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(54) **PROTECTIVE CASE FOR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a protective case for an electronic device, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of the protective case for an electronic device;

FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front elevation view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right elevation thereof;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged detail view of the encircled portion shown in FIG. 4;

FIG. 6 is a left elevation view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a rear elevation view thereof;

FIG. 8 is a bottom plan view thereof;

FIG. 9 is a front perspective view of the protective case for an electronic device according to an alternative embodiment;

FIG. 10 is a top plan view of the embodiment of FIG. 9;

FIG. 11 is a front elevation view of the embodiment of FIG. 9;

FIG. 12 is a right elevation view of the embodiment of FIG. 9;

FIG. 13 is an enlarged detail view of the encircled portion shown in FIG. 12;

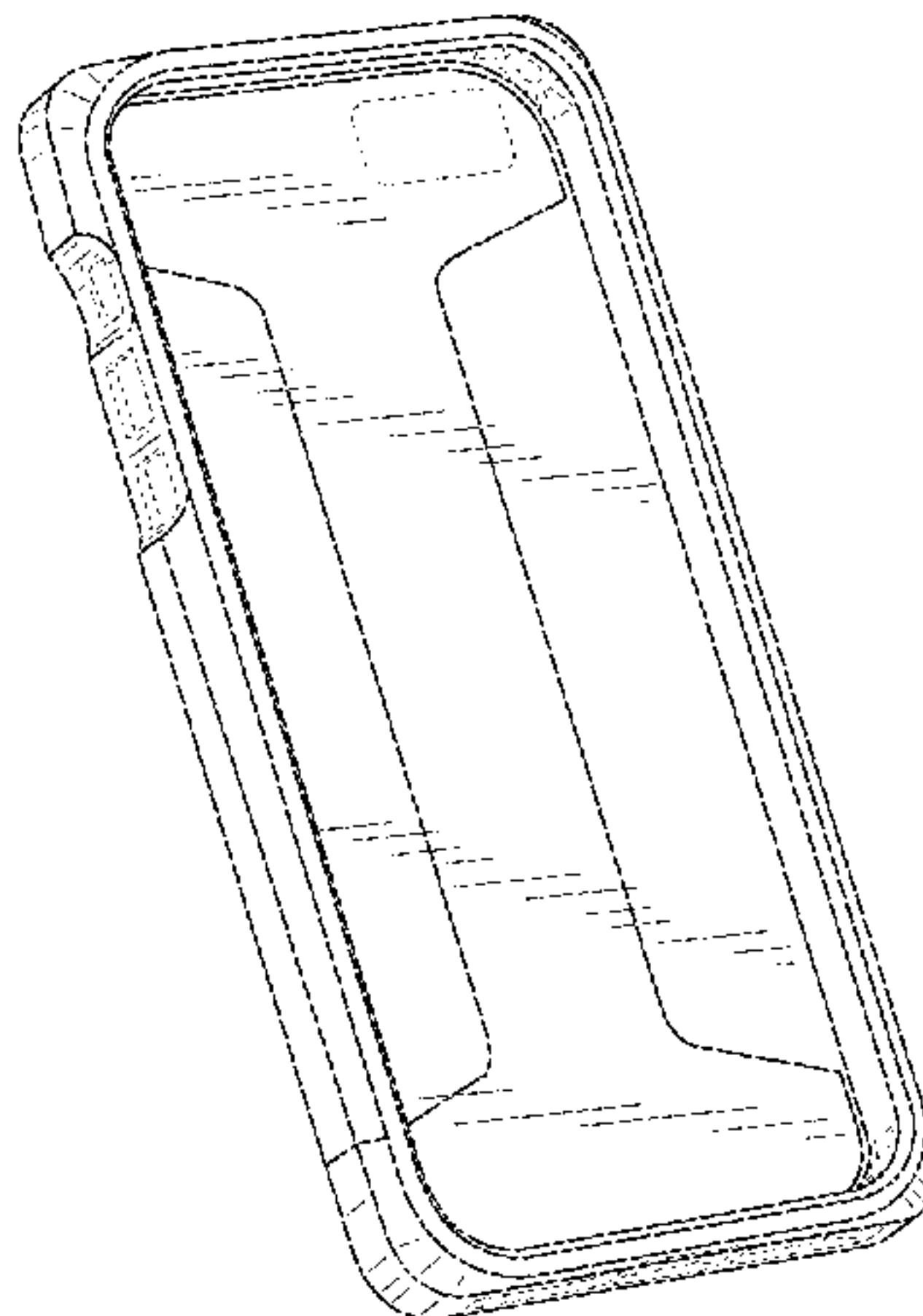
FIG. 14 is a left elevation view of the embodiment of FIG. 9;

FIG. 15 is a rear elevation view of the embodiment of FIG. 9; and,

FIG. 16 is a bottom plan view of the embodiment of FIG. 9.

In FIGS. 4 and 12, the dot-dash broken line encircles and indicates a portion of the protective case shown on an enlarged scale in FIGS. 5 and 13 respectively. All other dot-dash broken lines in FIGS. 7 and 15 represent boundaries of the claimed design of the embodiment in which they are shown. The dash-dash broken lines depict environmental features of the protective case for an electronic device. The broken lines form no part of the claimed design.

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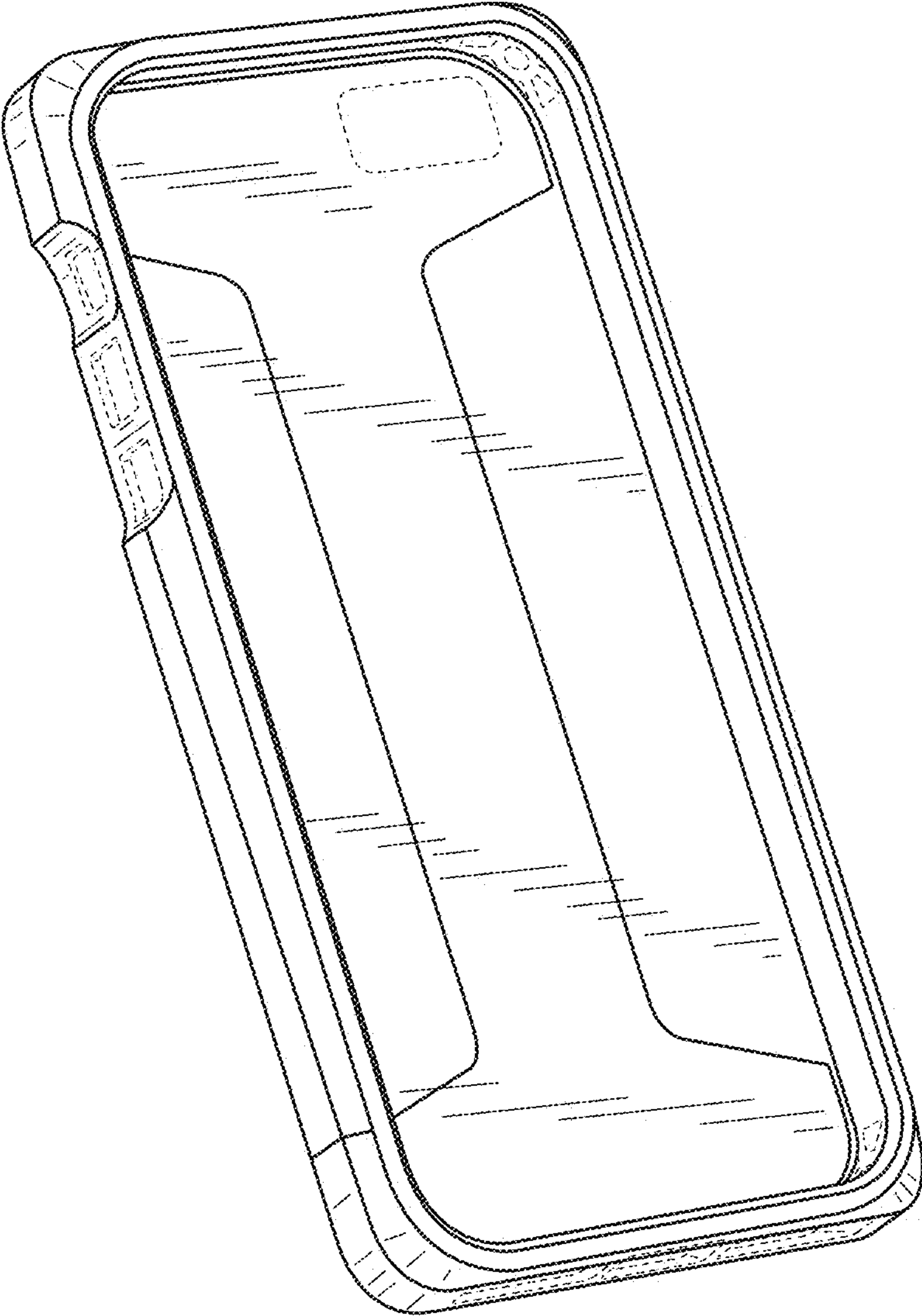


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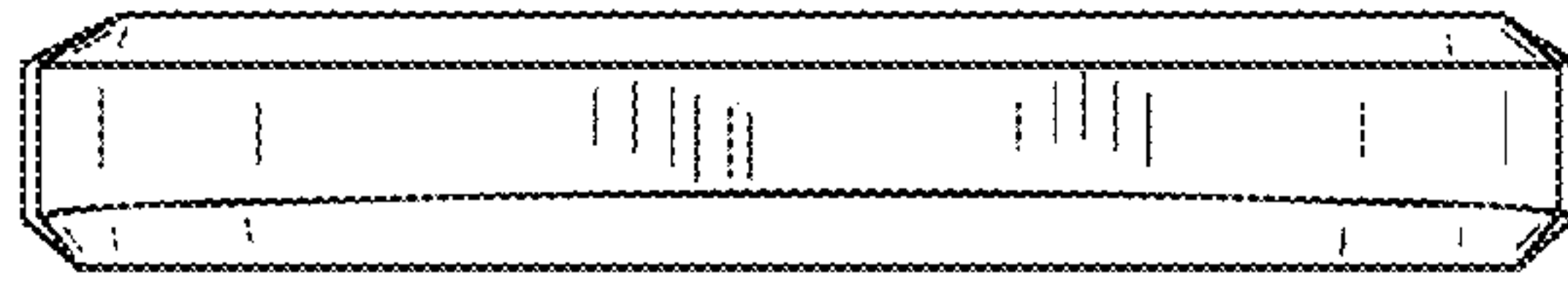


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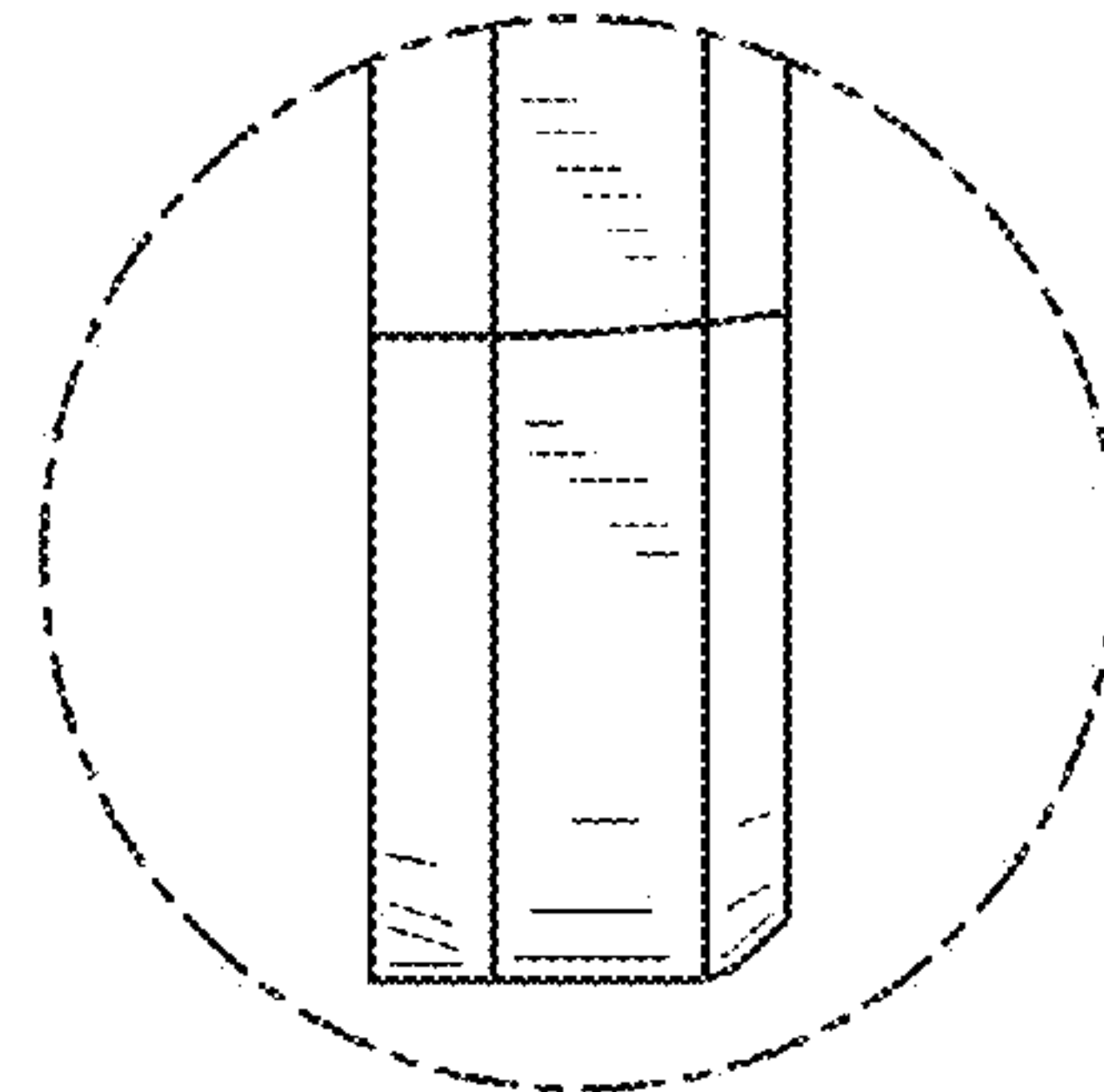


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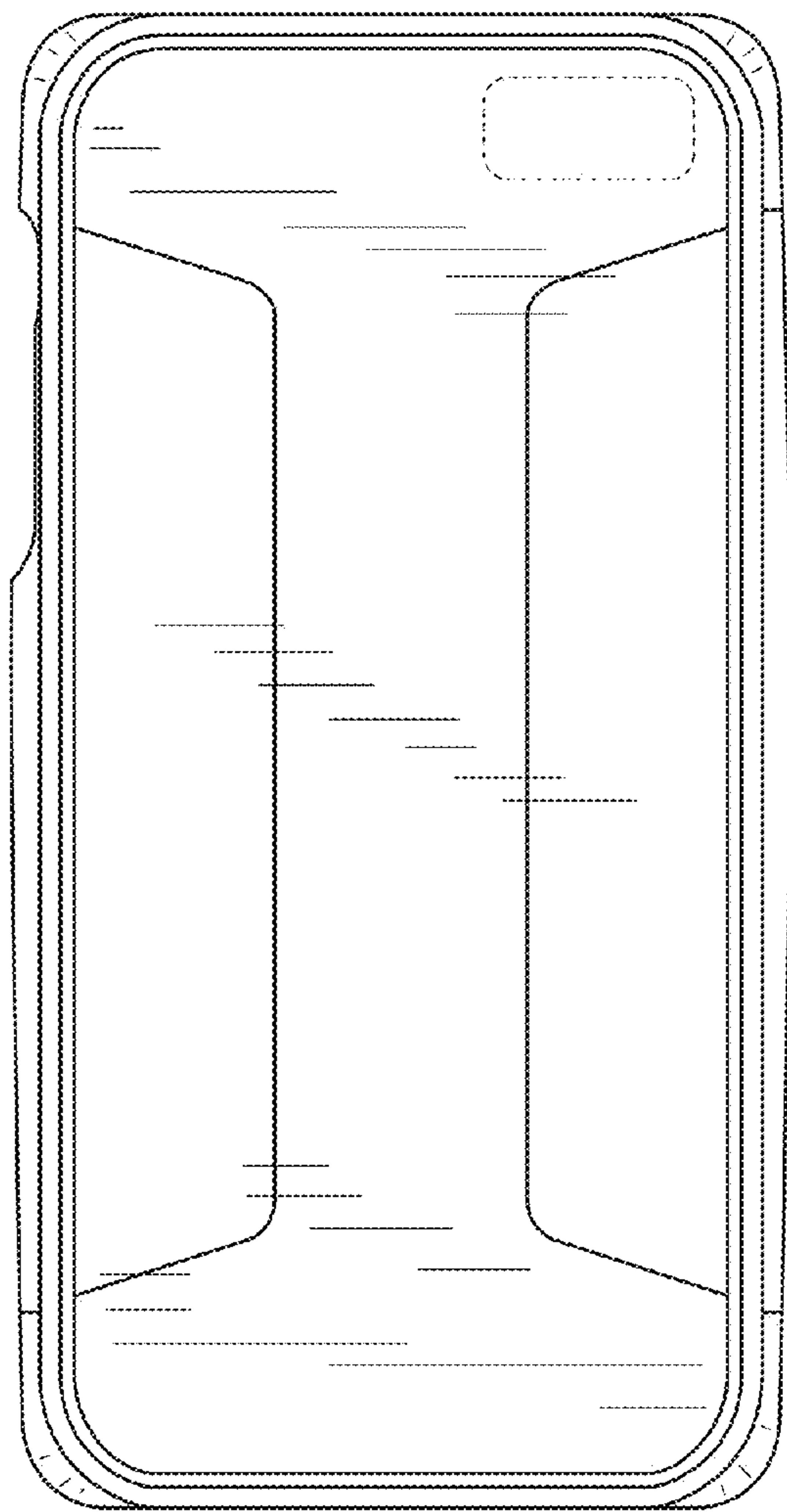


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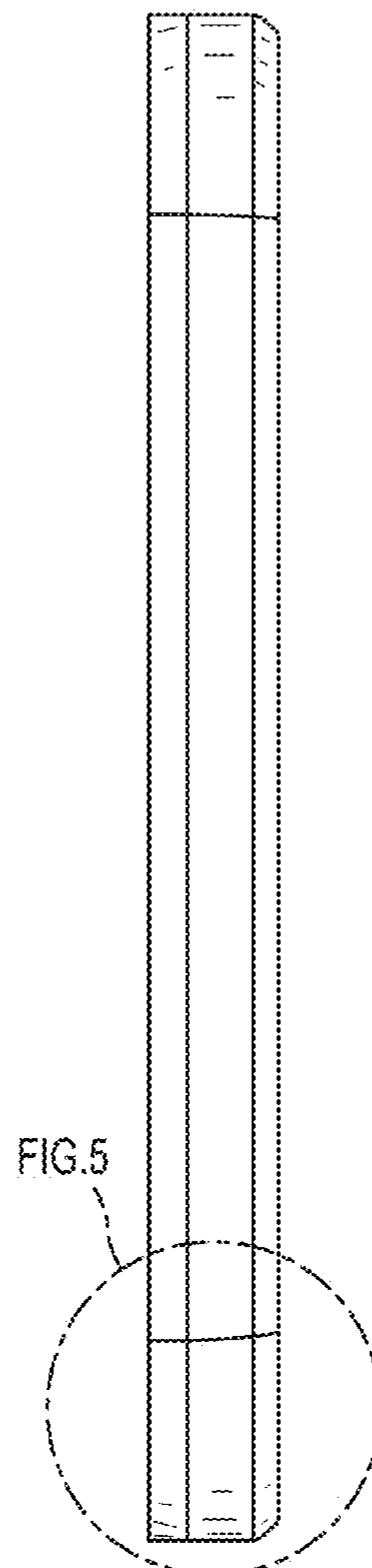


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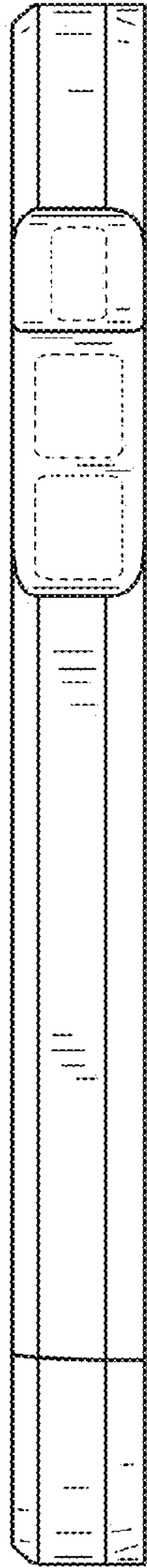


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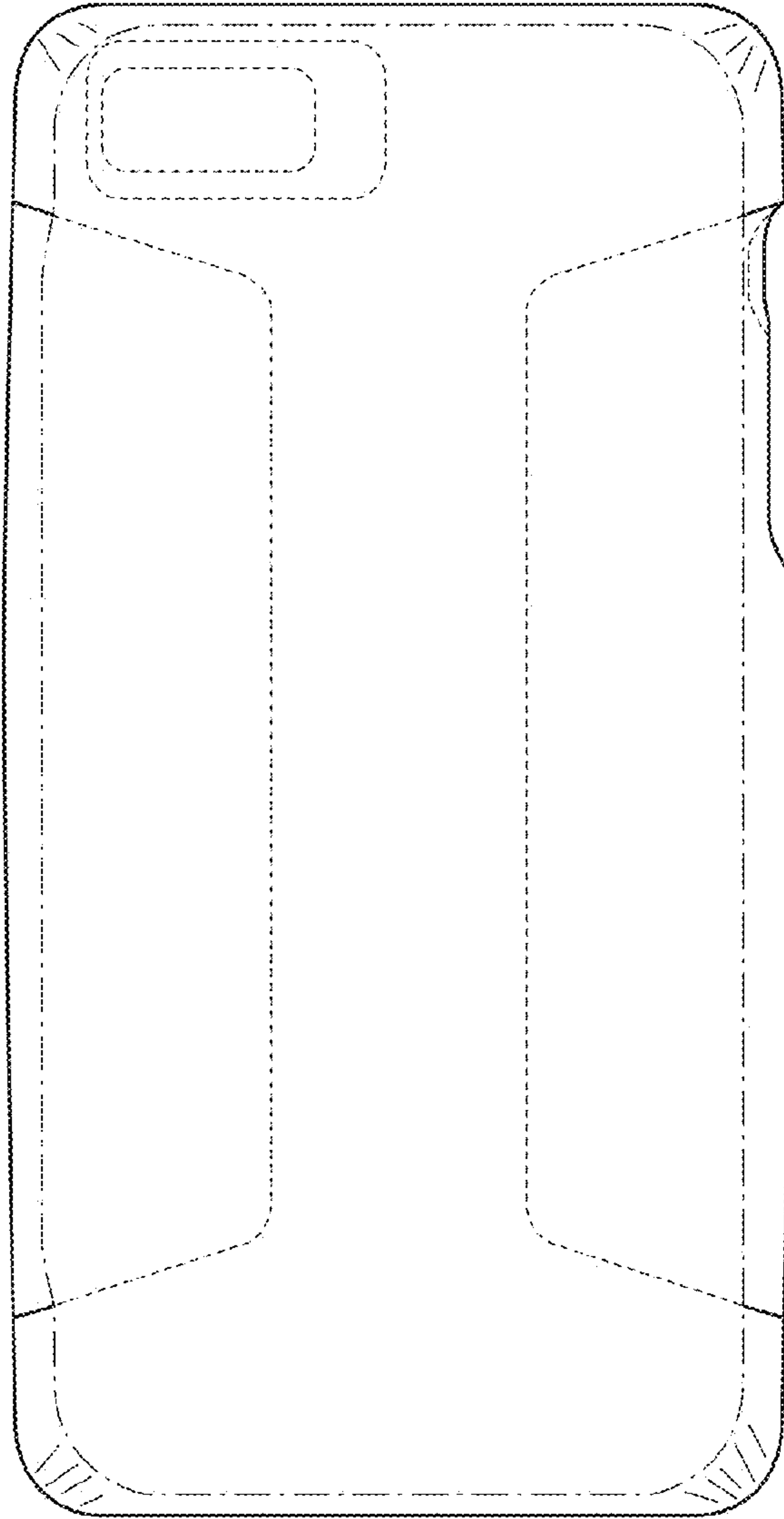


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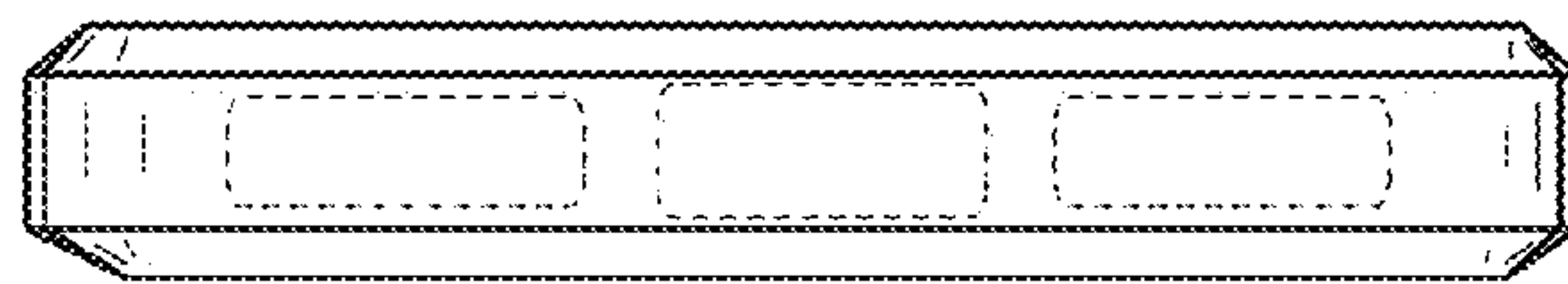


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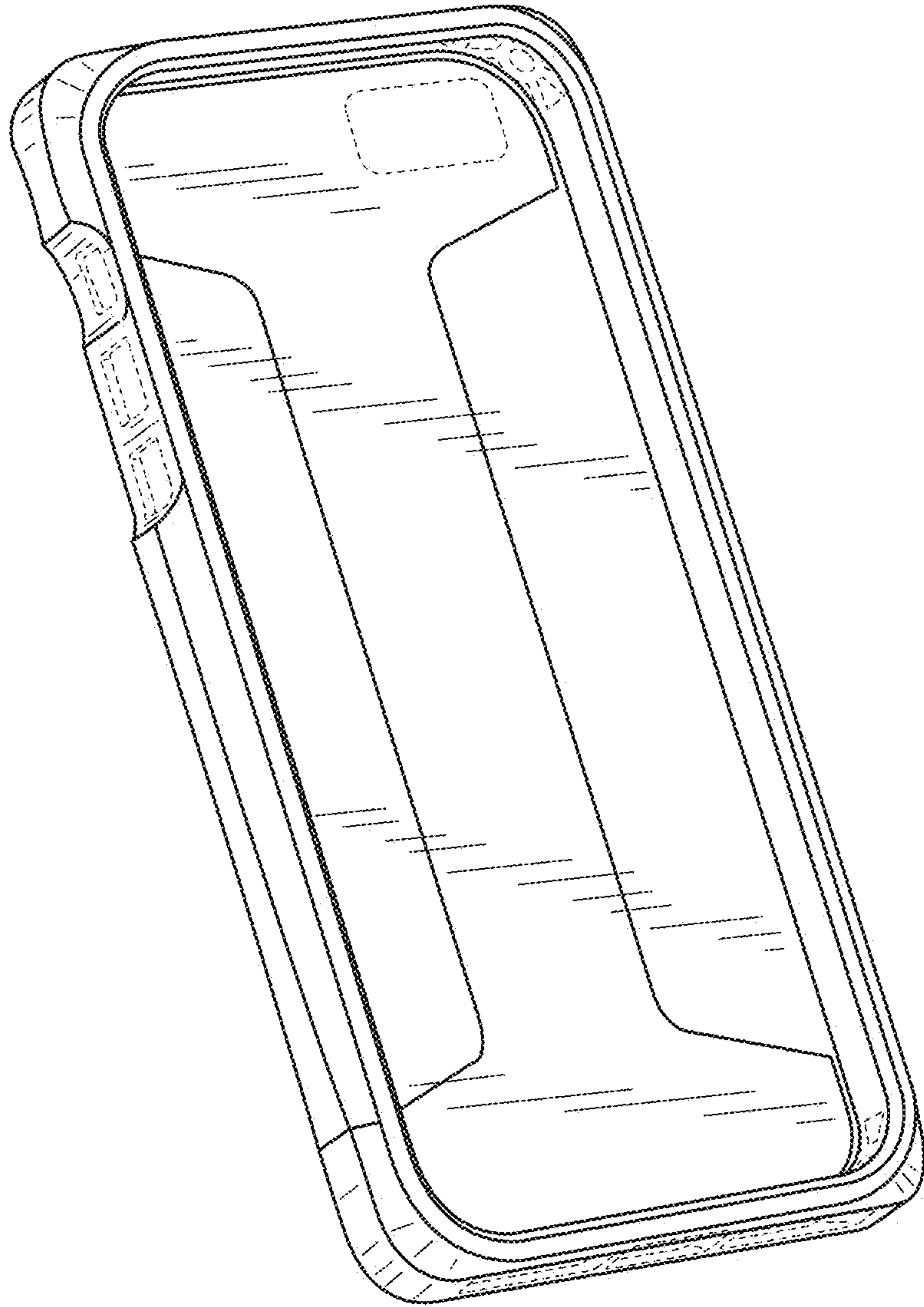


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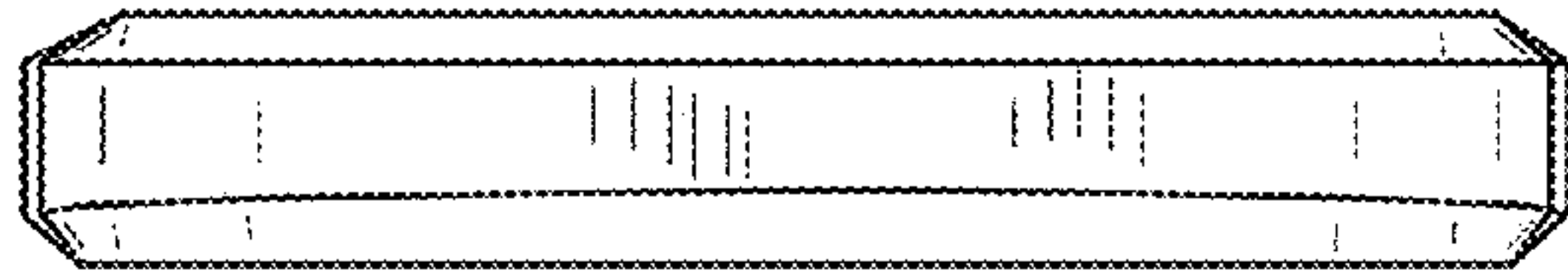


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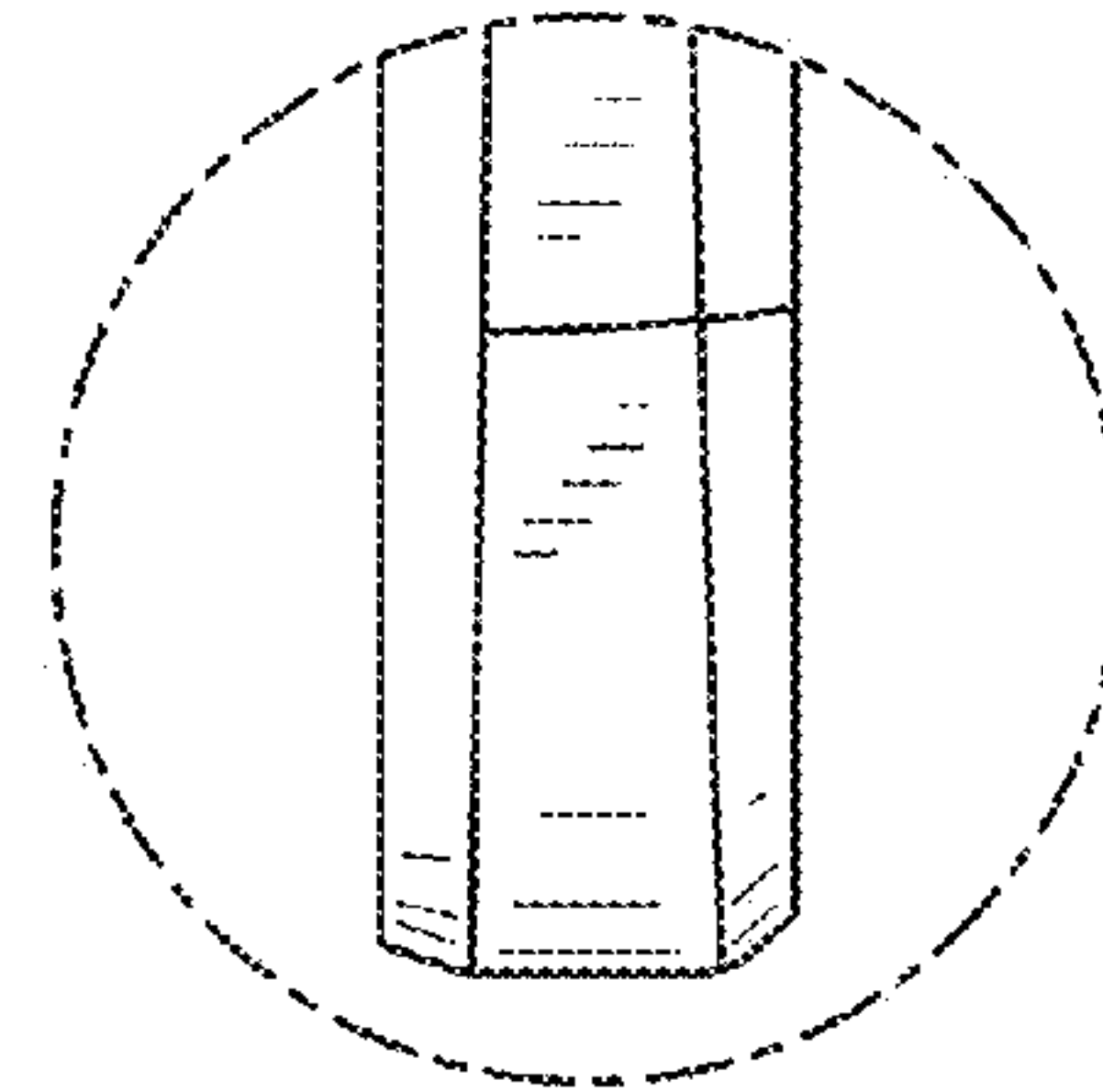


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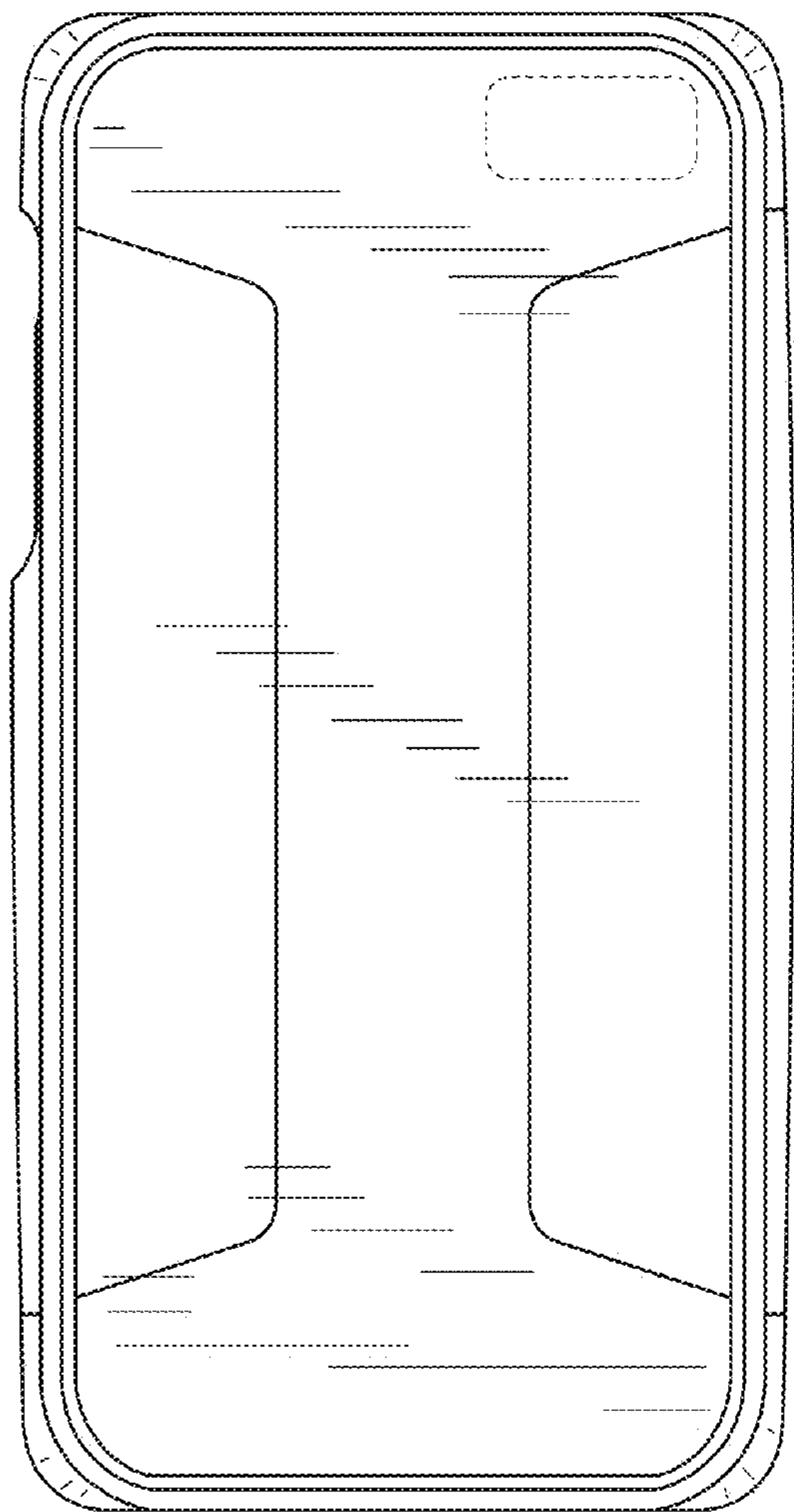


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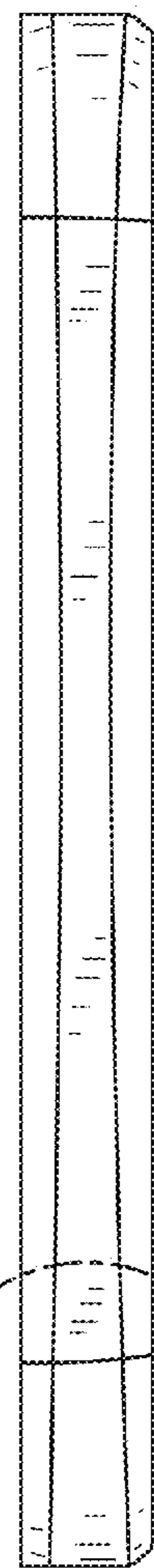


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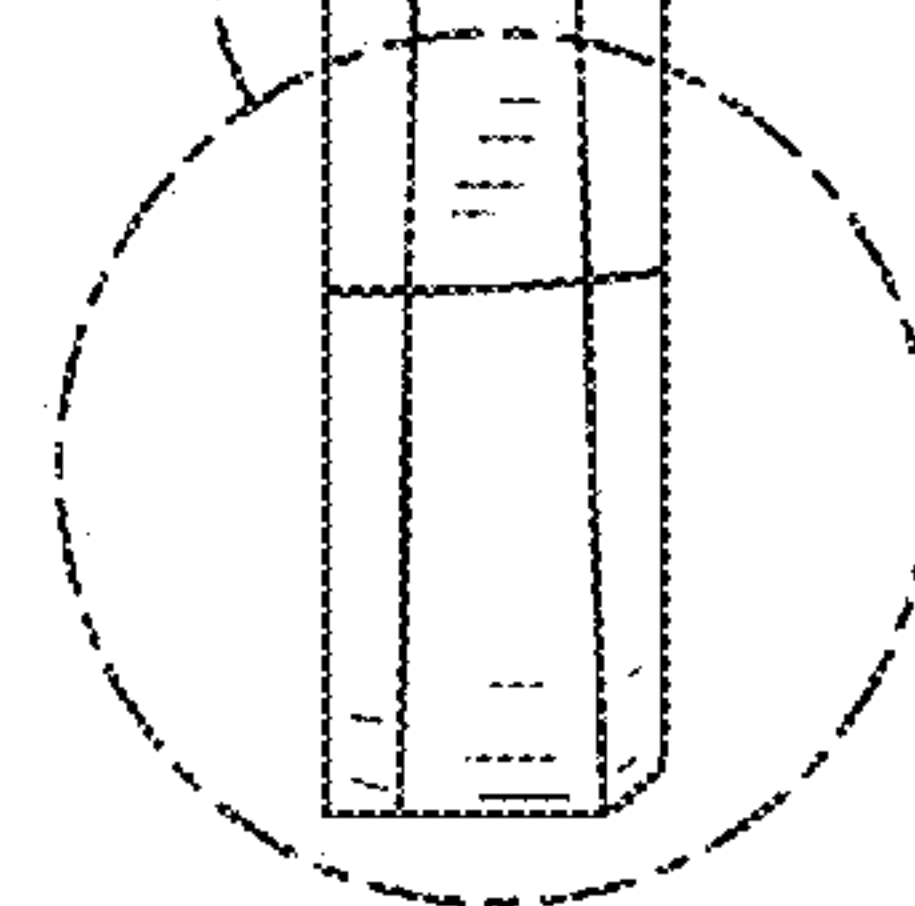


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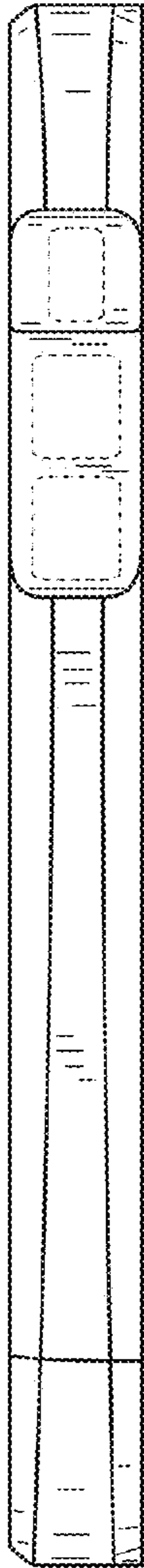


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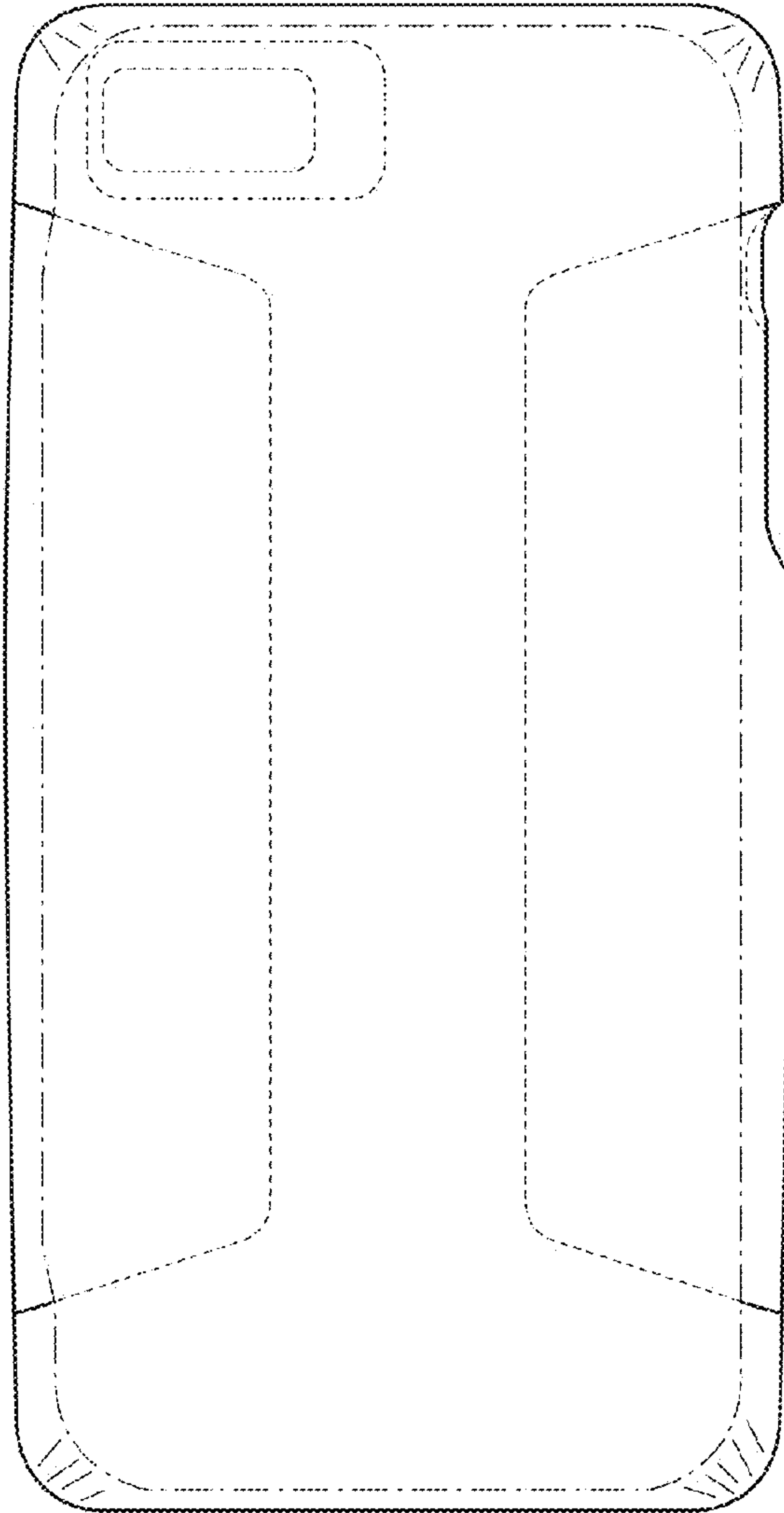


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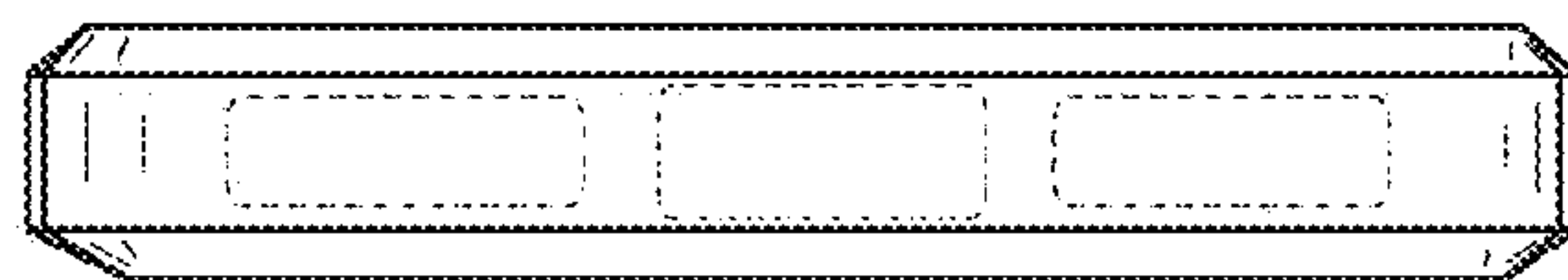


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