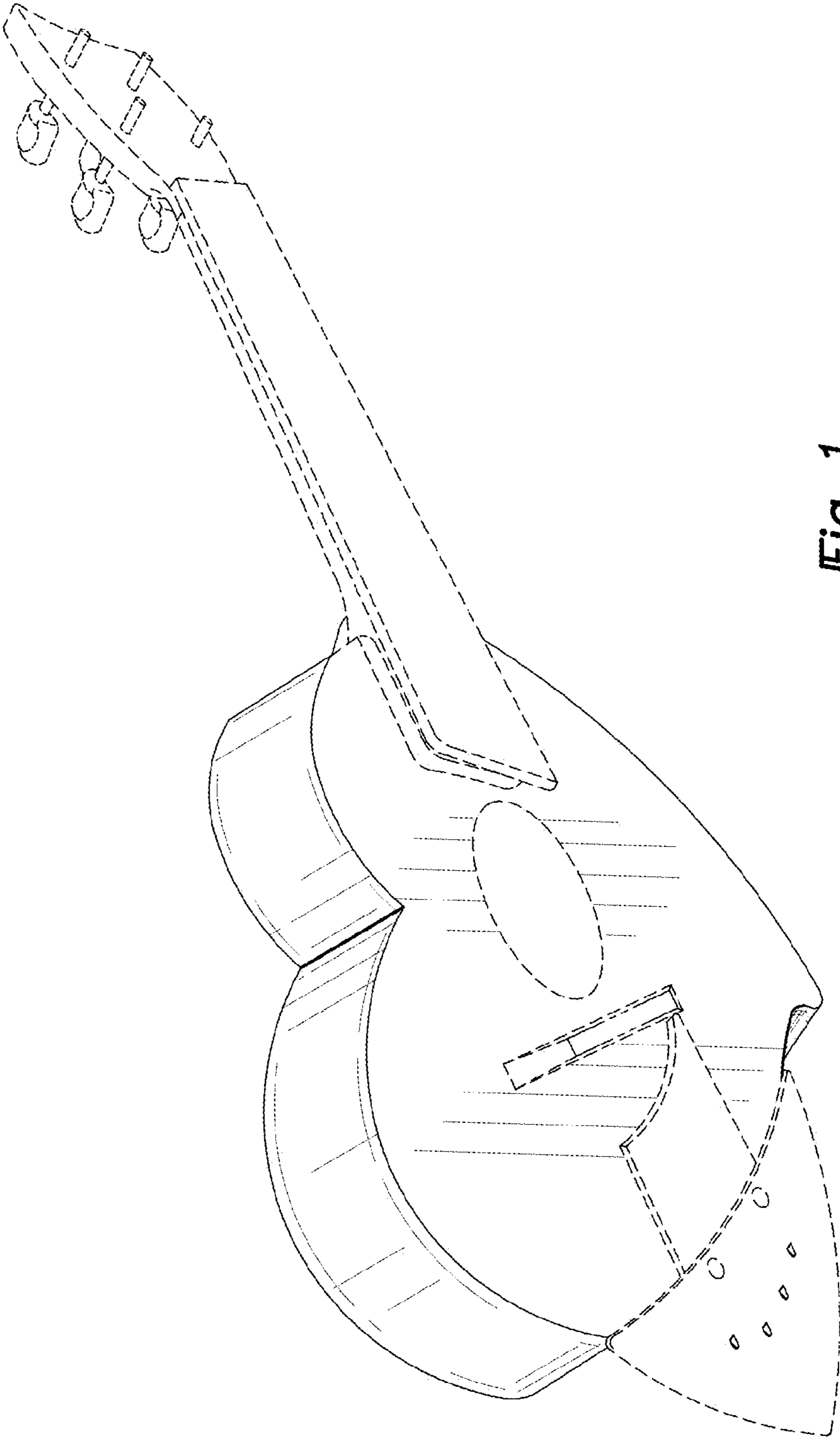


Fig 1

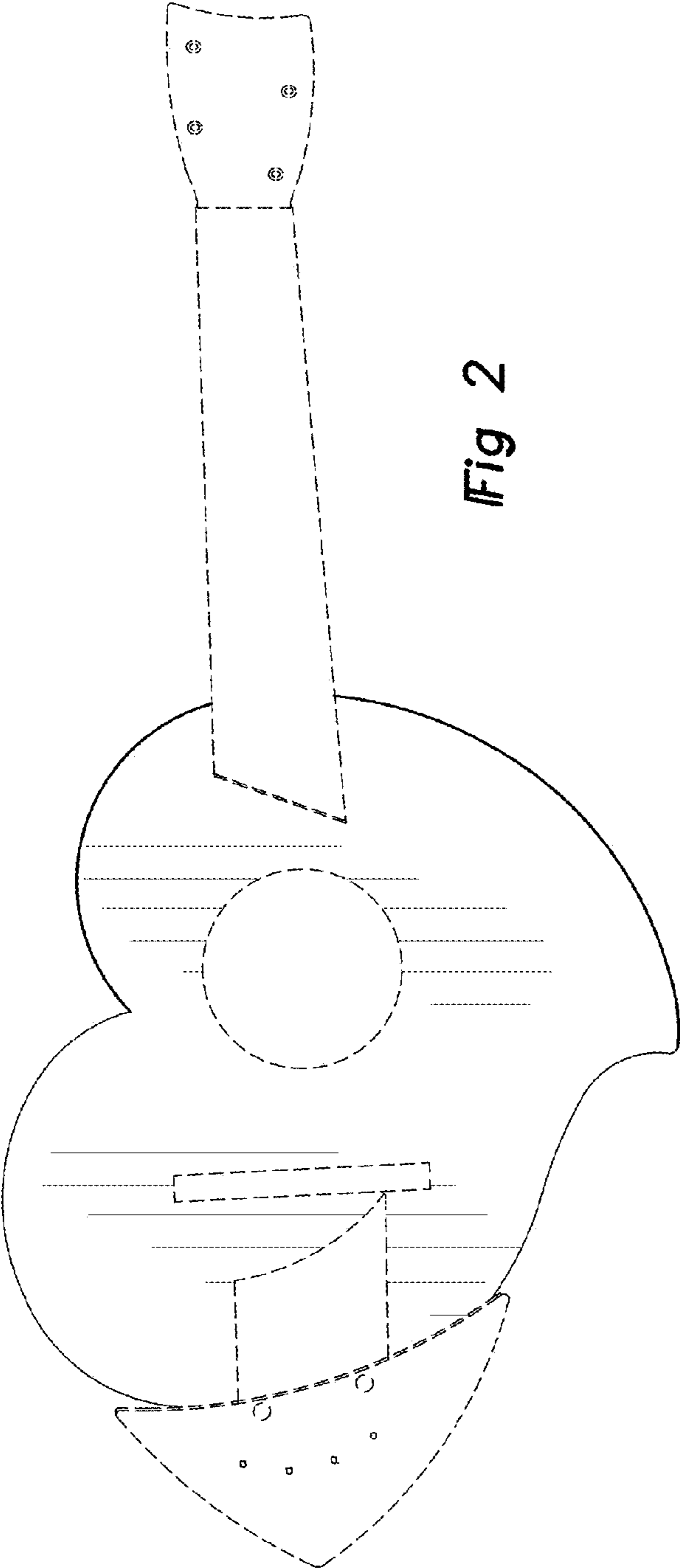


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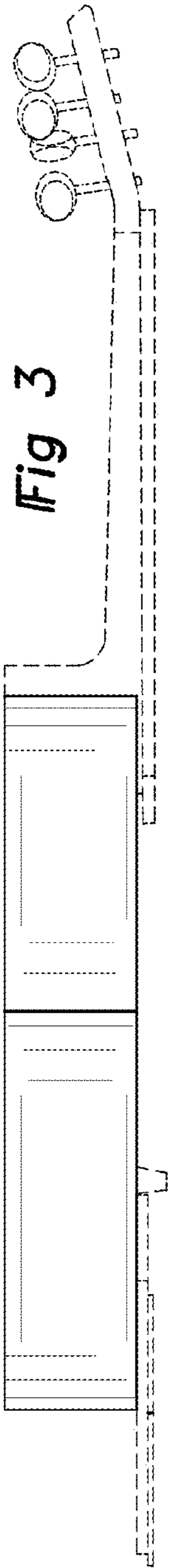


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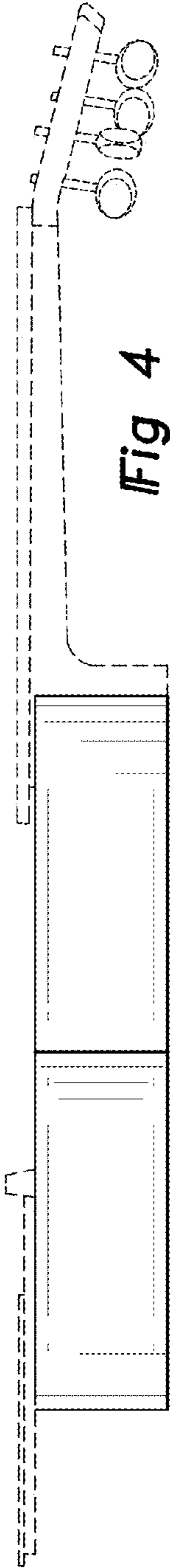


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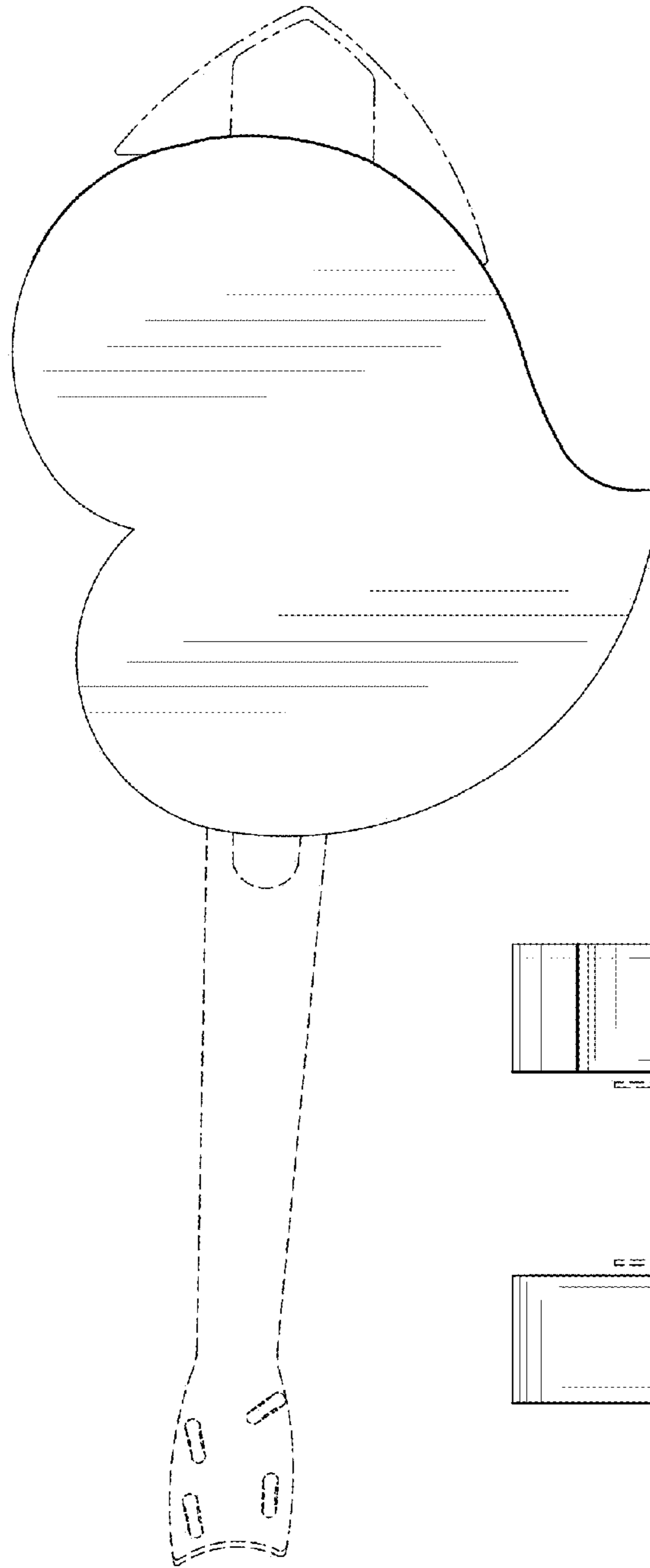


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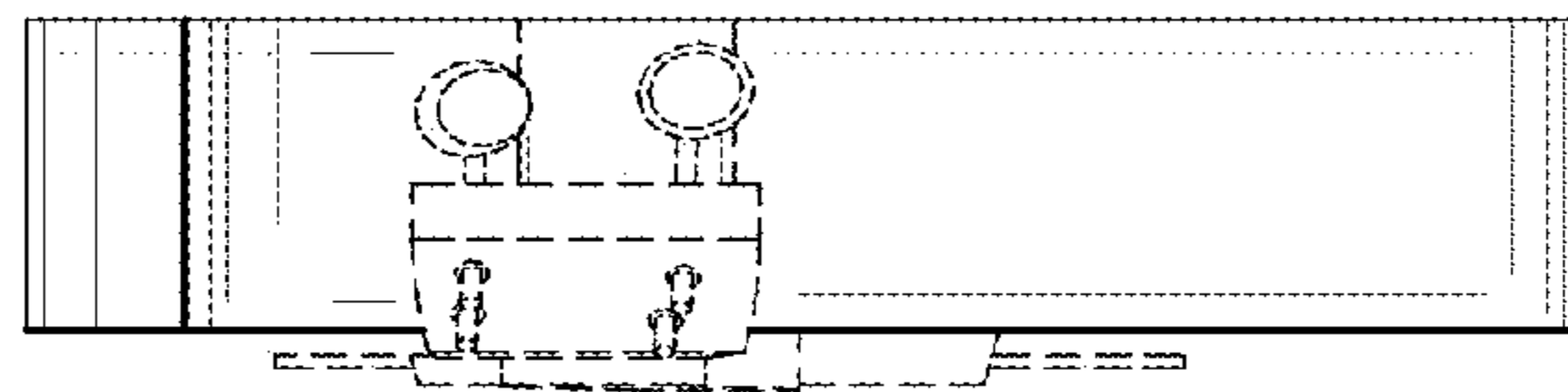


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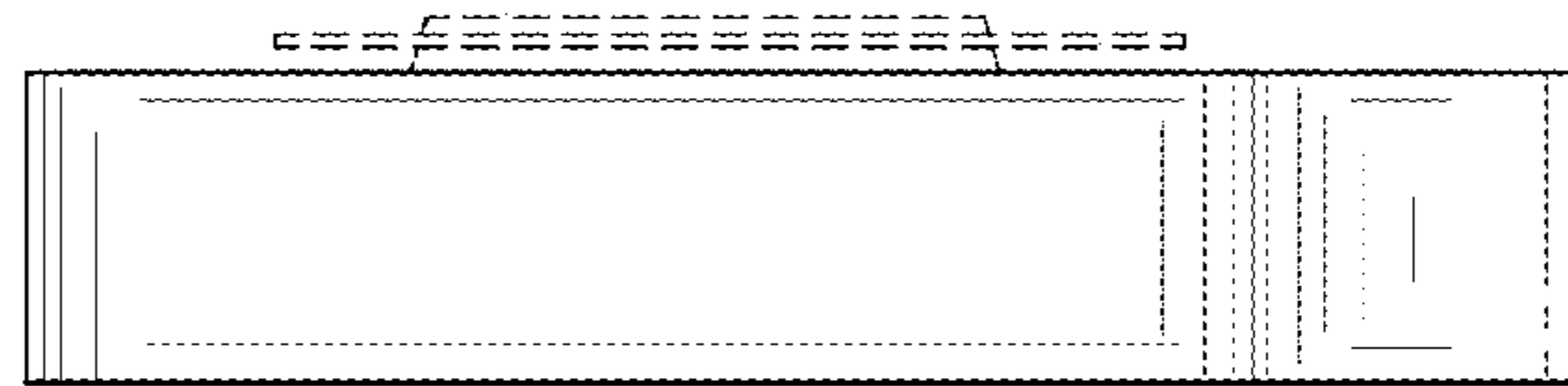


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