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(54) **CONNECTING ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A MALE PORTION AND A FEMALE PORTION**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a connecting assembly including a male portion and a female portion, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a male portion of a connecting assembly.

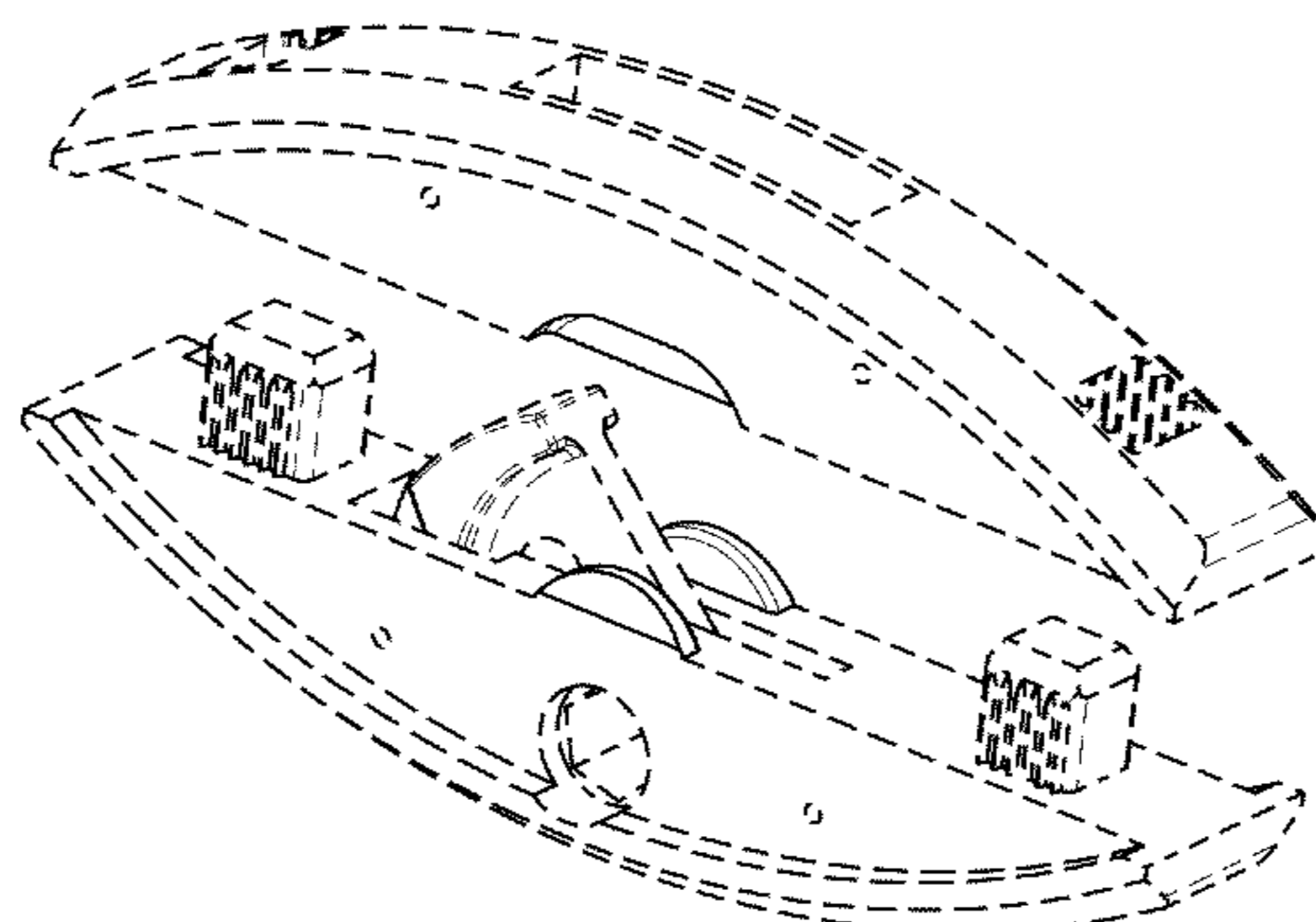


FIG. 2 is a left side view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 3 is a first end view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 4 is a right side view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 5 is a second end view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 6 is a top view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 7 is a bottom view of the male portion of FIG. 1 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 8 is a perspective view of a female portion of a connecting assembly.

FIG. 9 is a left side view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 10 is a first end view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 11 is a right side view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 12 is a second end view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 13 is a top view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 14 is a bottom view of the female portion of FIG. 8 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a connecting assembly including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 16 is a left side view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 17 is a first end view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 18 is a right side view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 19 is a second end view of the of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 20 is a top view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 21 is a bottom view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 15 including the female portion of FIG. 8 and the male portion of FIG. 1.

FIG. 22 is a perspective view of a male portion of a second embodiment of a connecting assembly.

FIG. 23 is a left side view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 24 is a first end view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 25 is a right side view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 26 is a second end view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 27 is a top view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 28 is a bottom view of the male portion of FIG. 22 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 29 is a perspective view of a second embodiment of a female portion of a connecting assembly.

FIG. 30 is a left side view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 31 is a first end view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 32 is a right side view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 33 is a second end view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 34 is a top view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 35 is a bottom view of the female portion of FIG. 29 of the connecting assembly.

FIG. 36 is a perspective view of a connecting assembly including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

FIG. 37 is a left side view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

FIG. 38 is a first end view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

FIG. 39 is a right side view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

FIG. 40 is a second end view of the connecting of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

FIG. 41 is a top view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22; and,

FIG. 42 is a bottom view of the connecting assembly of FIG. 36 including the female portion of FIG. 29 and the male portion of FIG. 22.

The features shown in broken lines represent portions of the article and form no part of the claimed design.

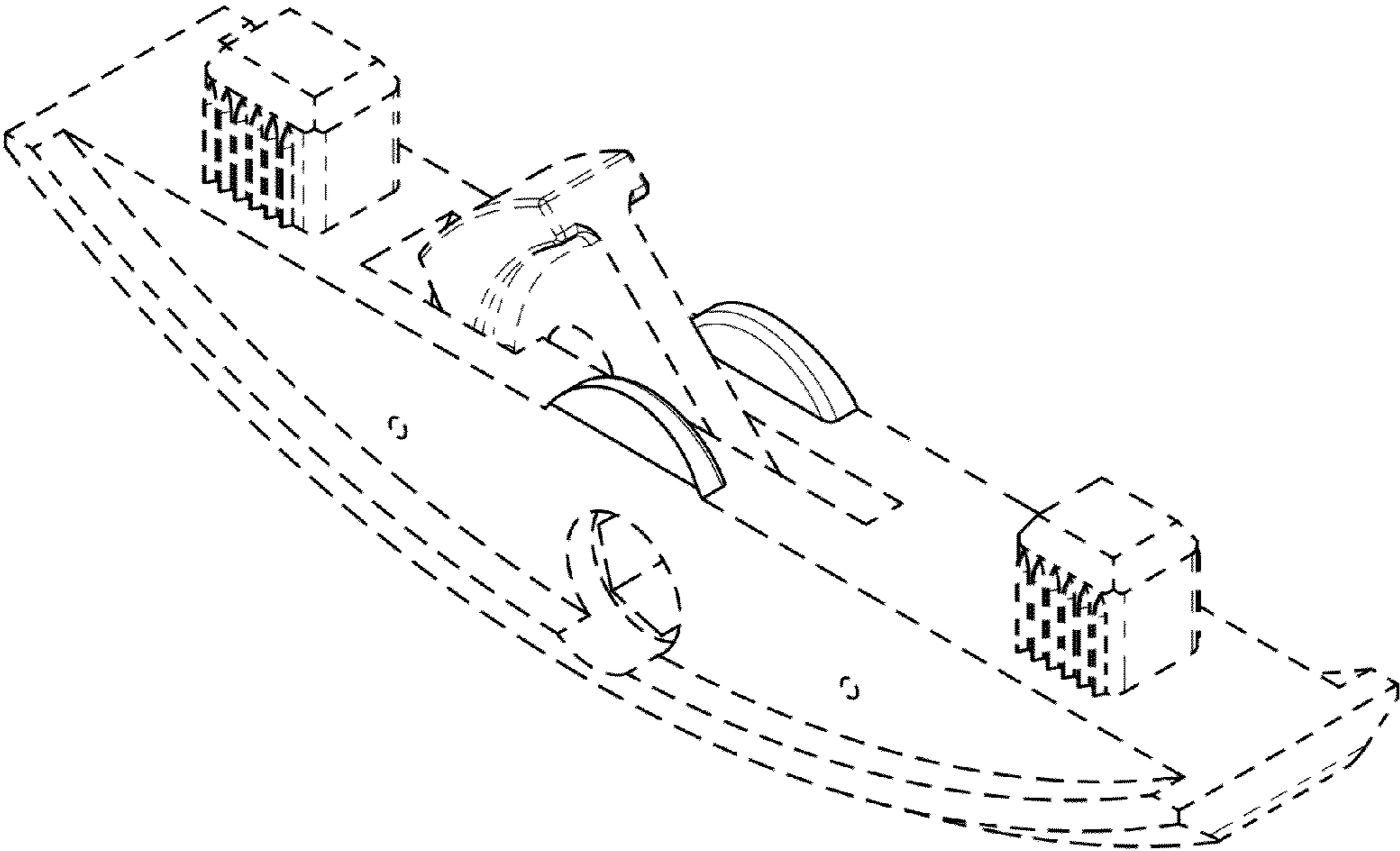


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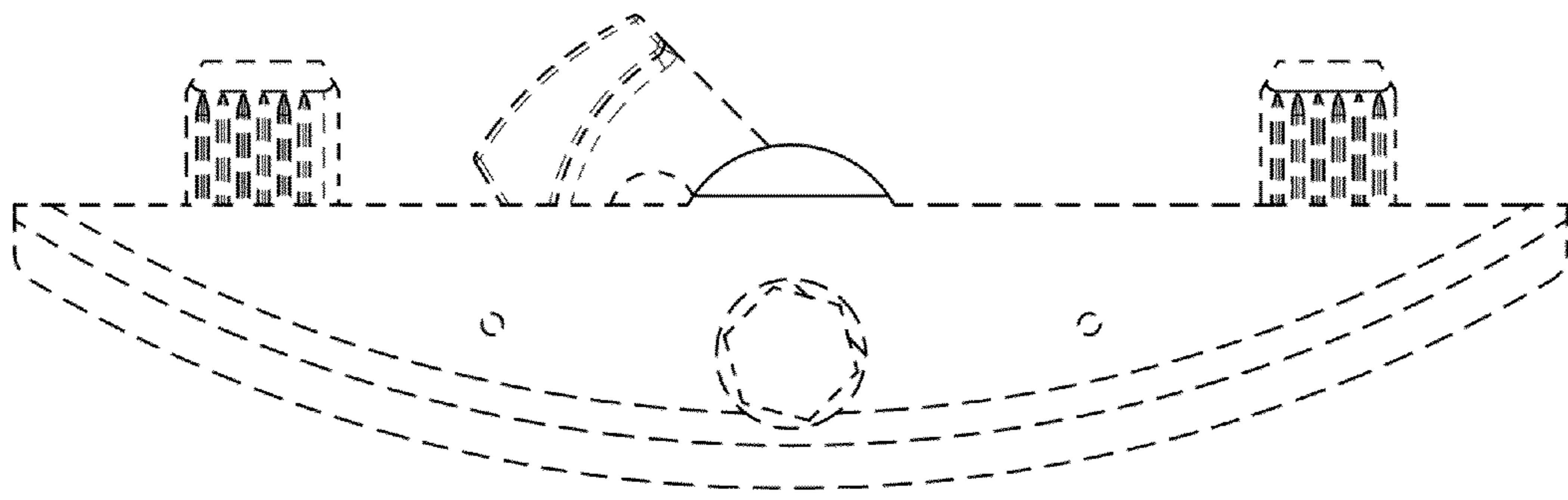


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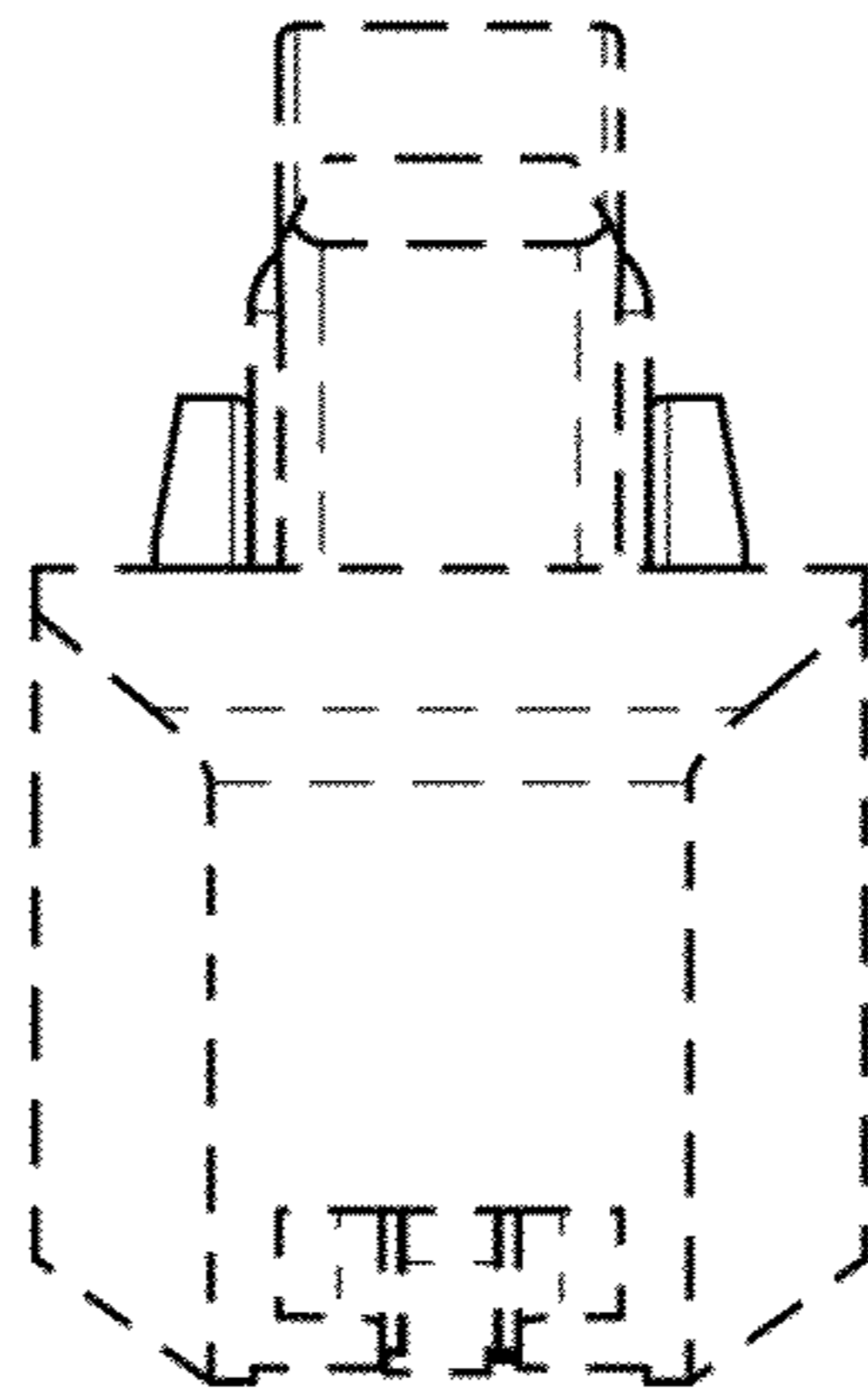


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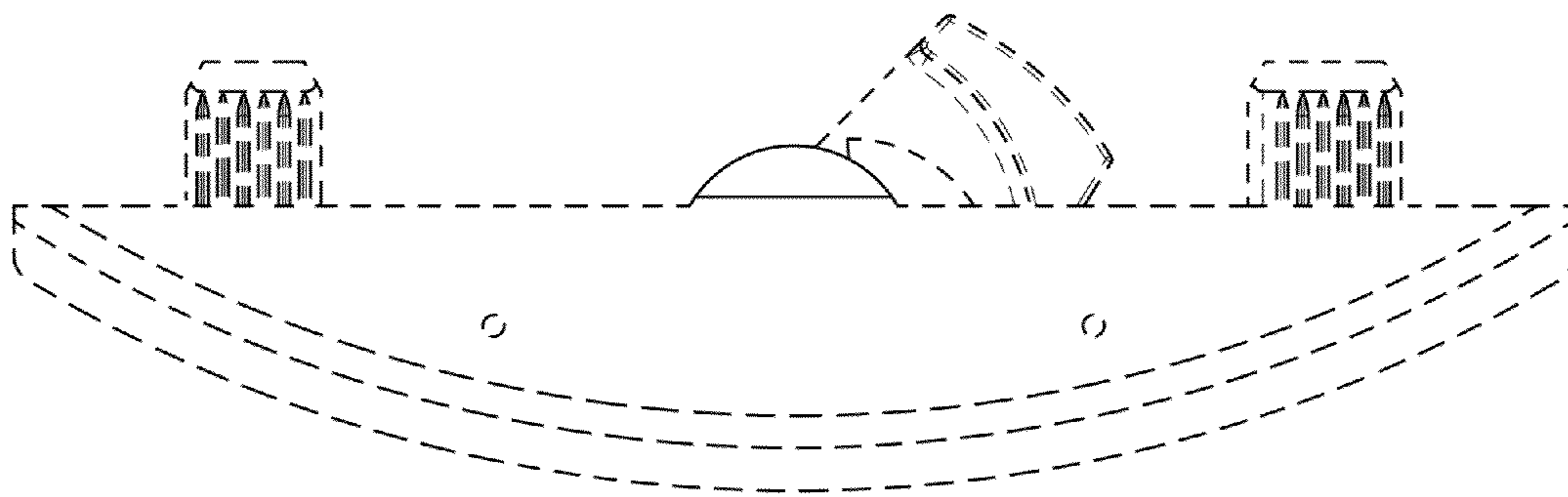


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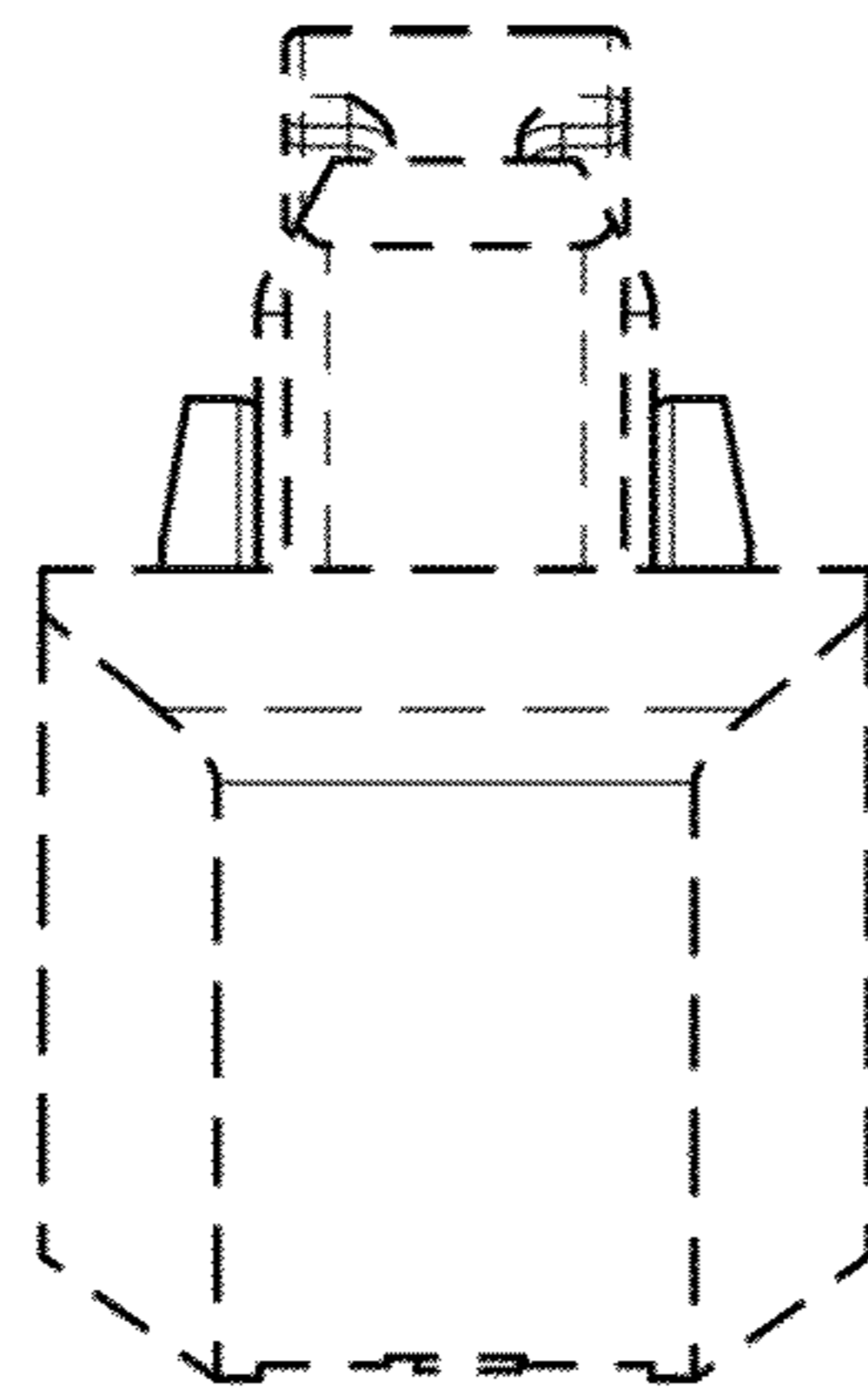


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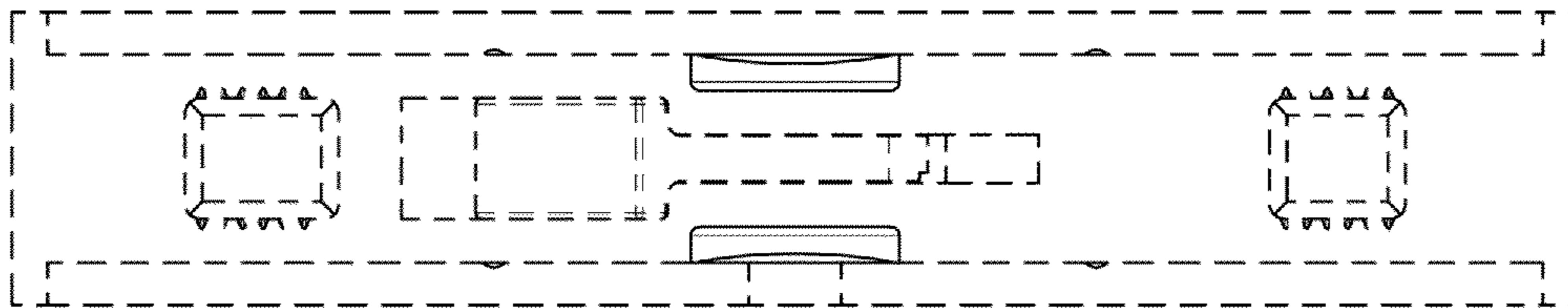


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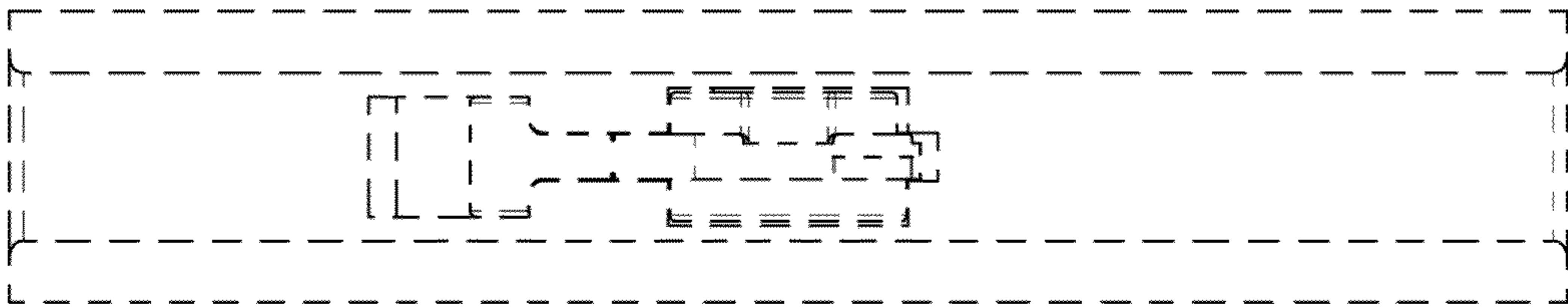


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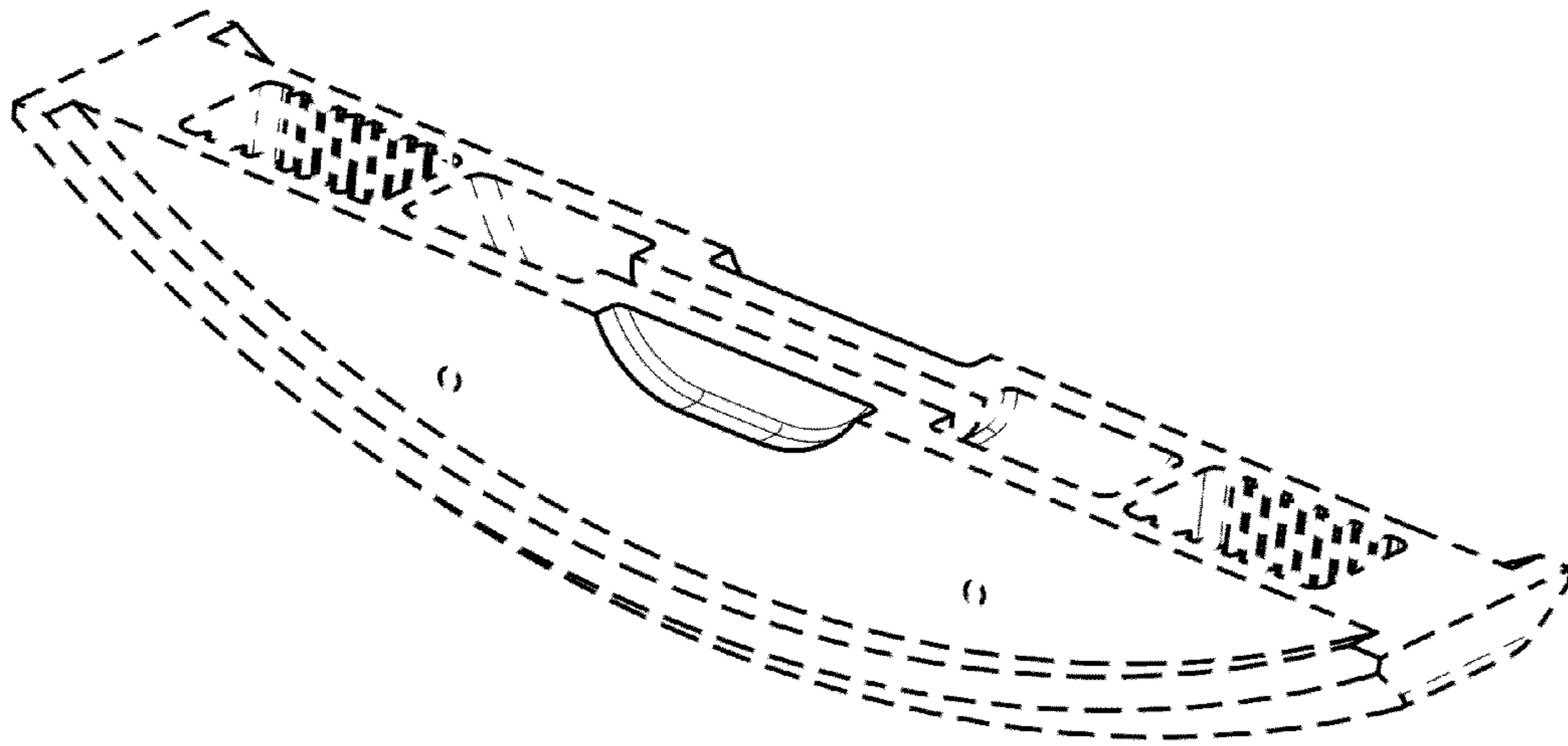


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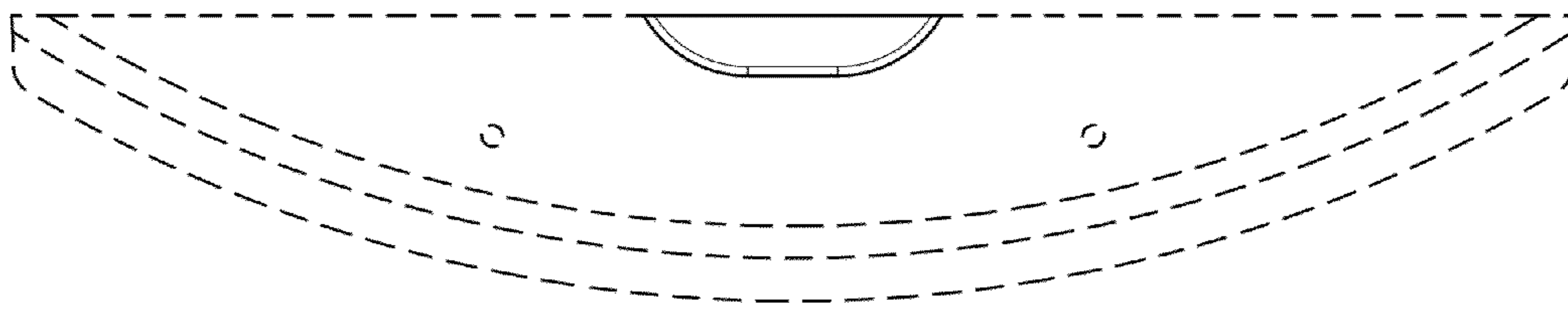


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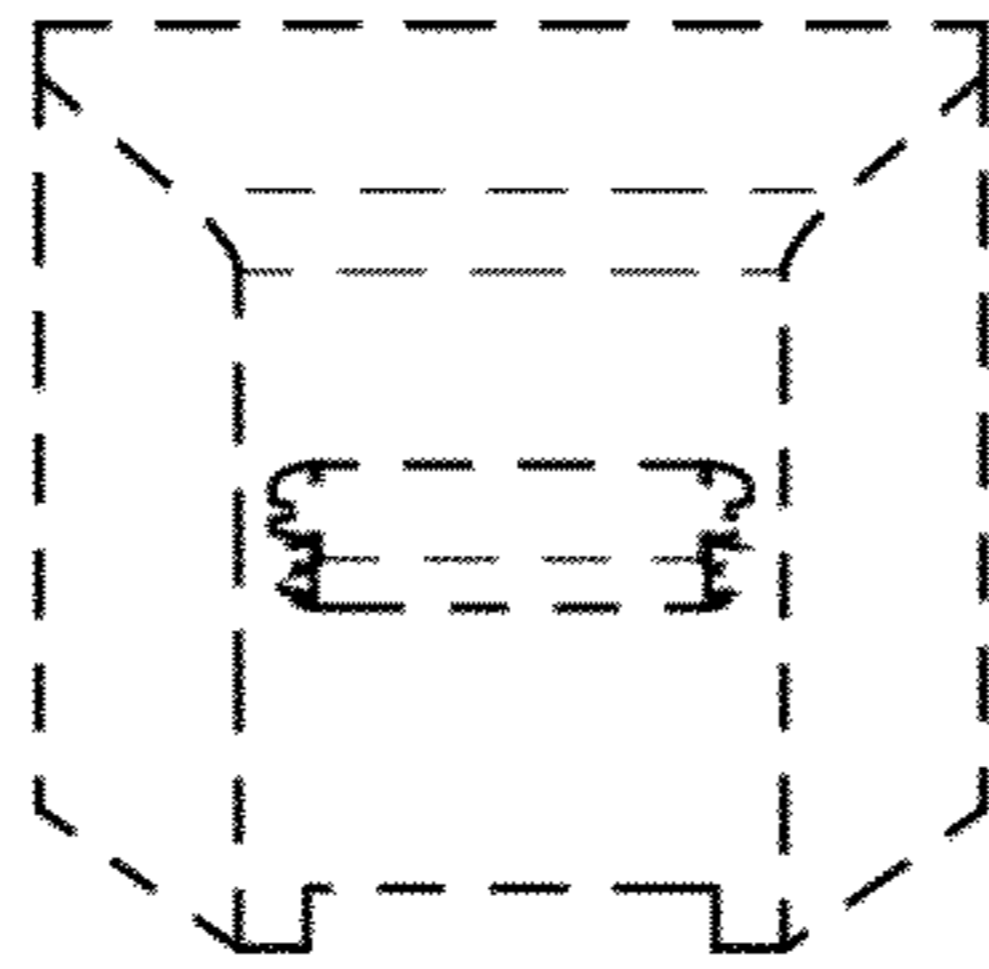


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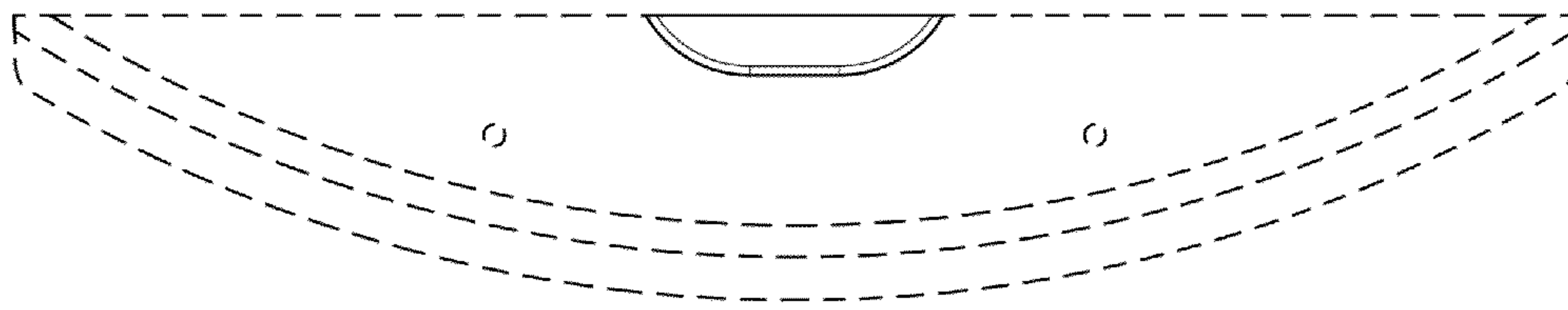


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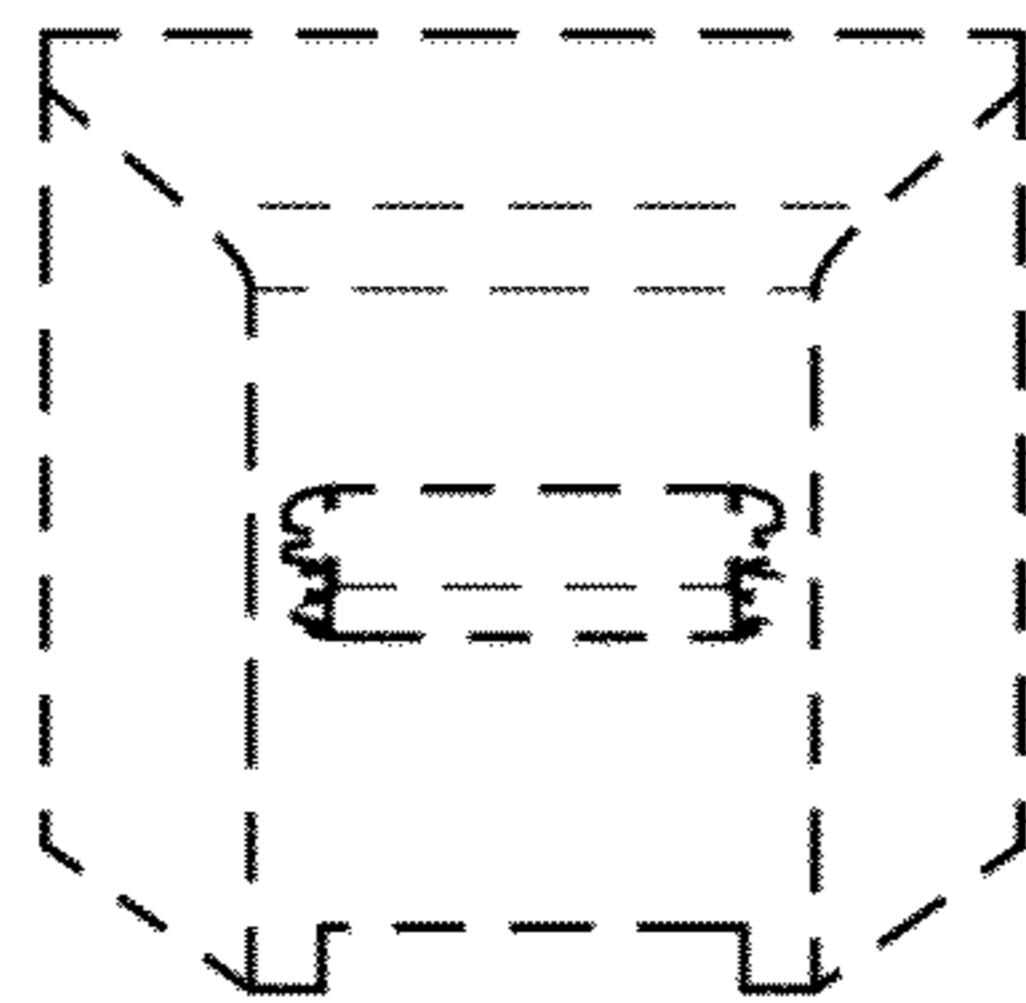


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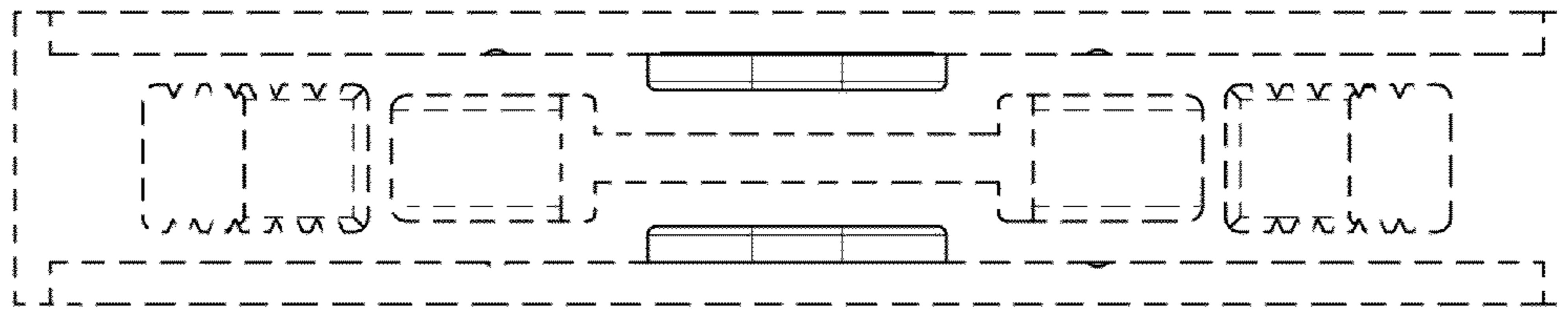


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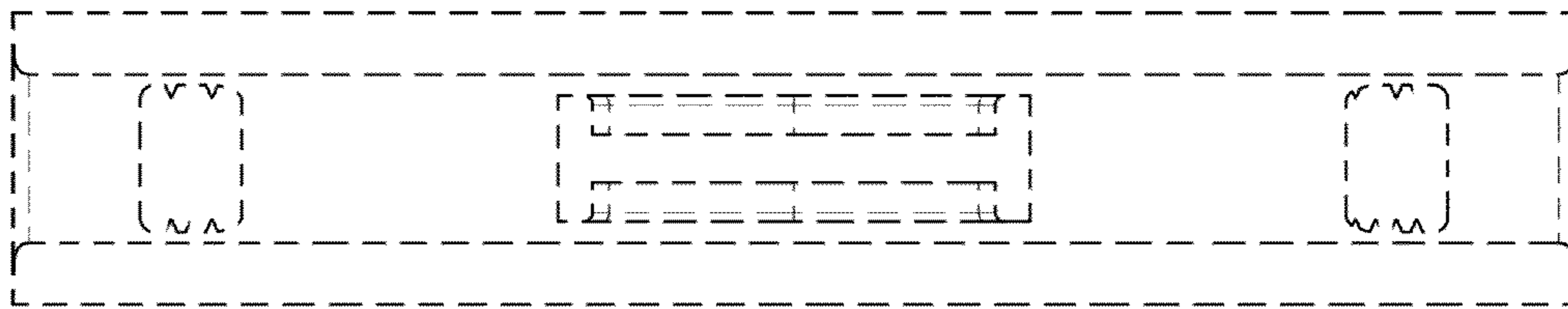


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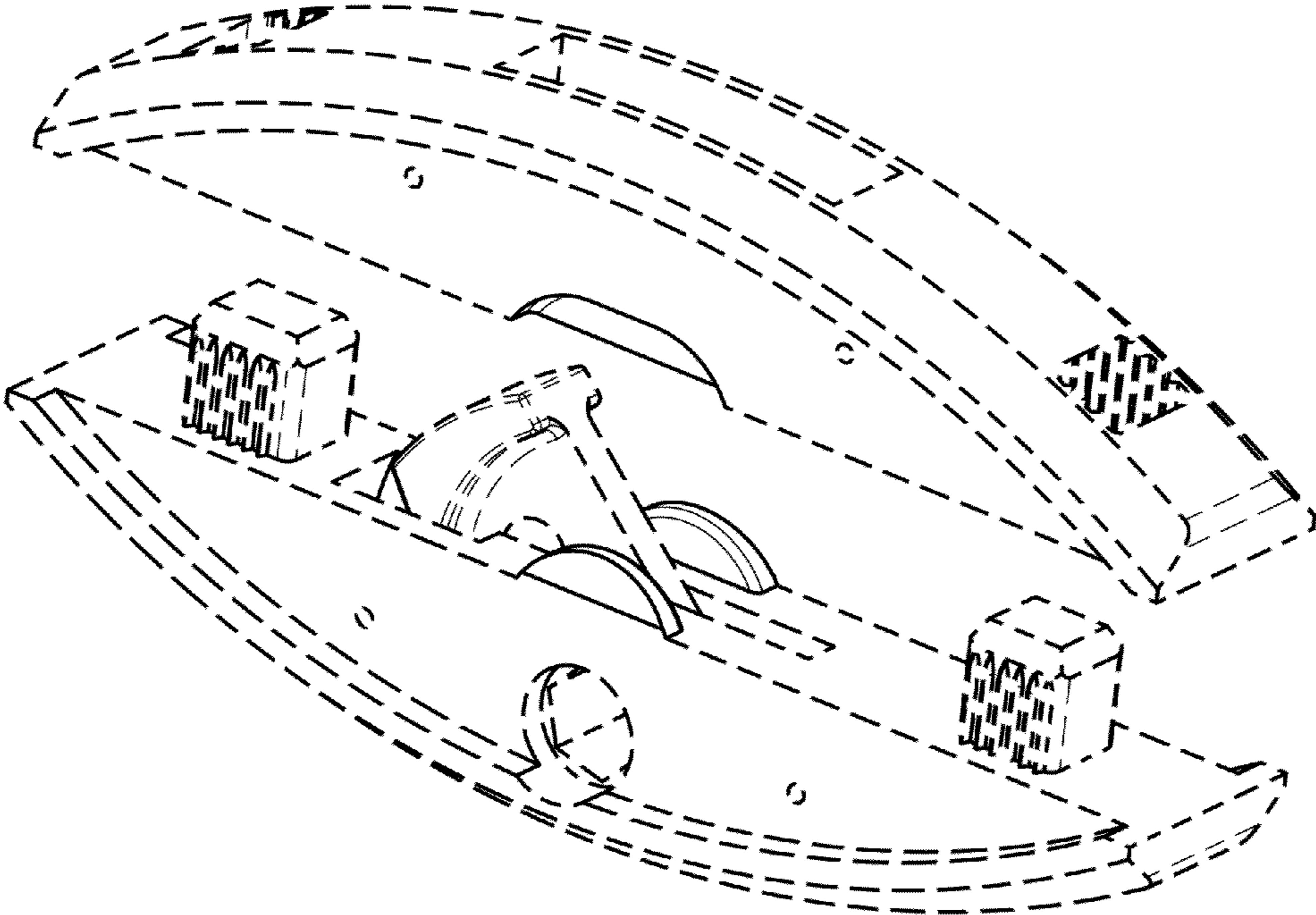


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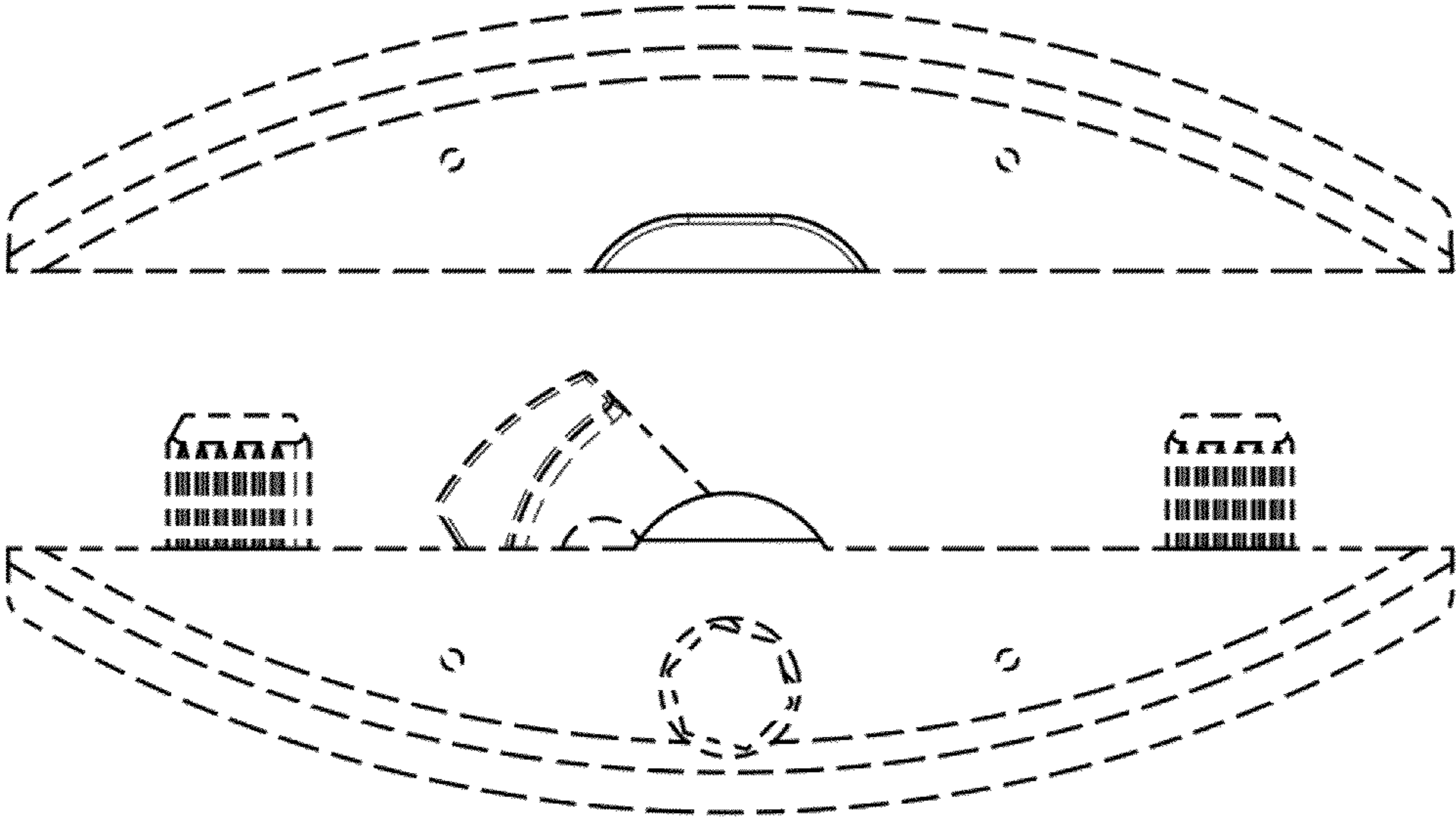


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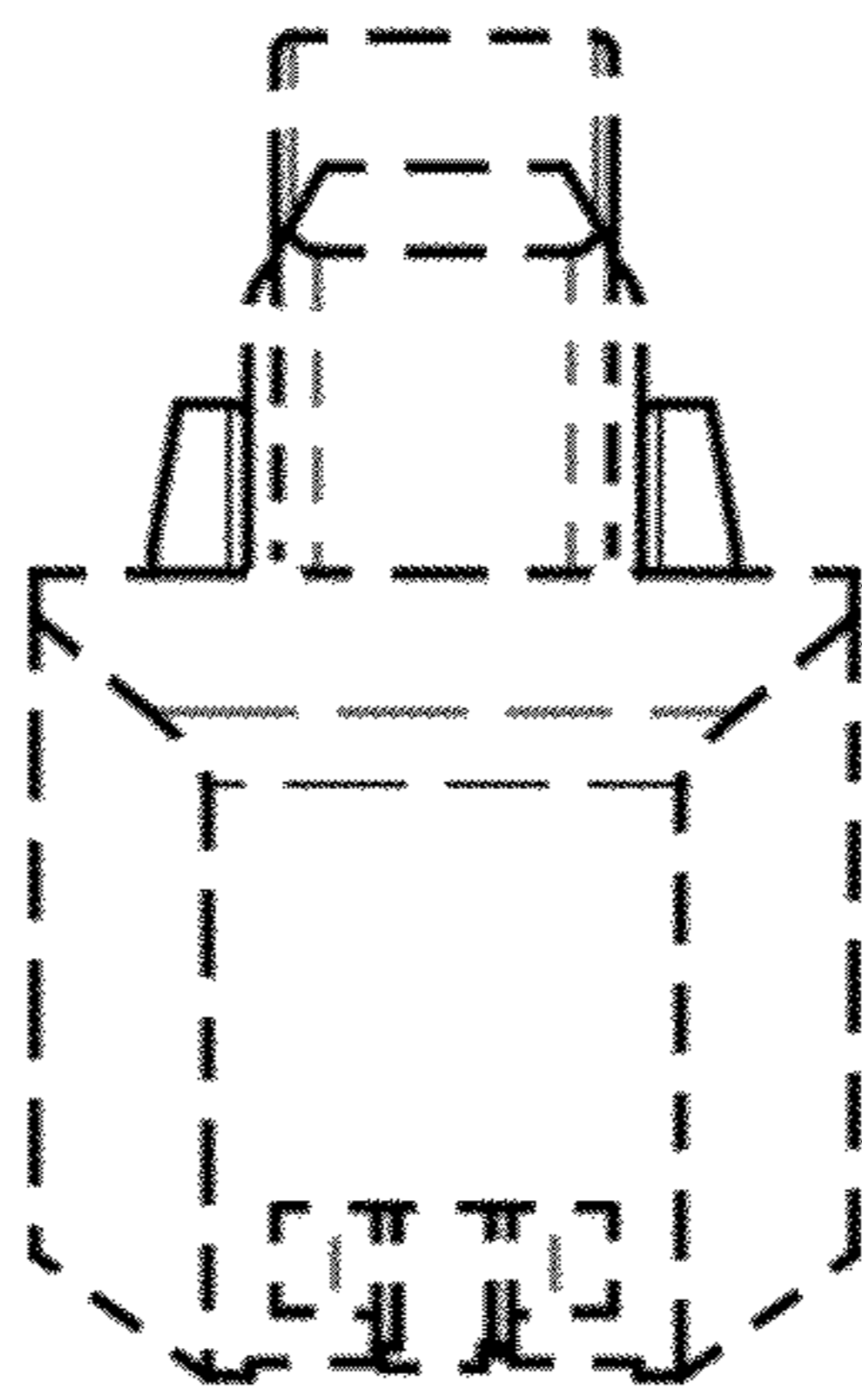
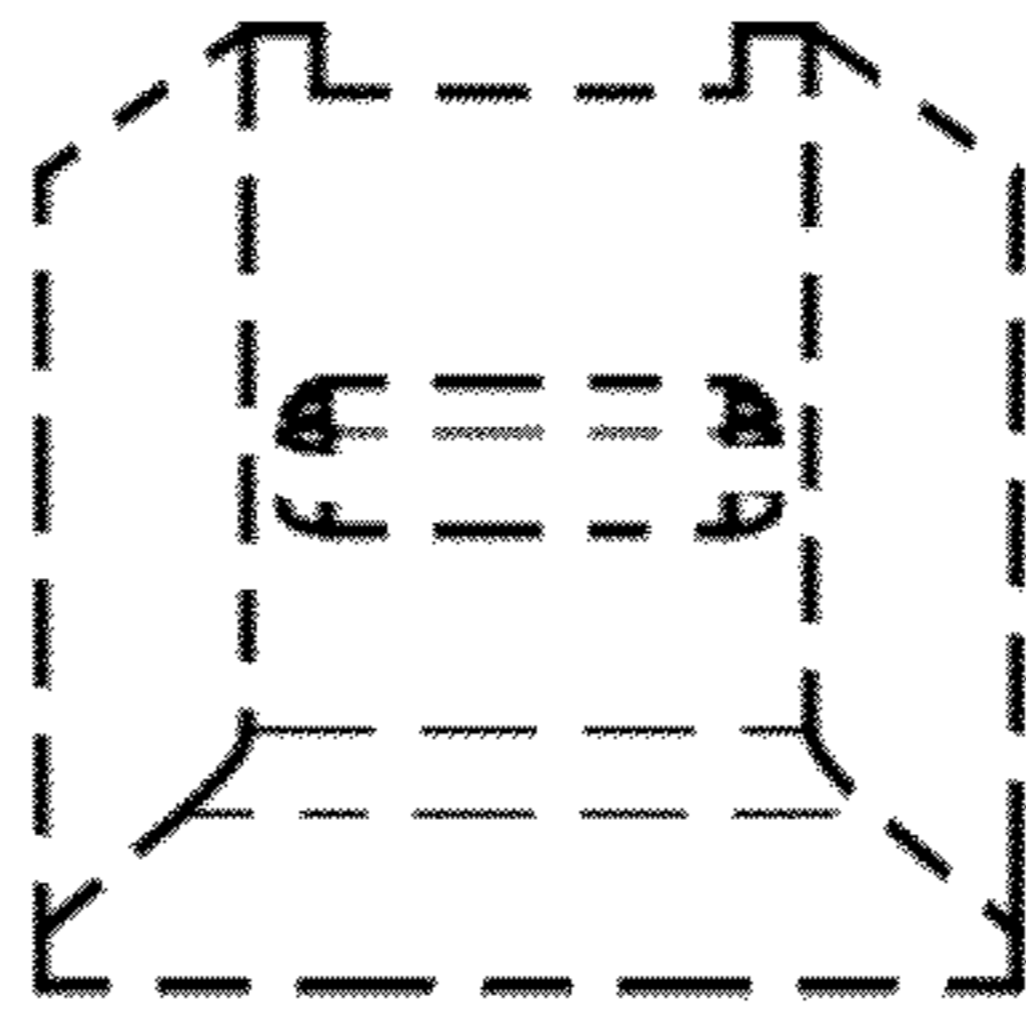


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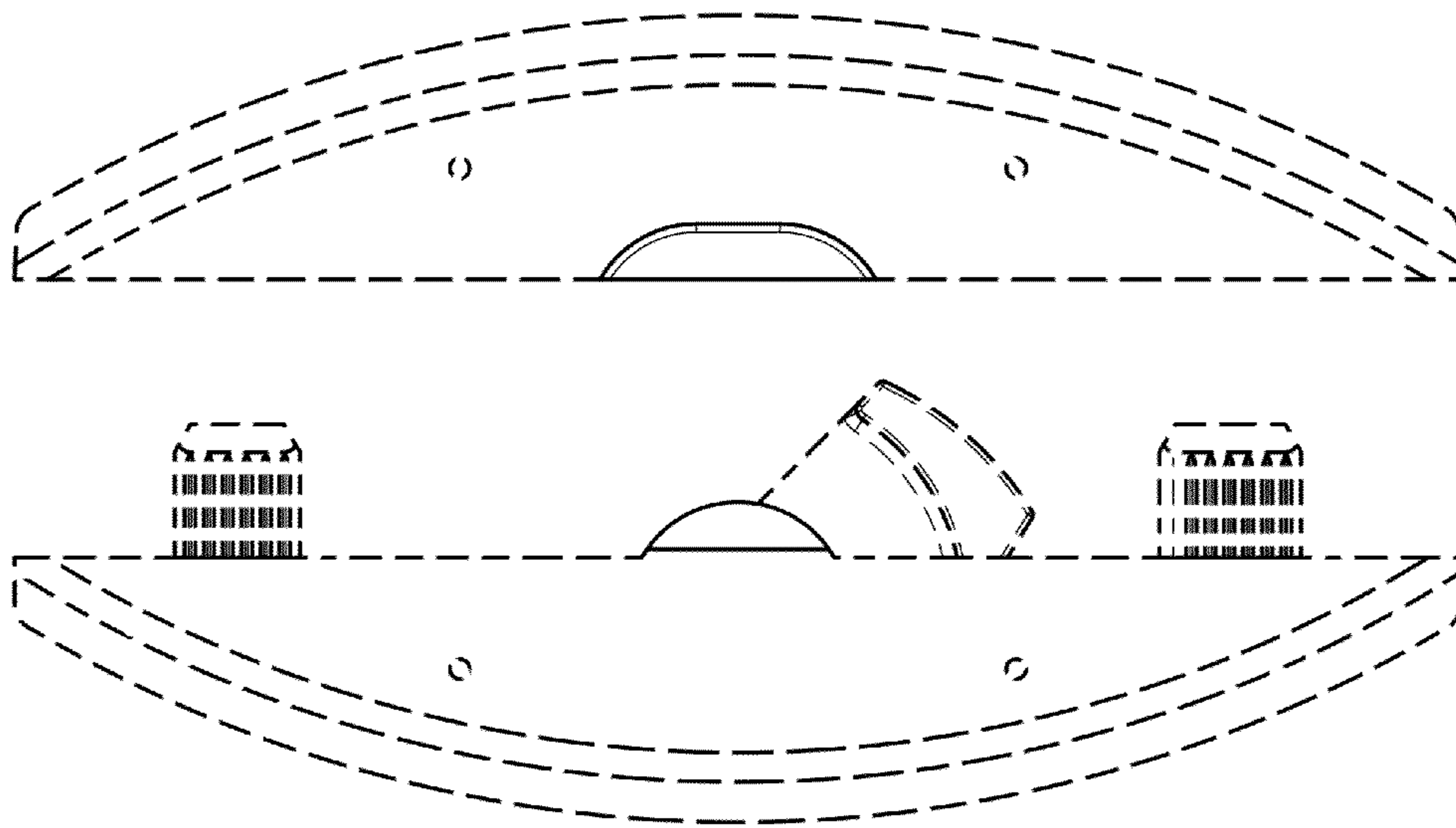


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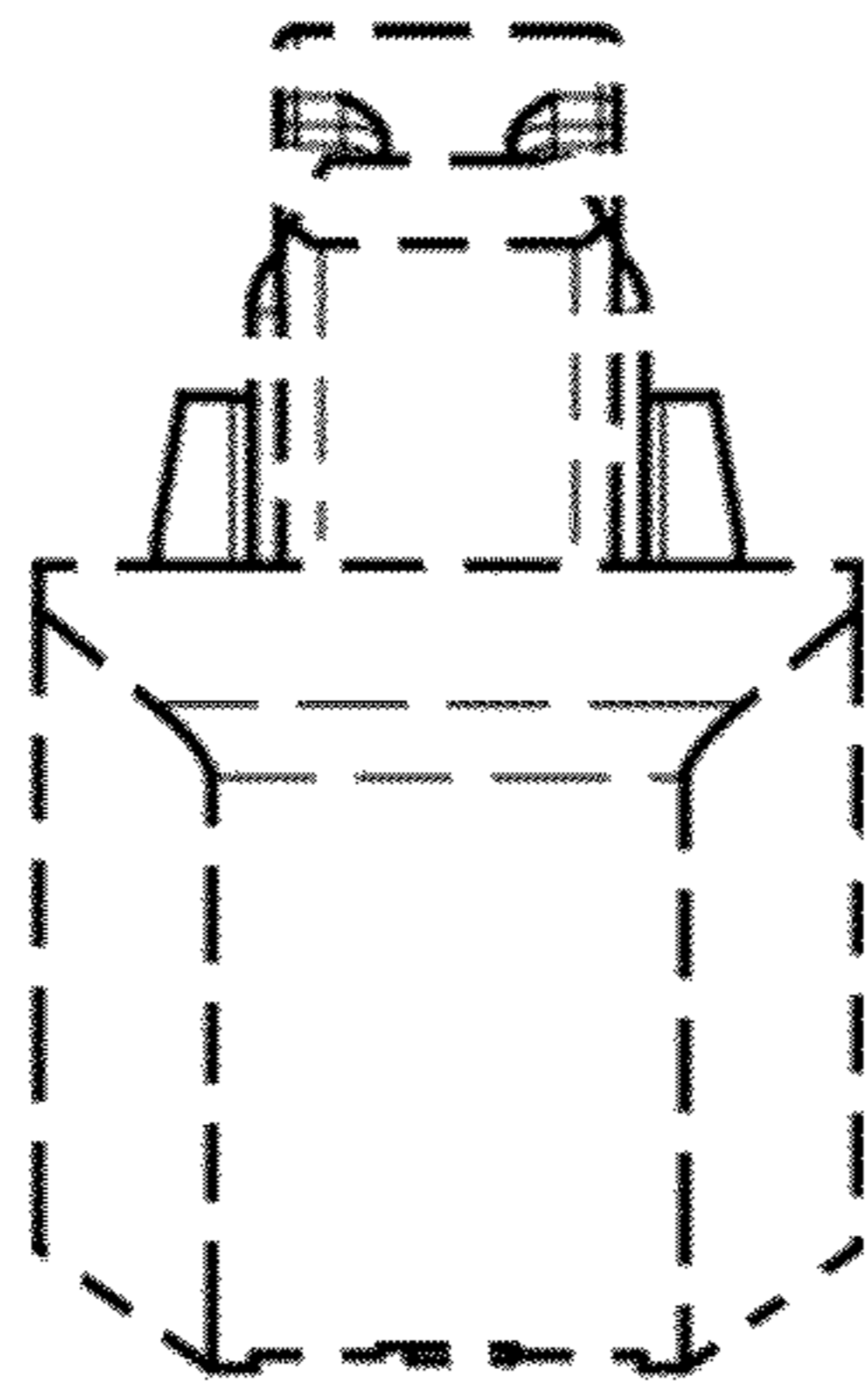
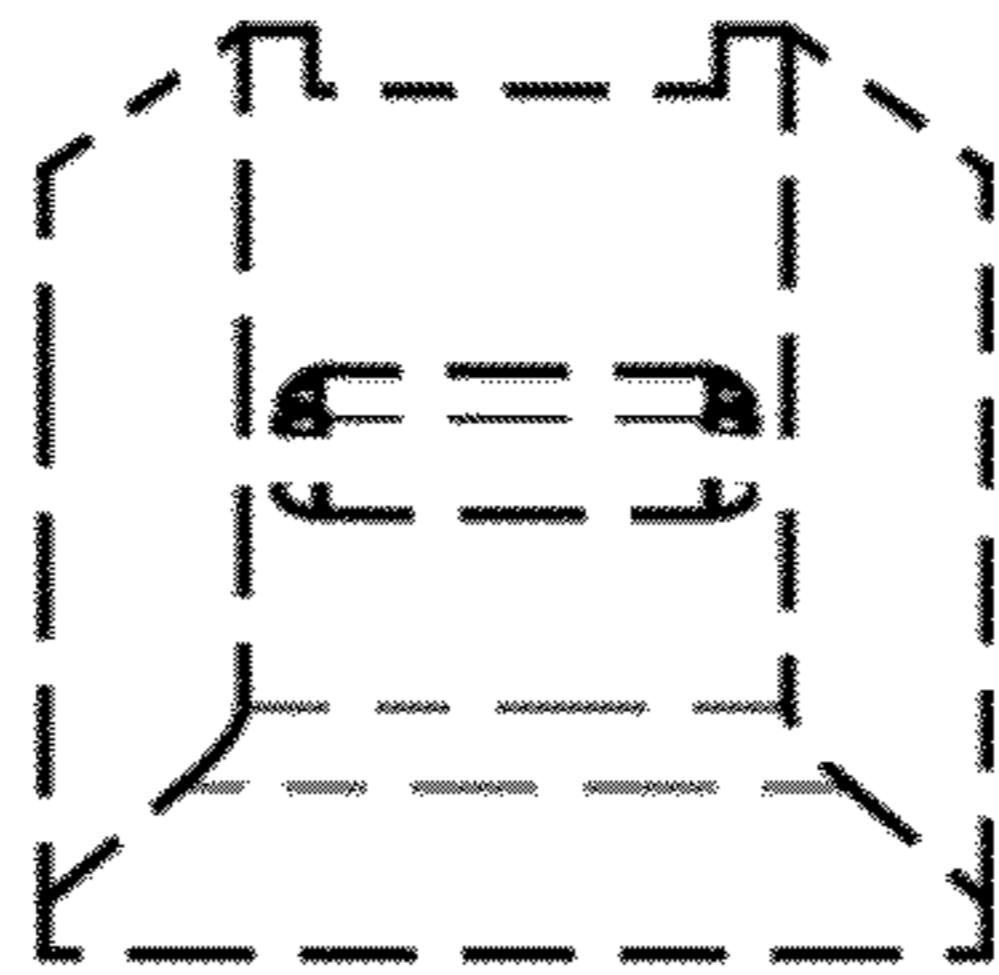


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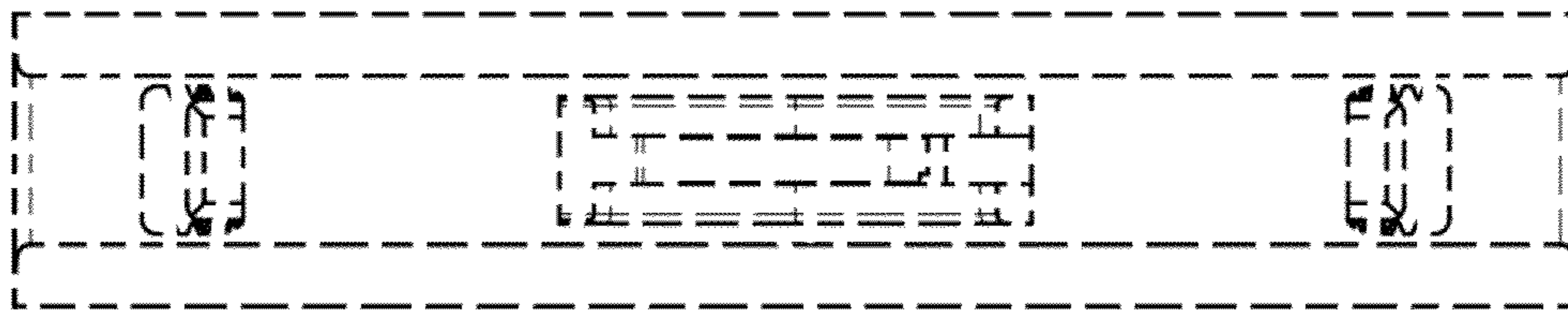


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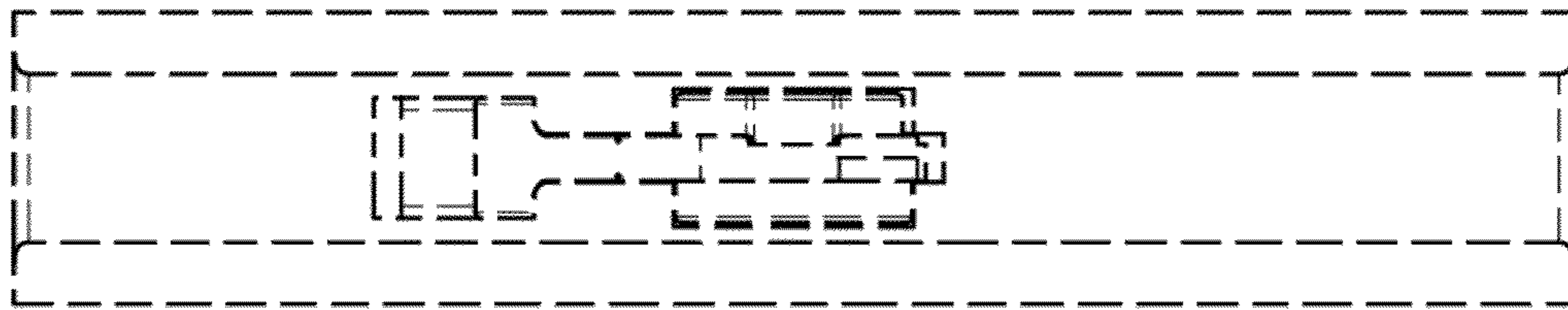


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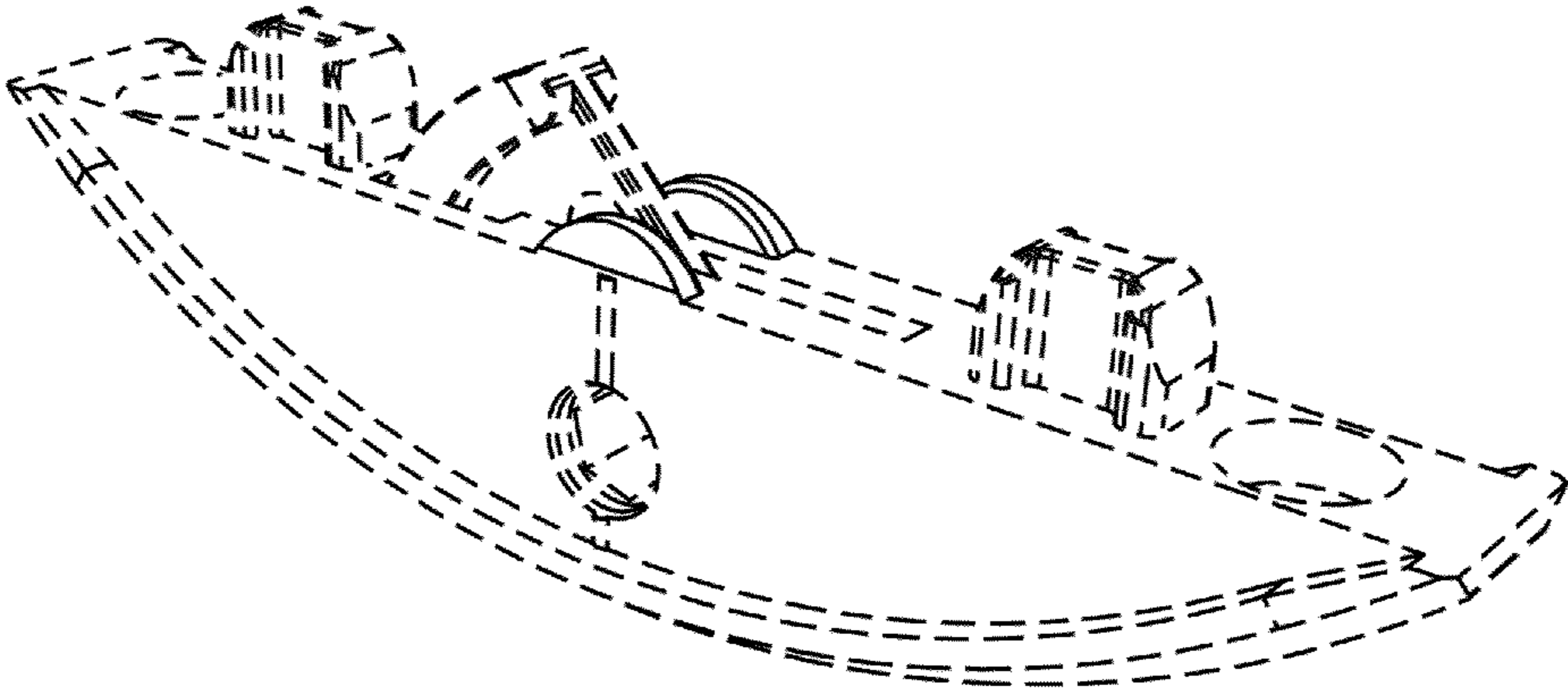


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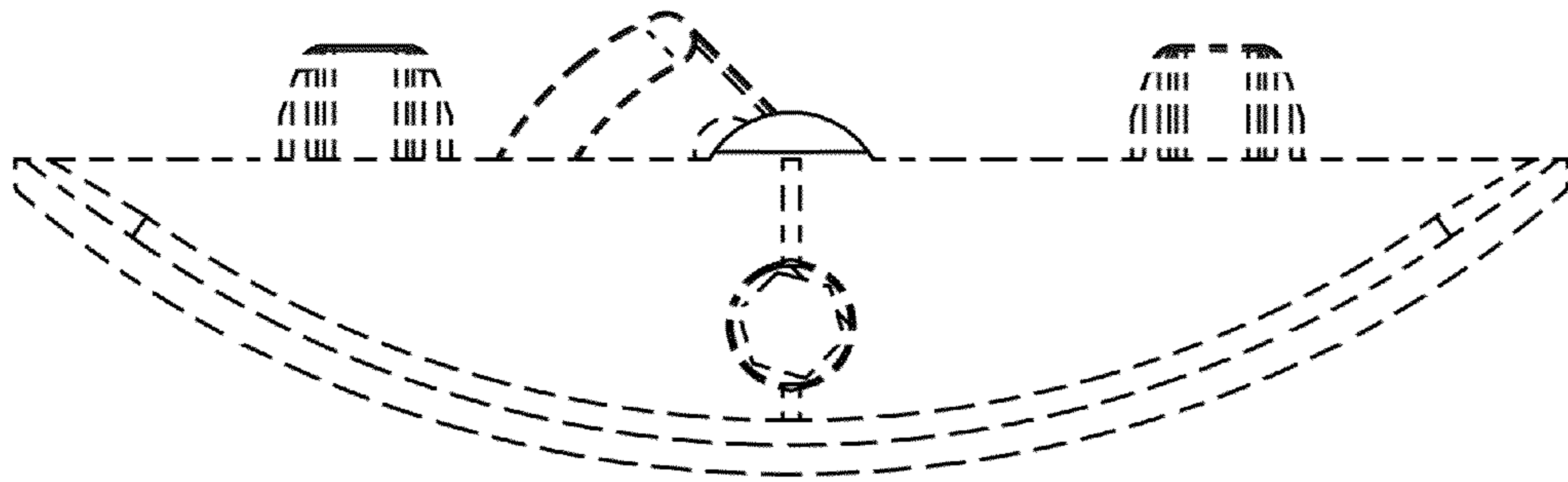


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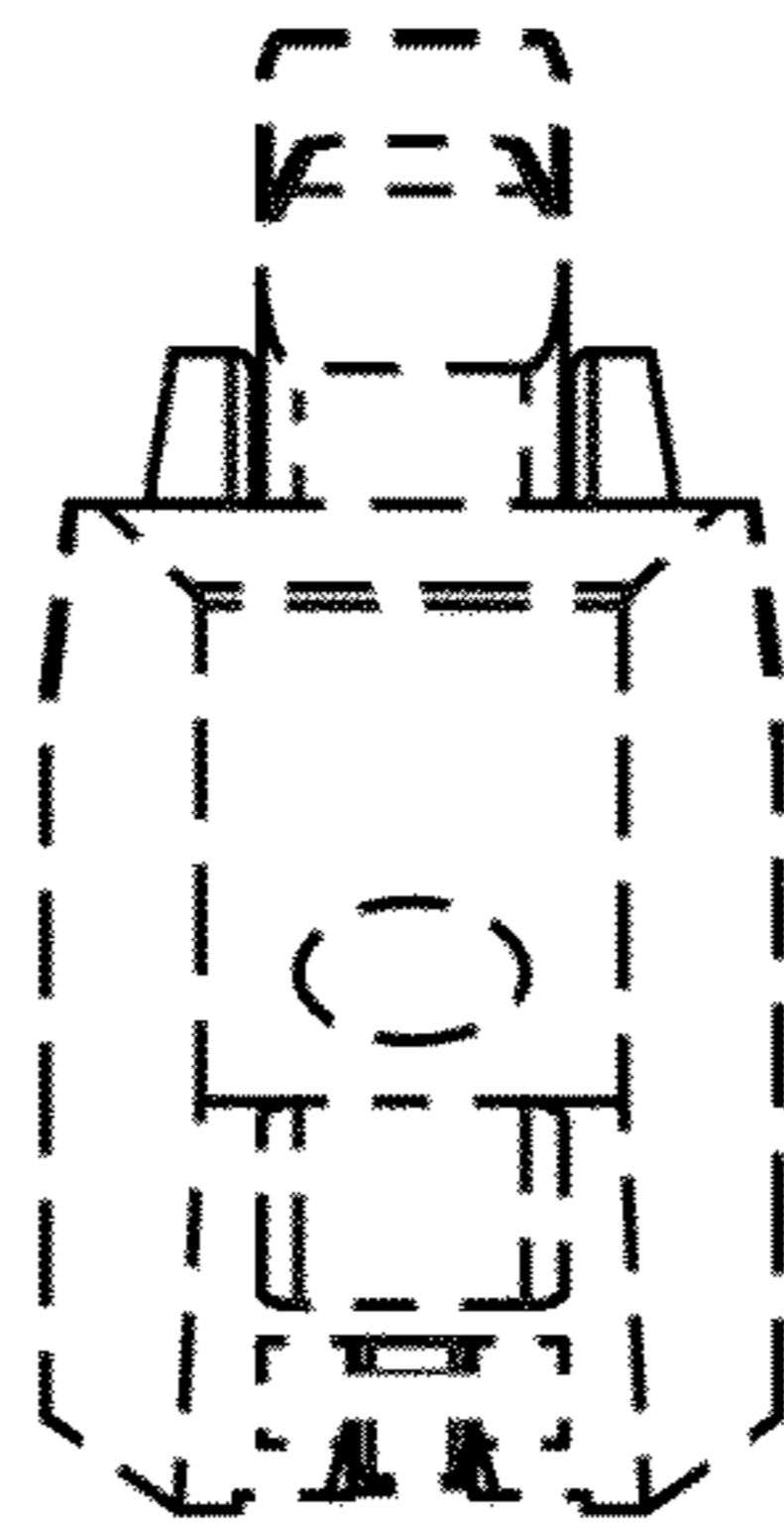


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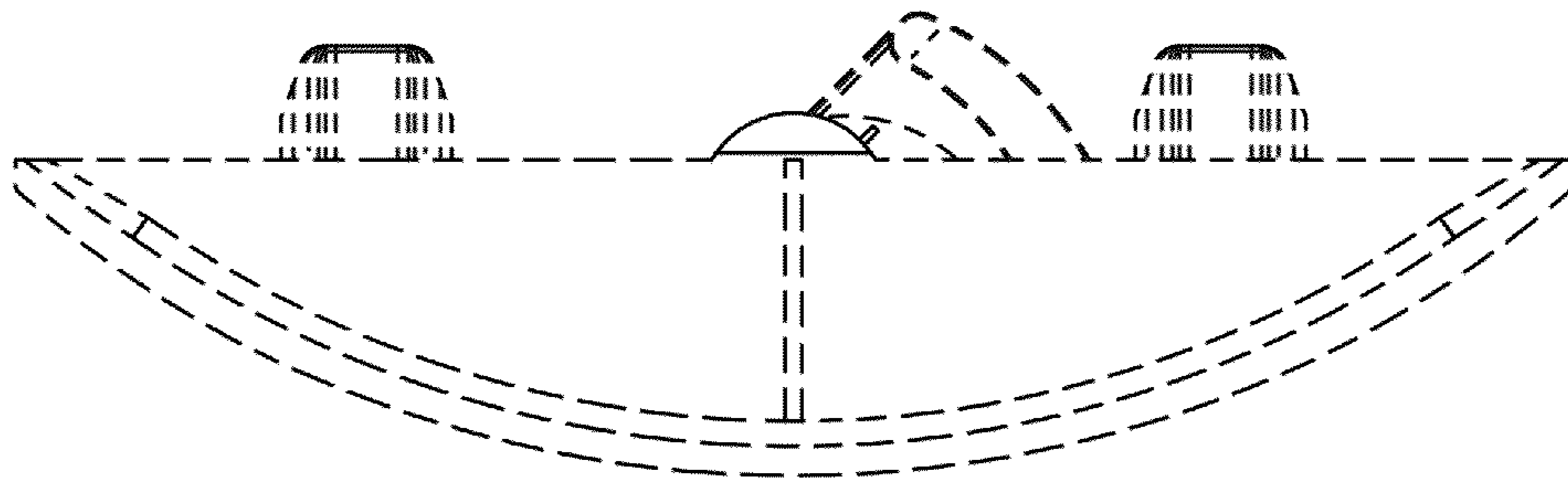


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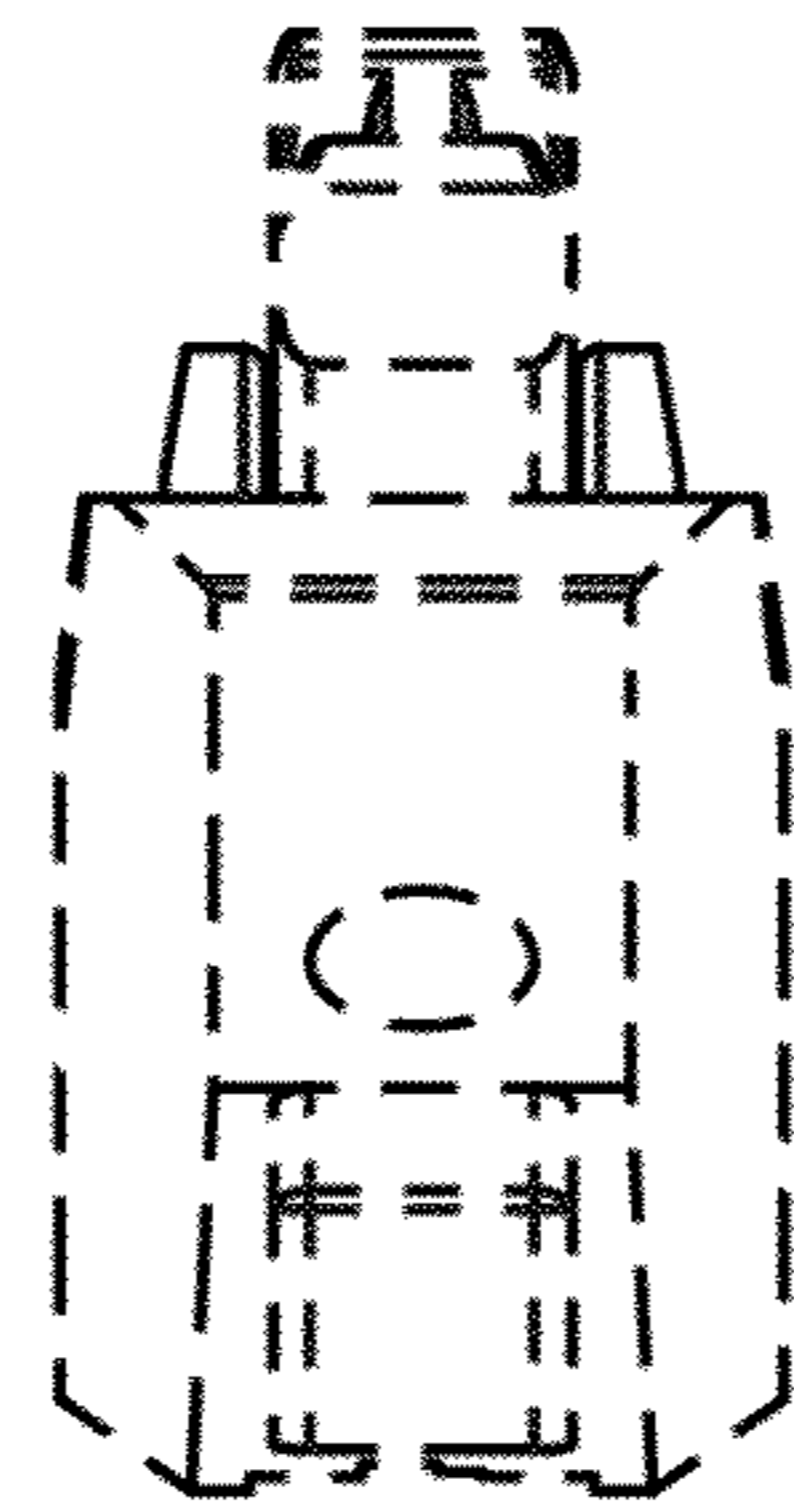


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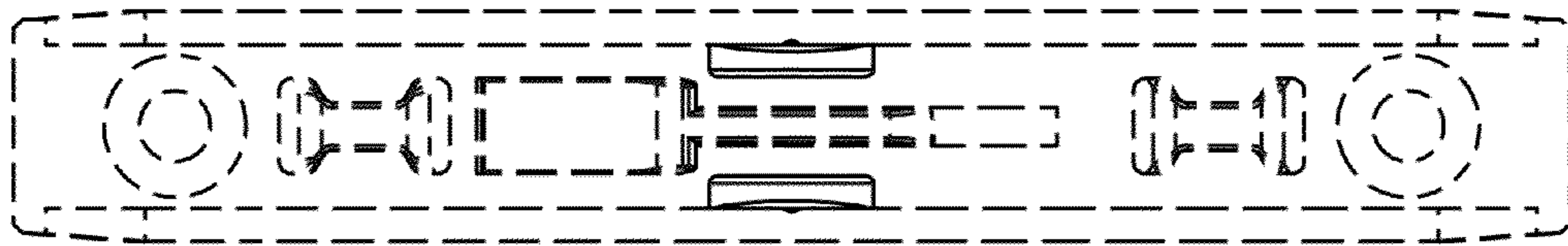


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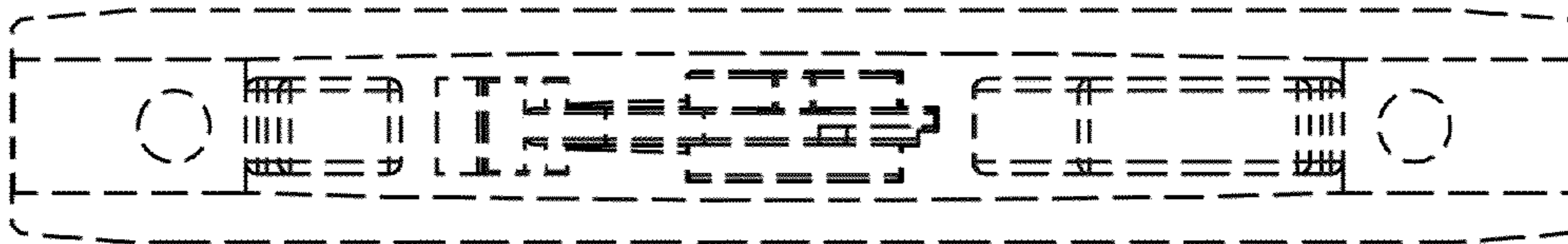


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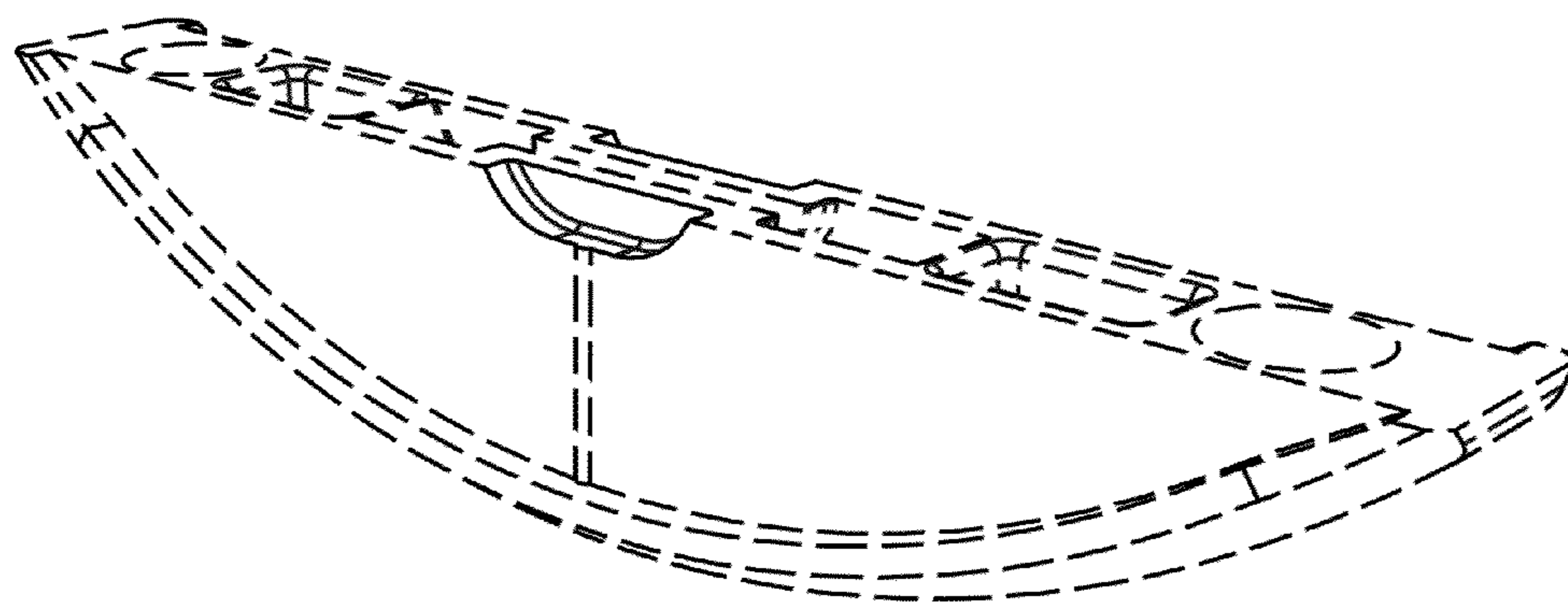


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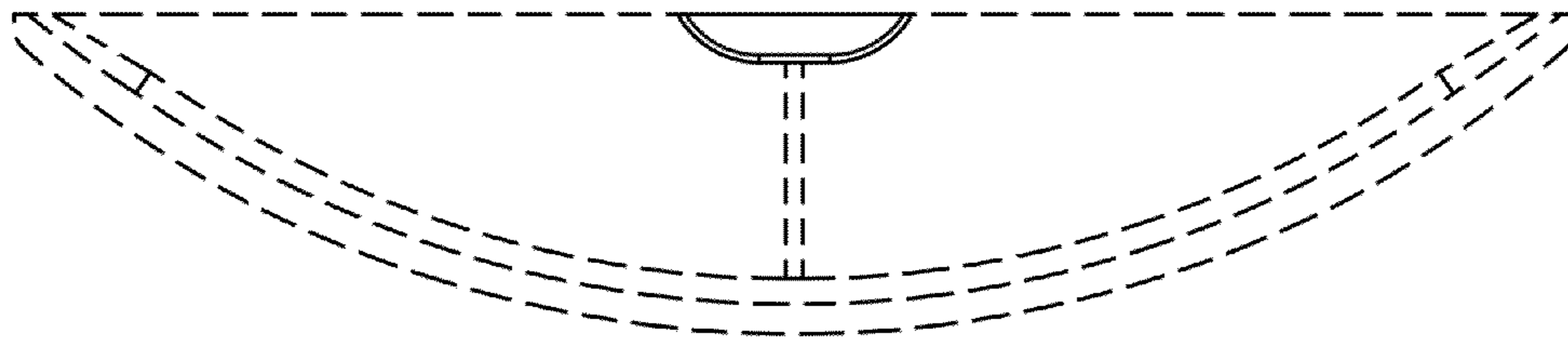


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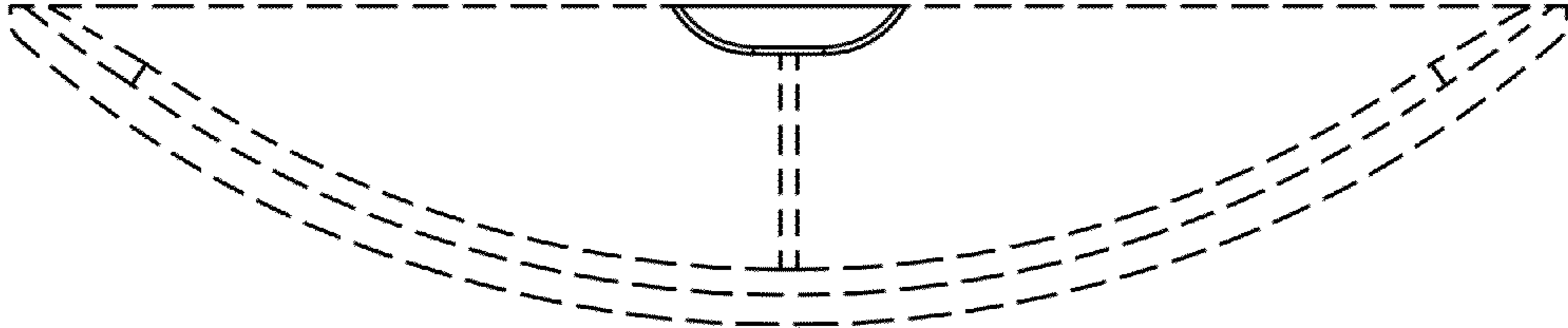


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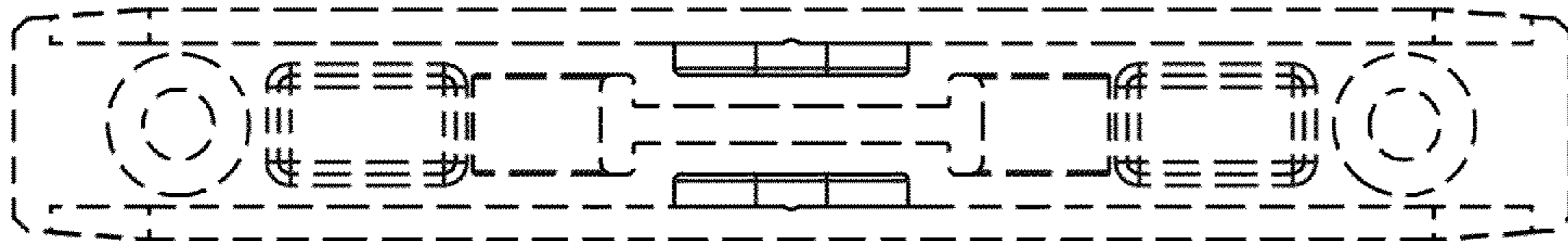


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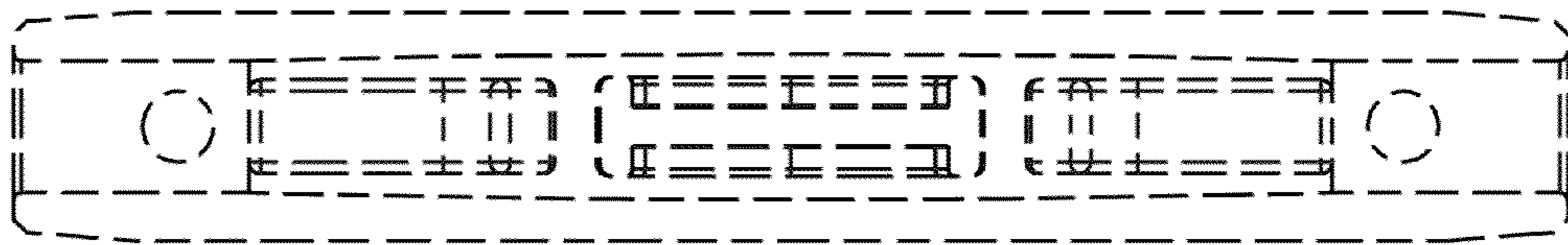


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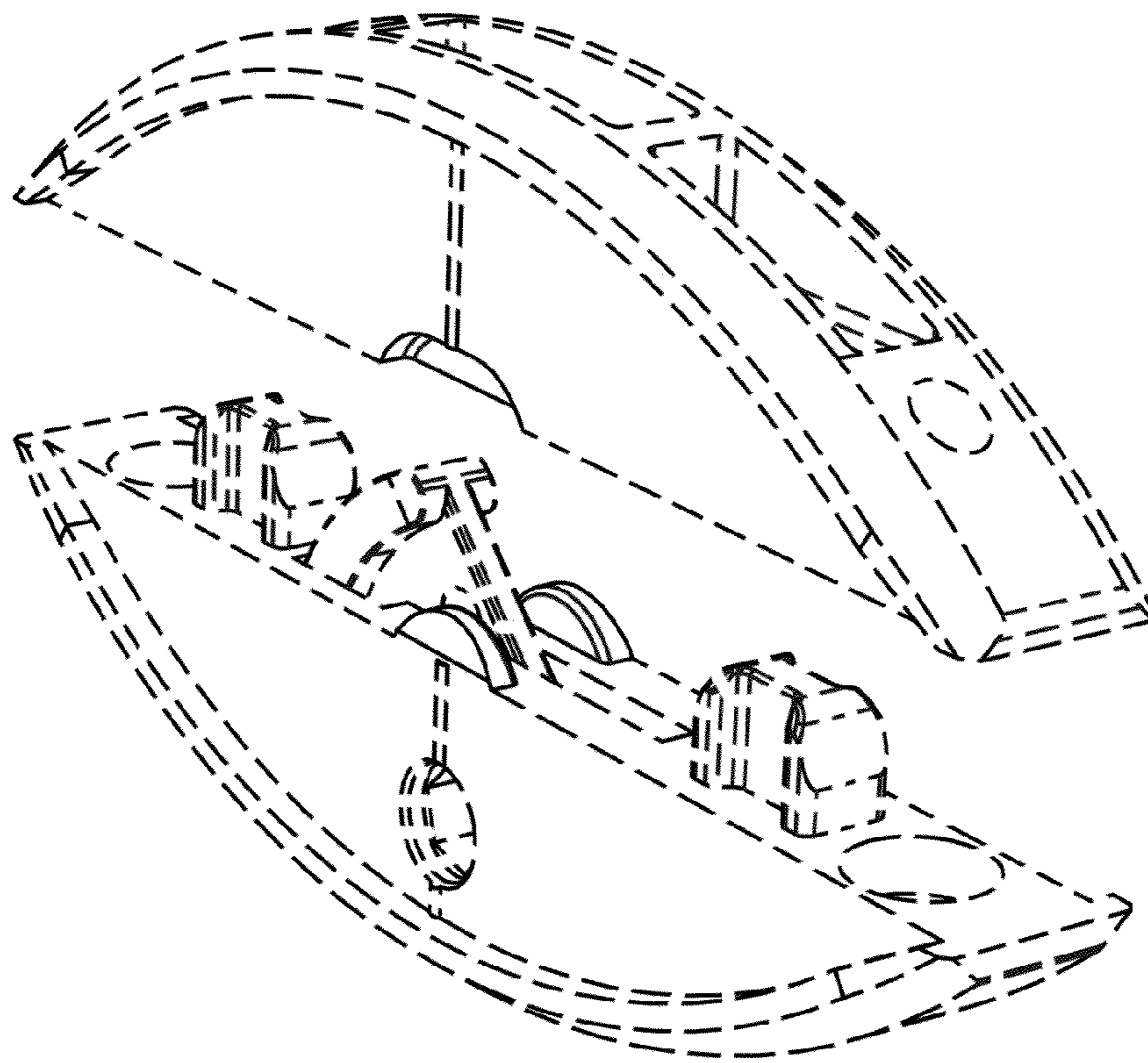


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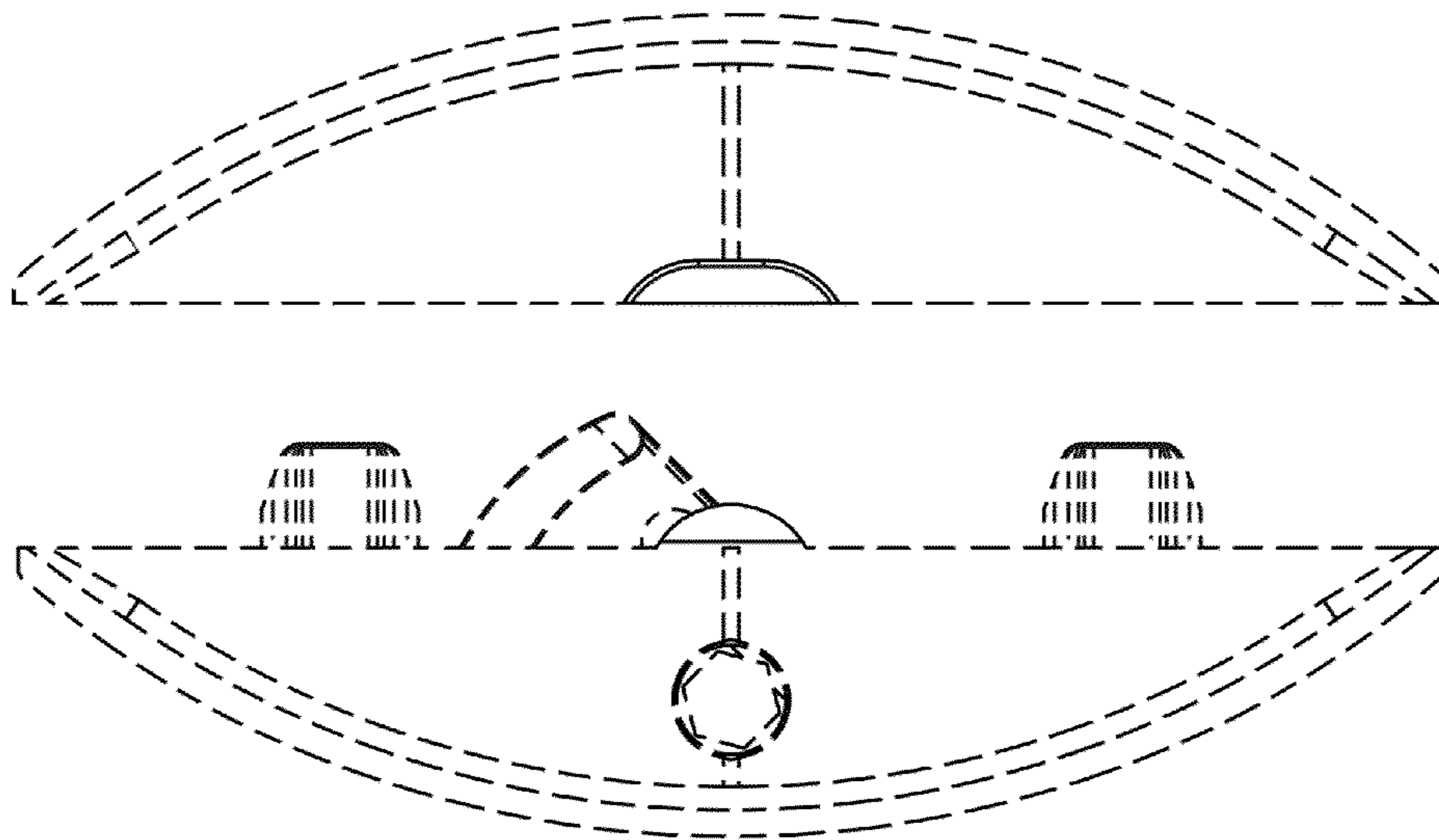


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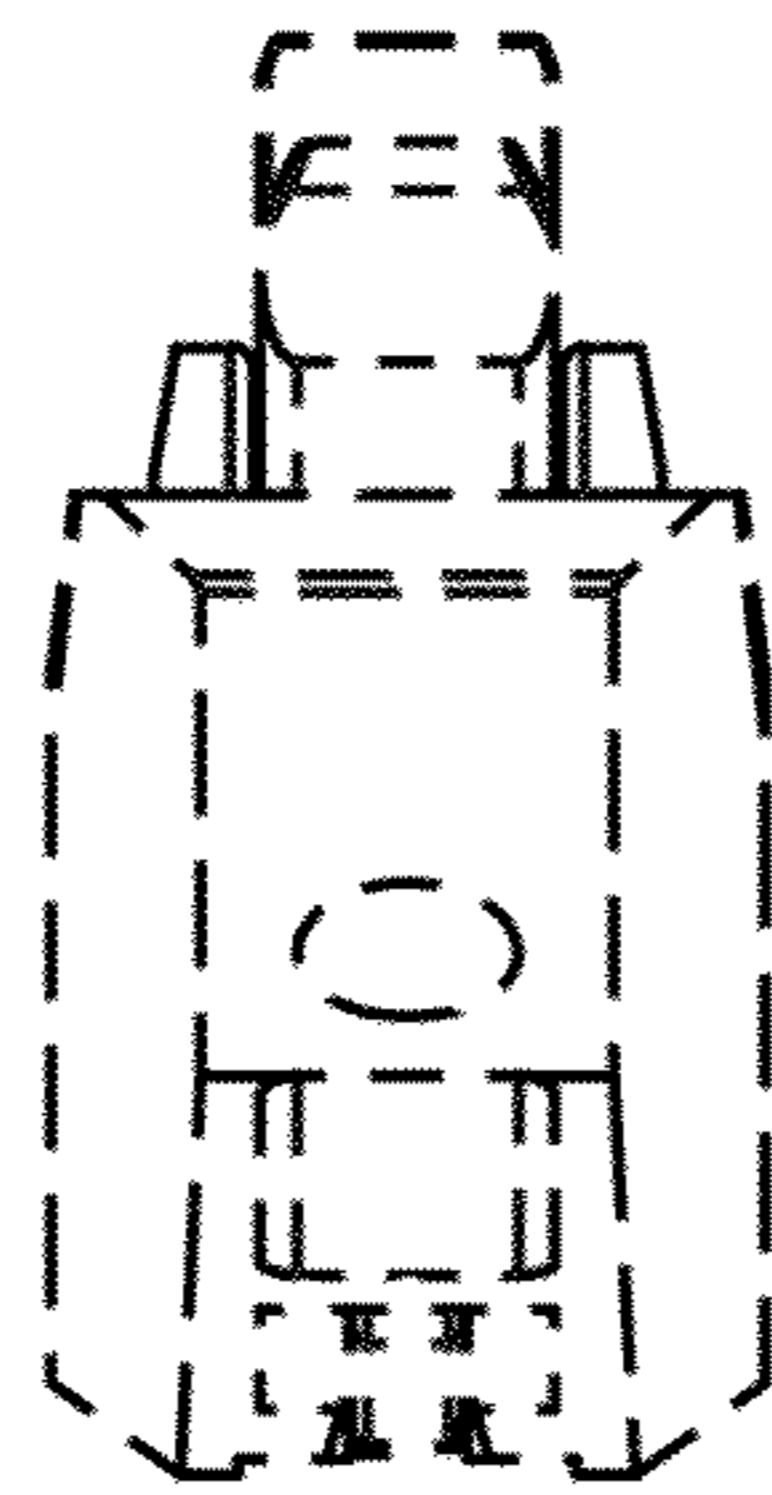
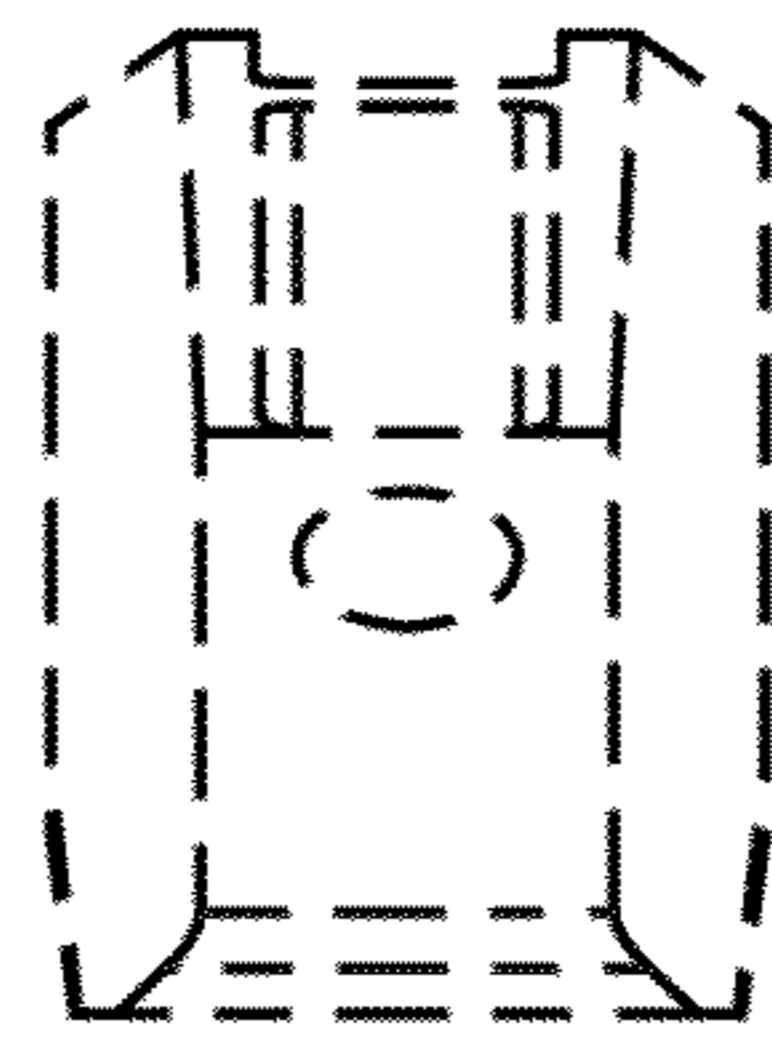


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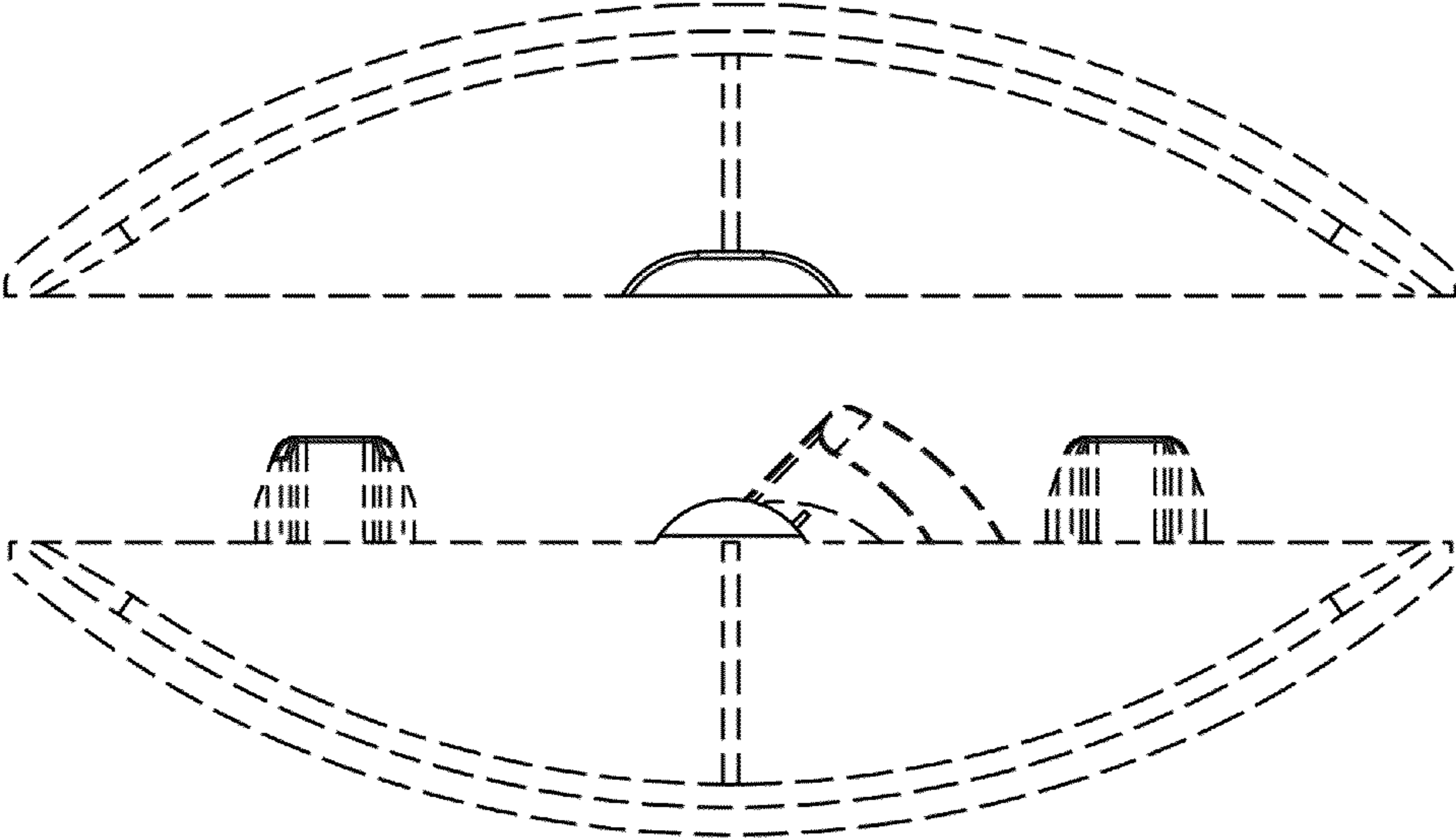


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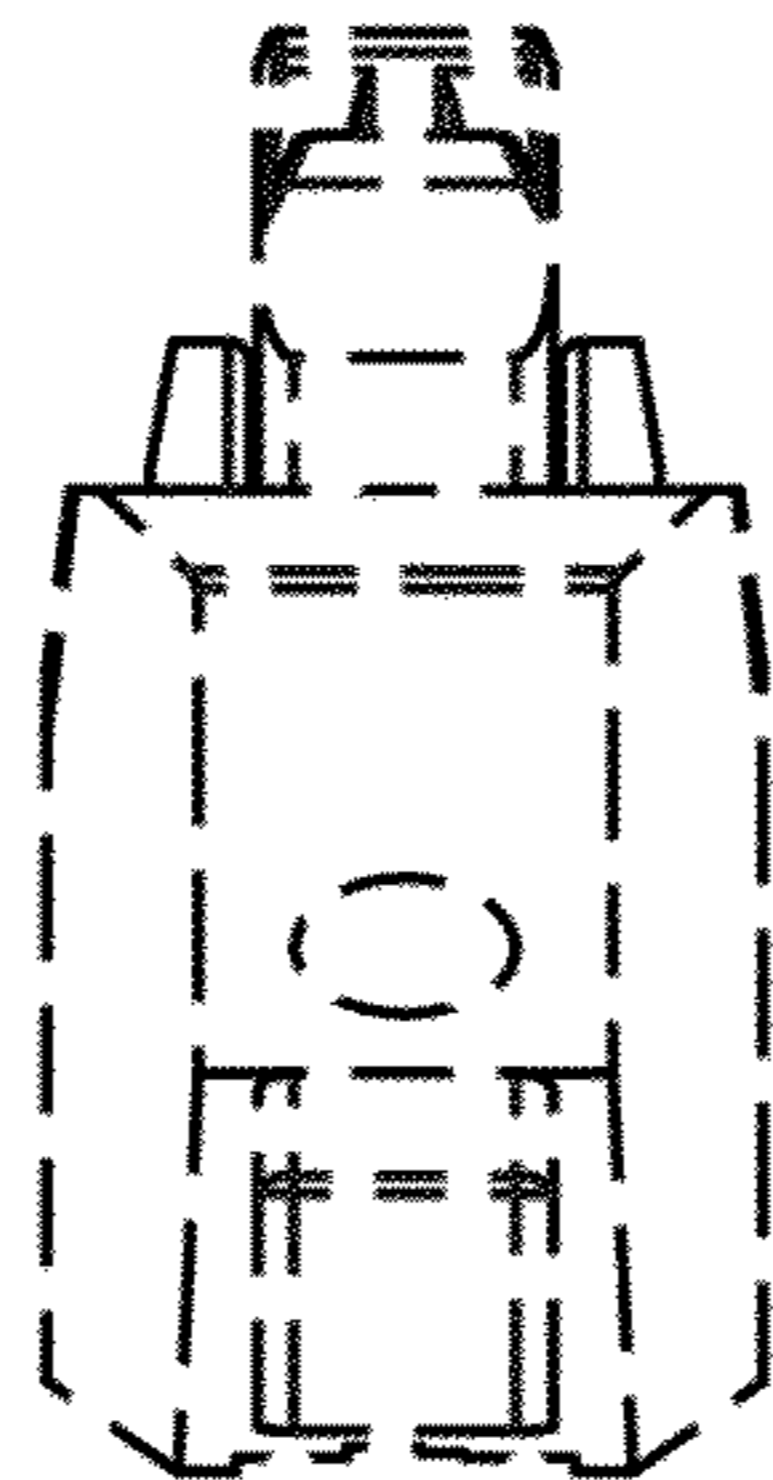
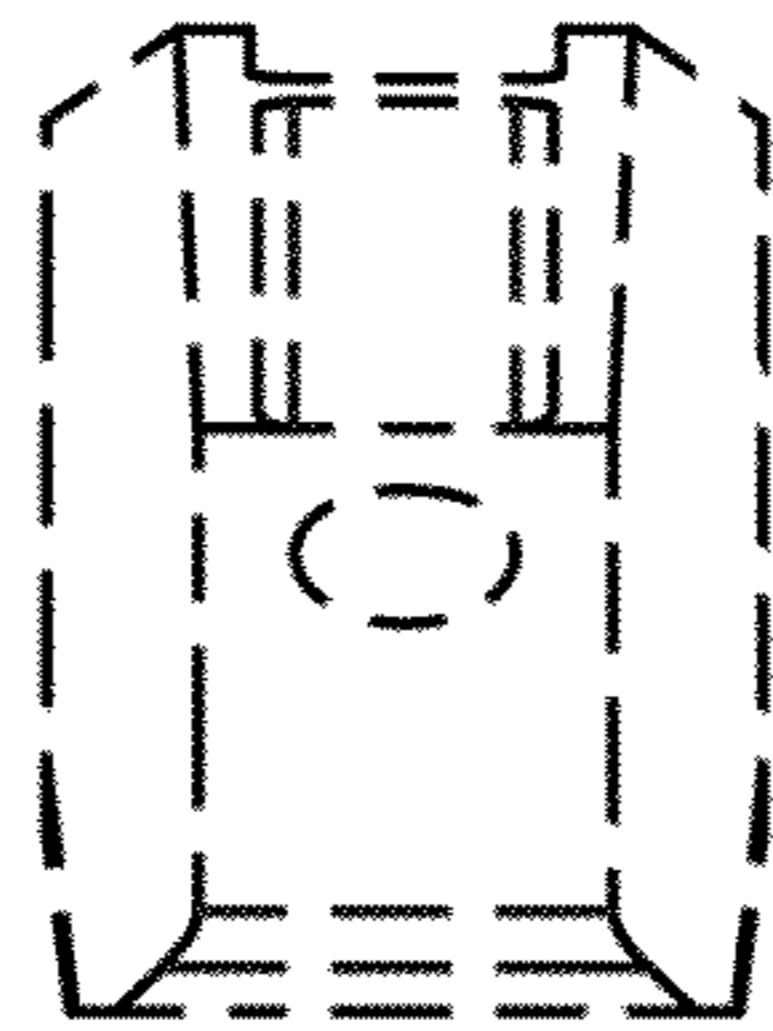


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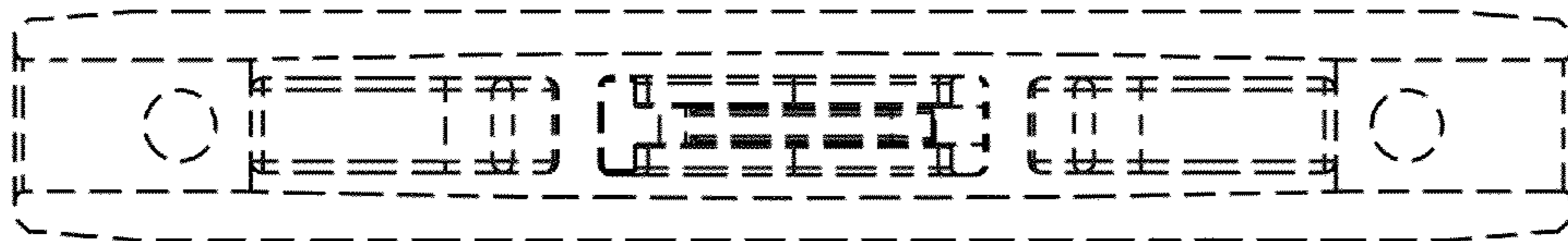


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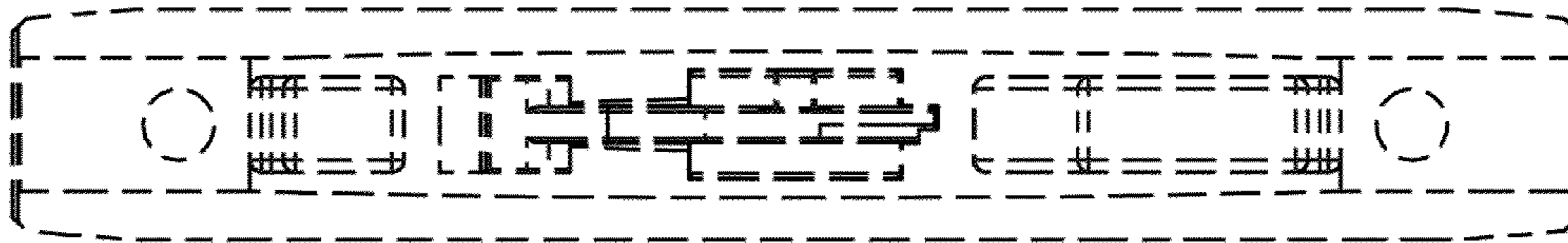


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