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(54) **HAND OPERATED REACHING DEVICE FOR REMOVING TICKS FROM ANIMALS OR HUMANS**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a rear, right side perspective view of the new design for a hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans.

FIG. 2 is a right side plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 3 is a left side plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a rear end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 5 is a front end plan view of FIG. 1.

FIG. 6 is a top plan view of FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of FIG. 1.

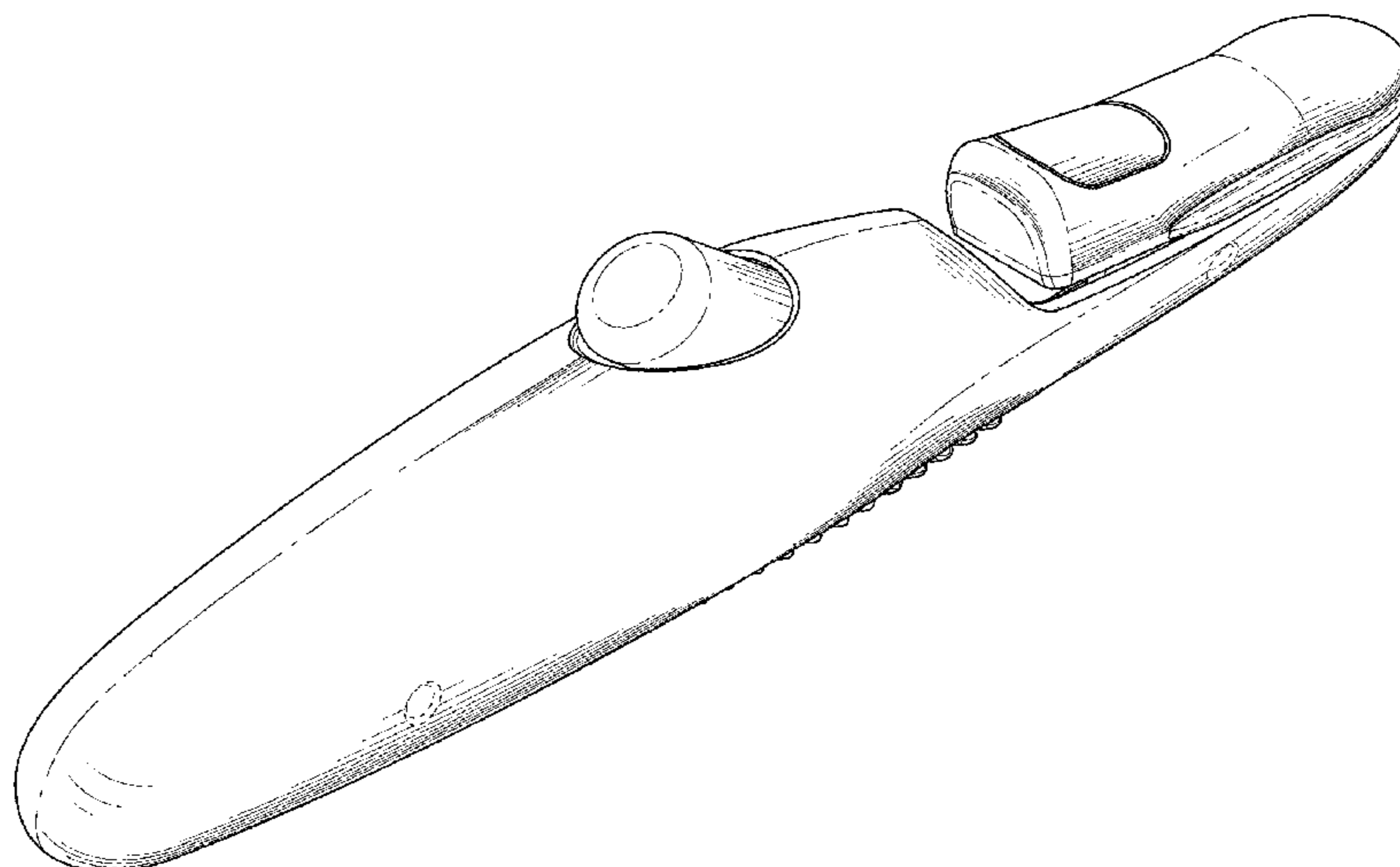
The portions of the hand operated reaching device for removing ticks from animals or humans shown in broken lines form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 6 Drawing Sheets**

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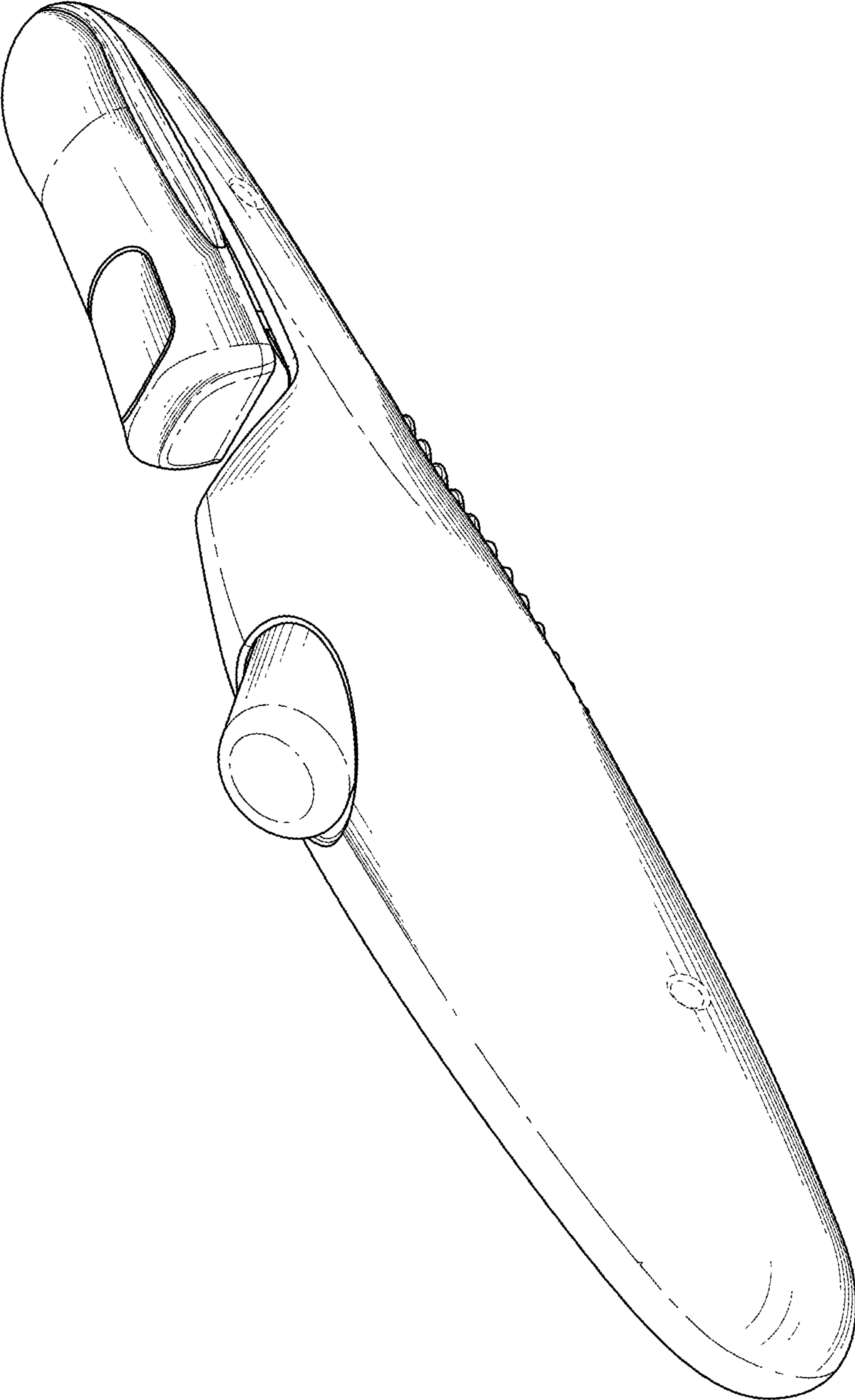


FIG. 1

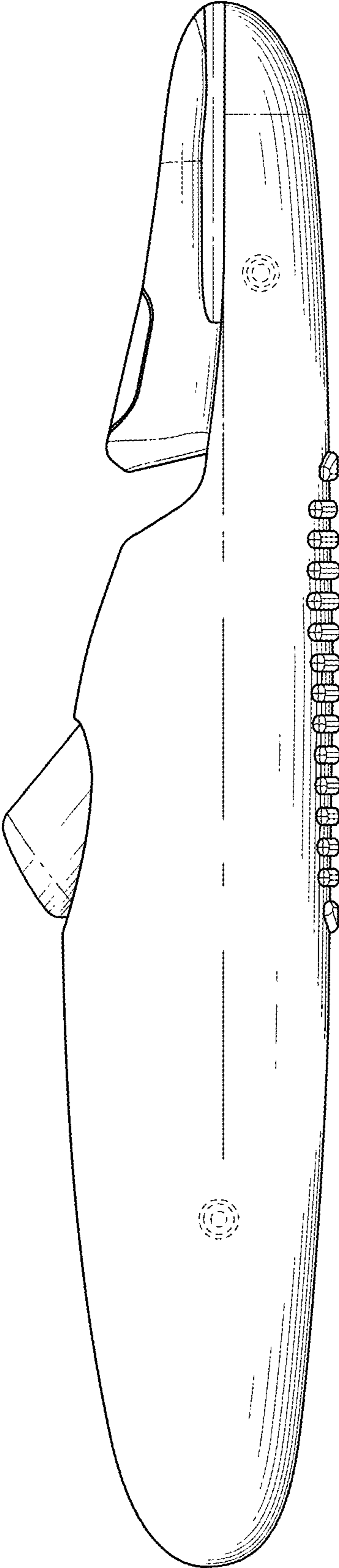


FIG. 2

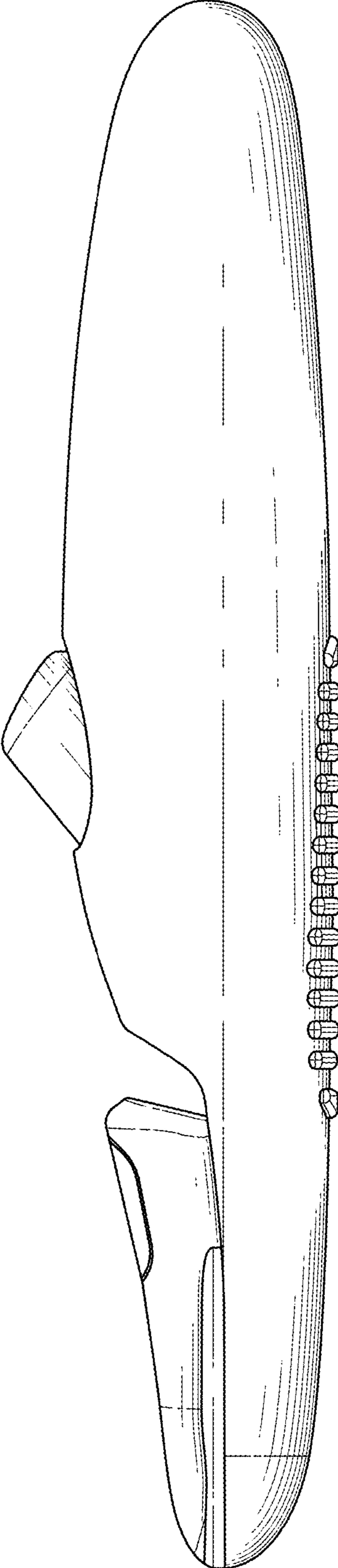


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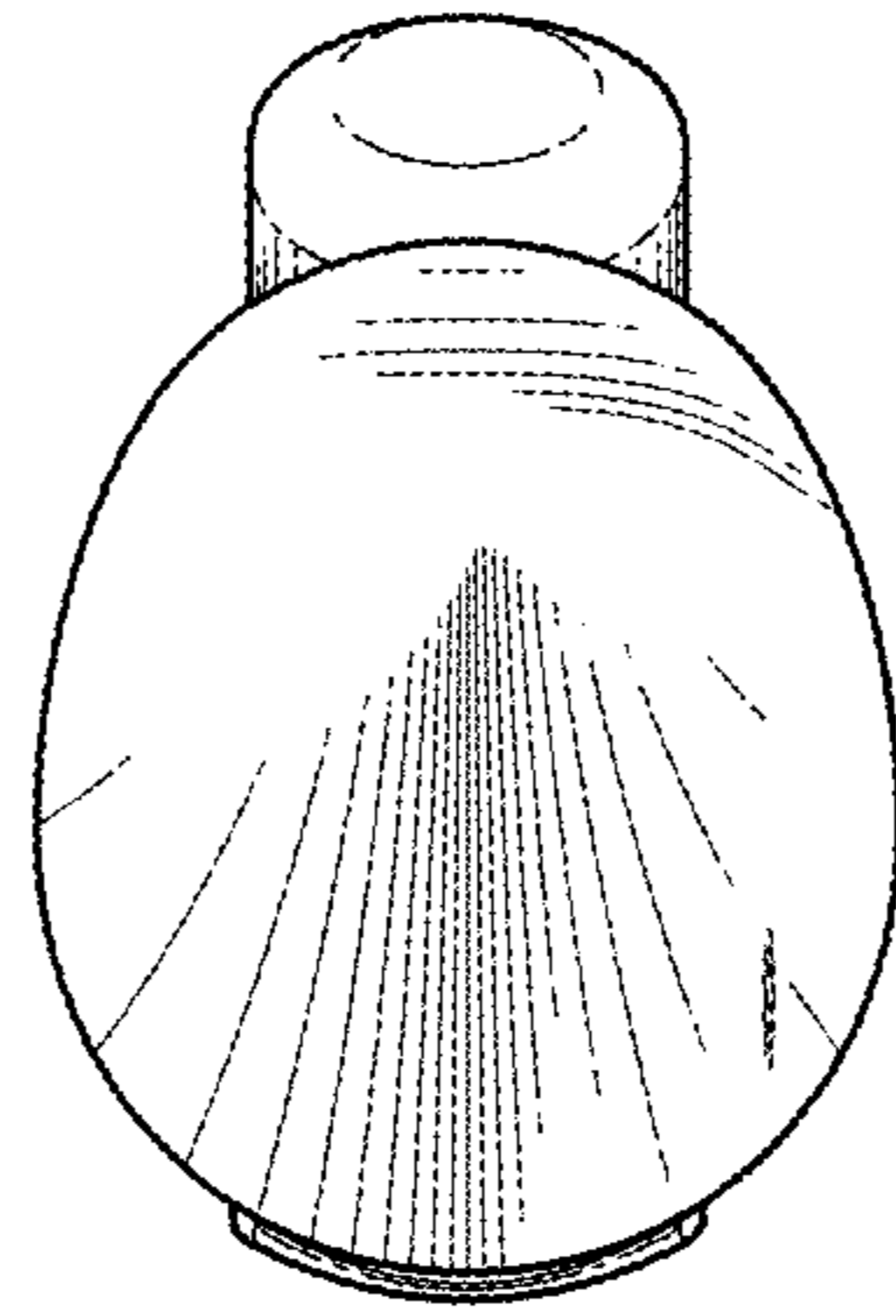


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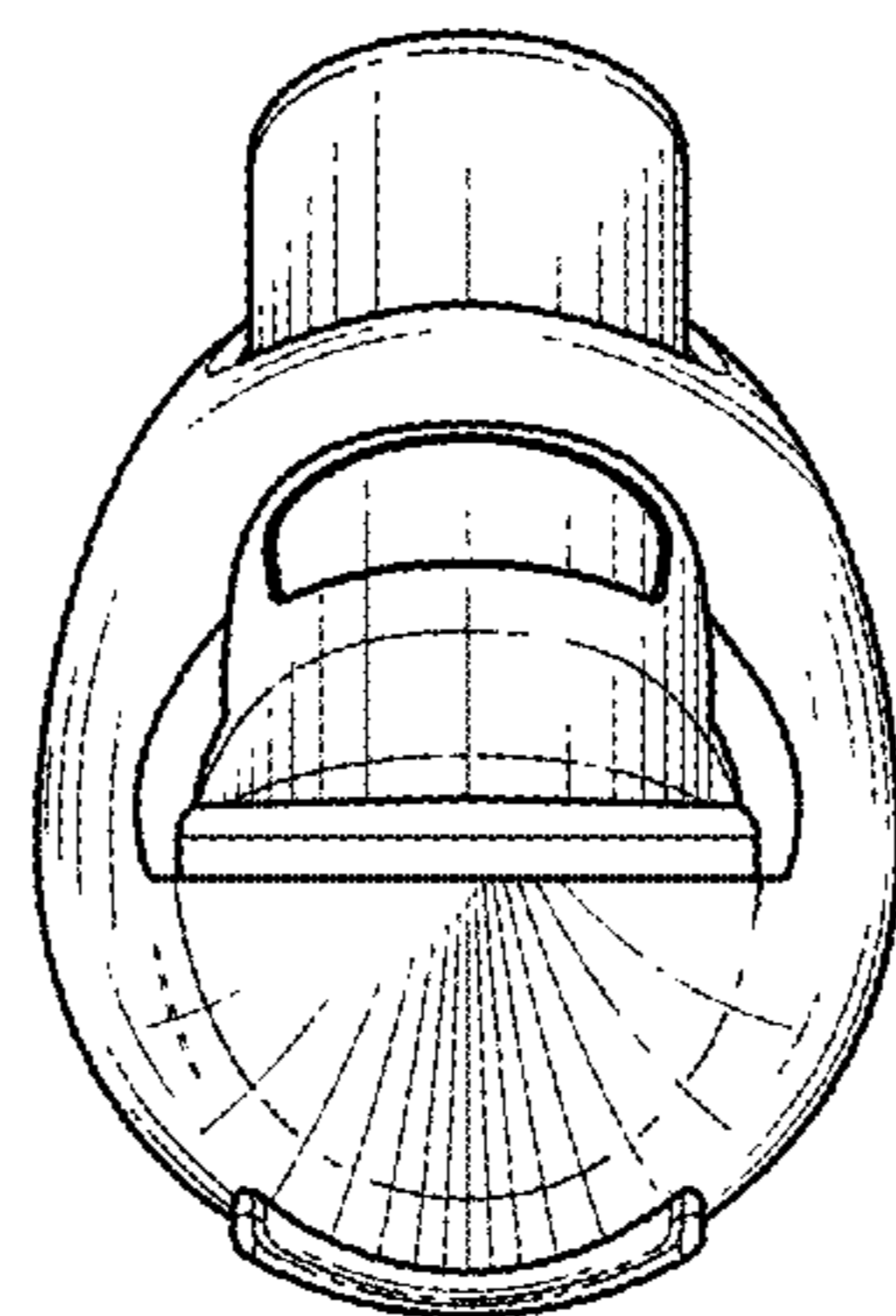


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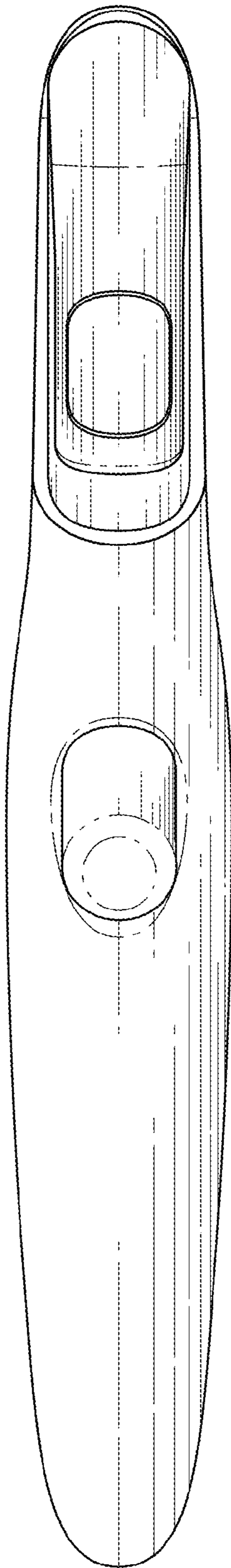


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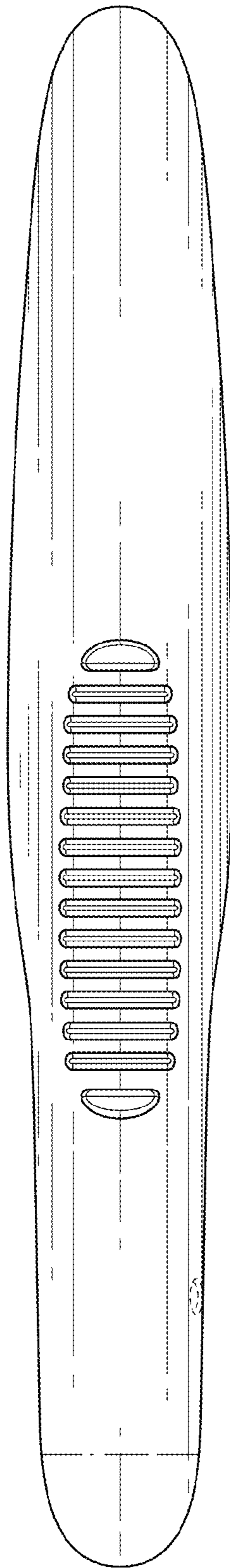


FIG. 7