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CLAIM

The ornamental design for a bathtub closure, as shown and described.

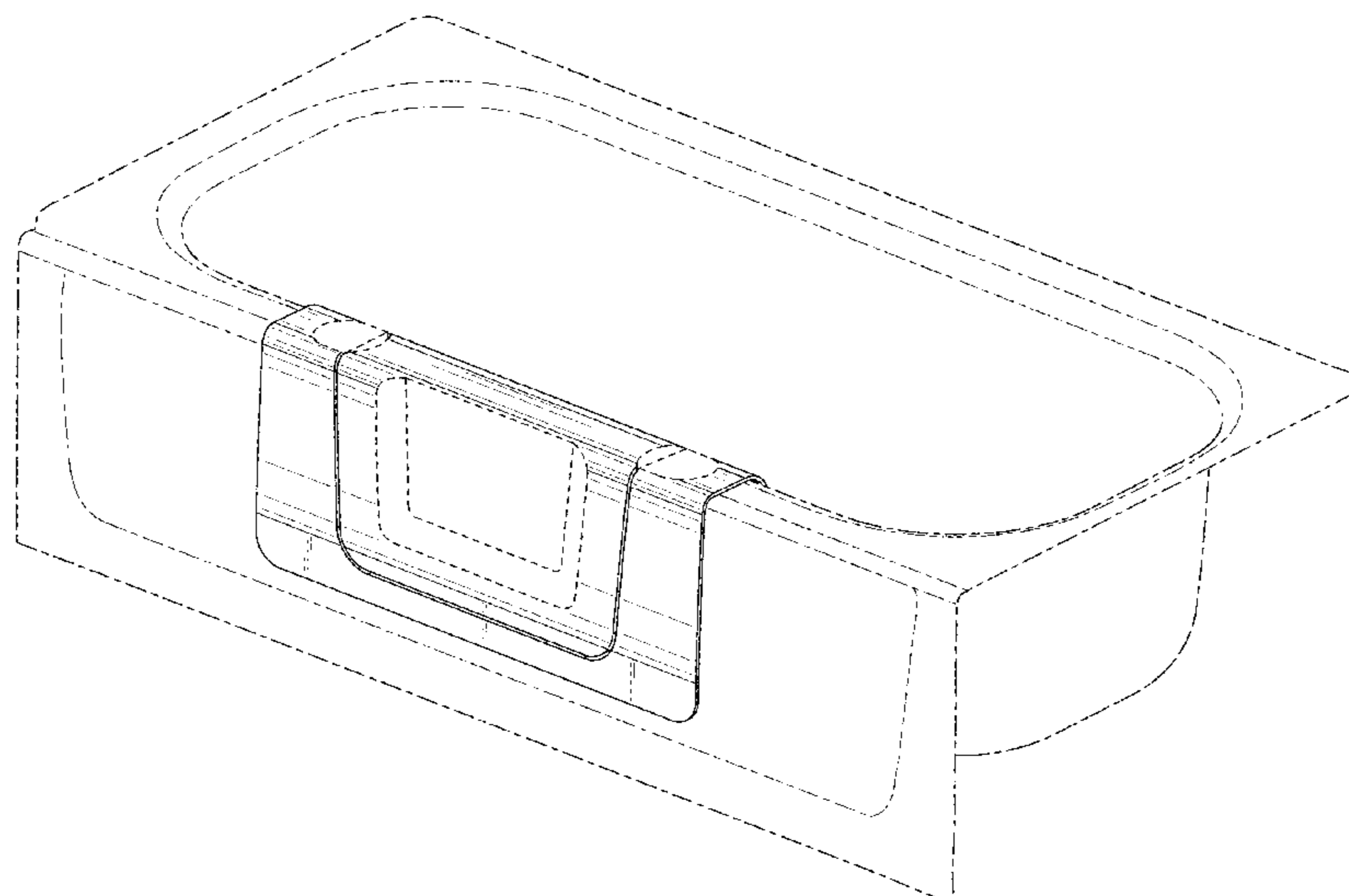
DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a bathtub closure, showing our new design;
FIG. 2 is a front elevation view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear elevation view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a left elevation view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right elevation view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof; and,
FIG. 8 is a front perspective exploded view thereof.
The broken lines in the figures illustrate unclaimed portions of the bathtub closure.

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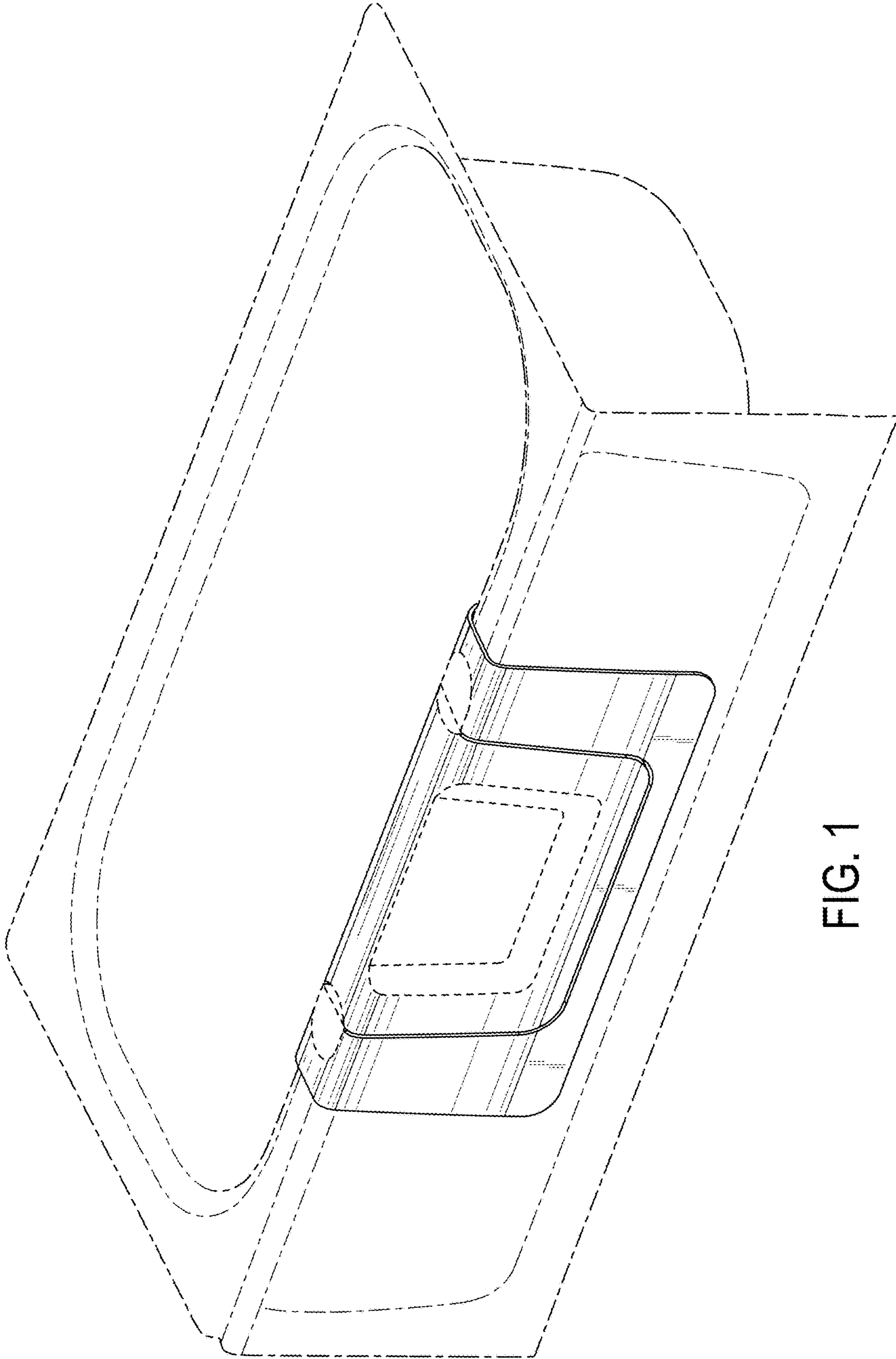


FIG. 1

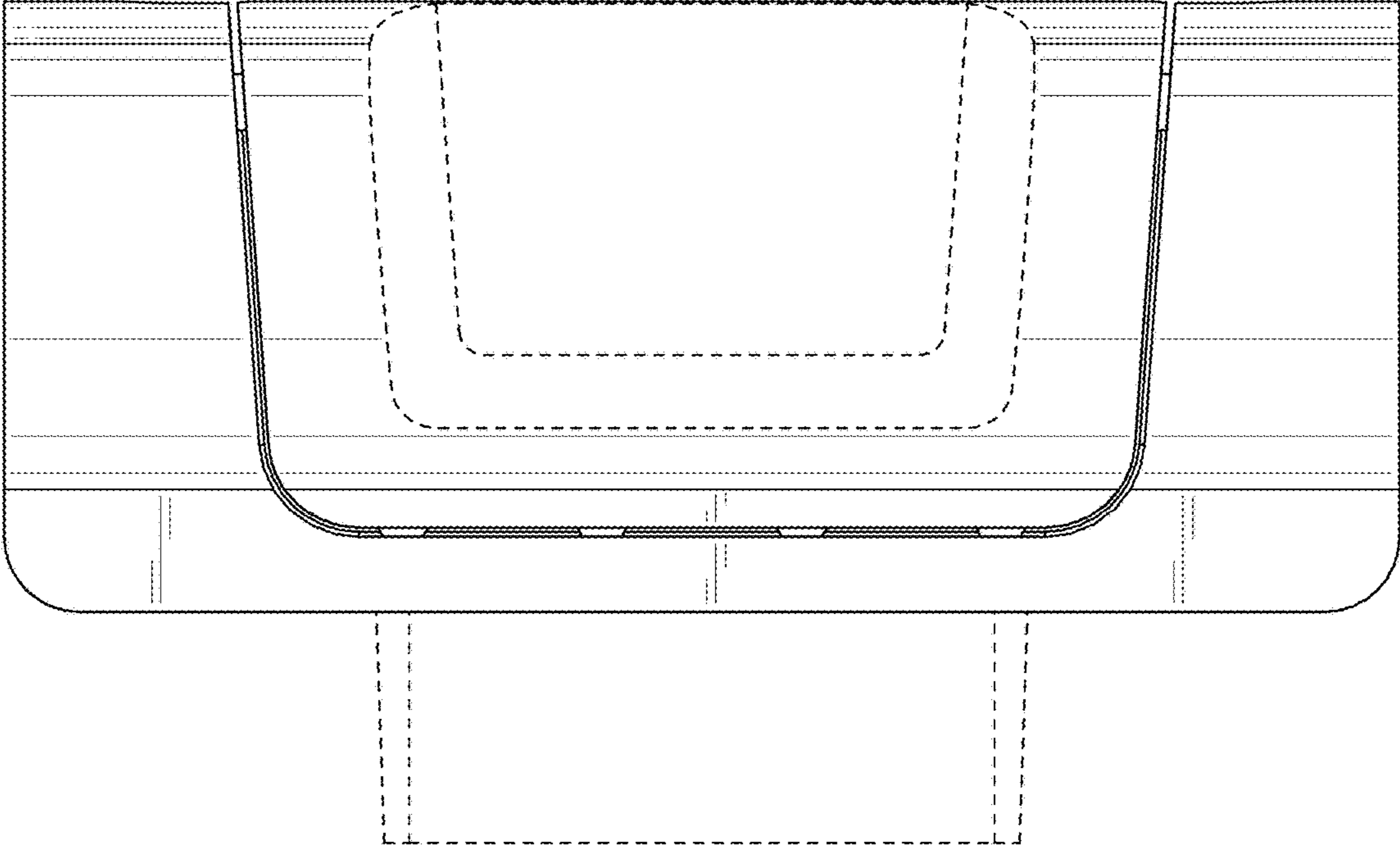


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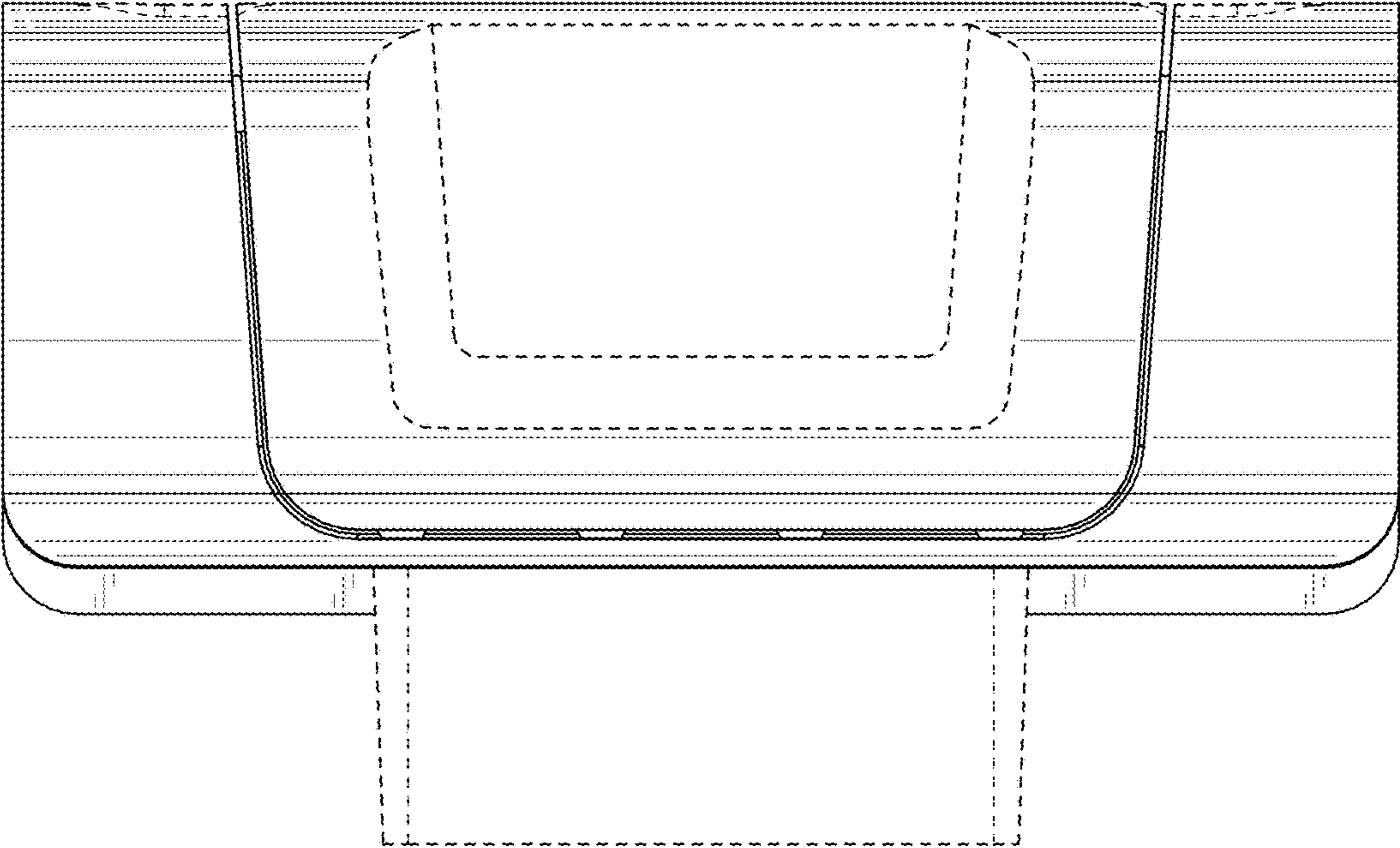


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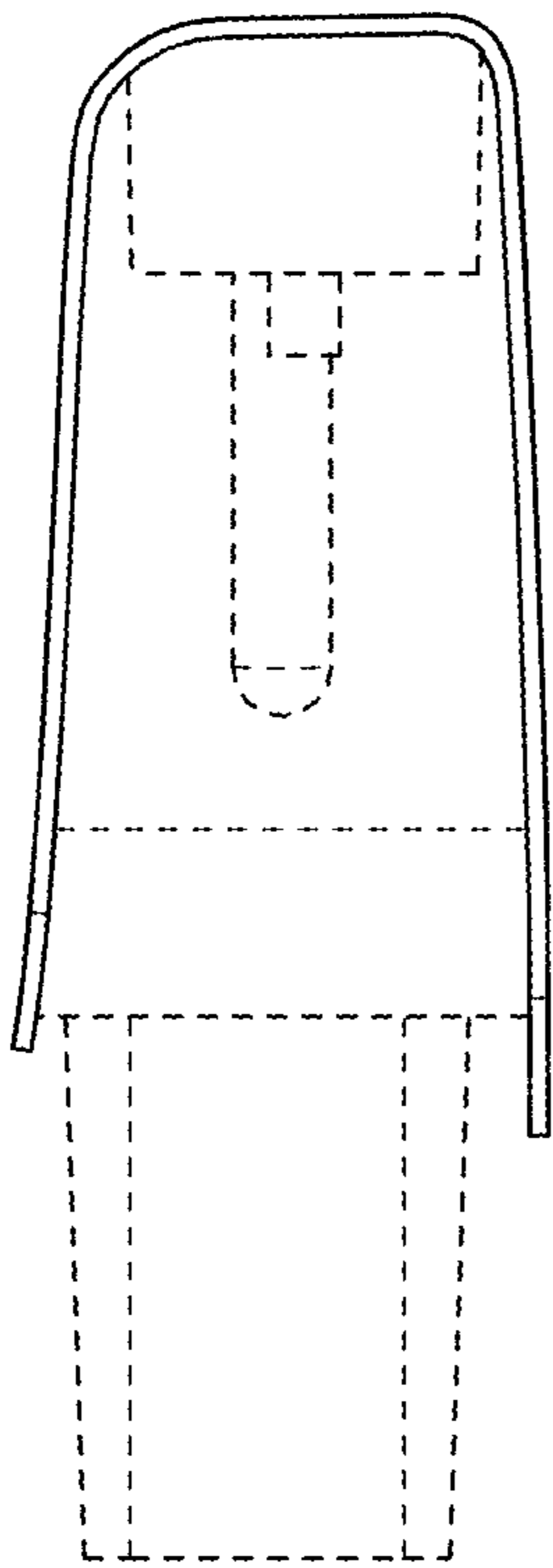


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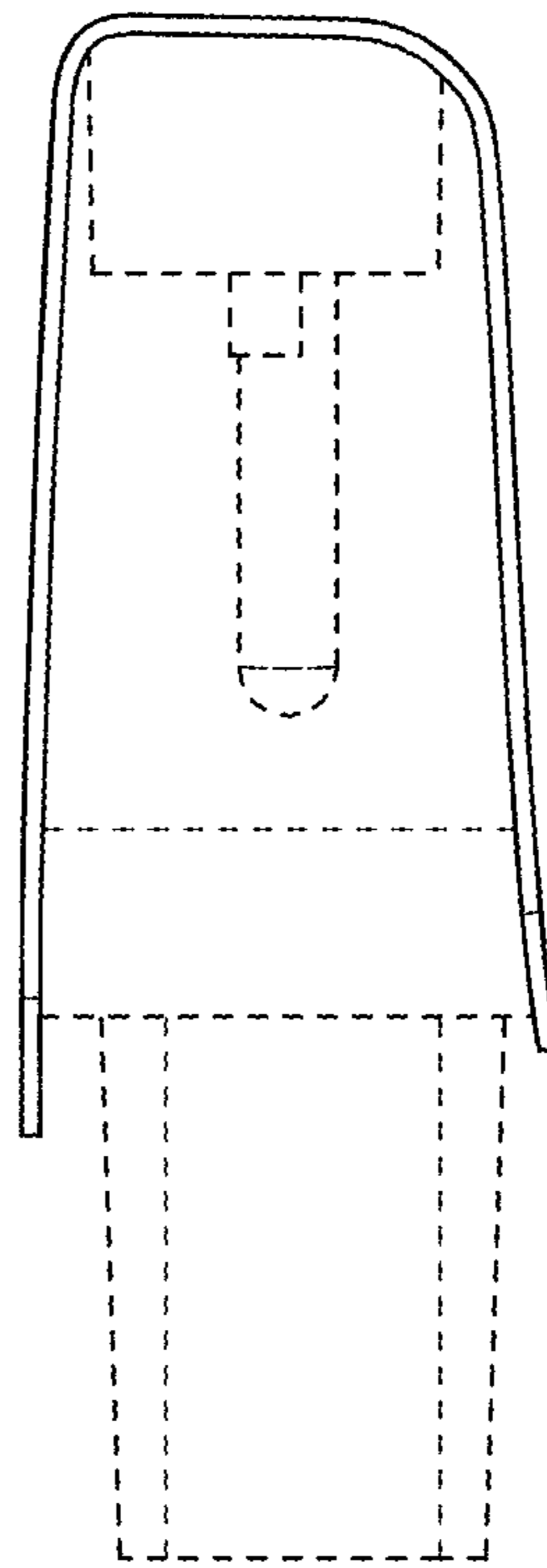


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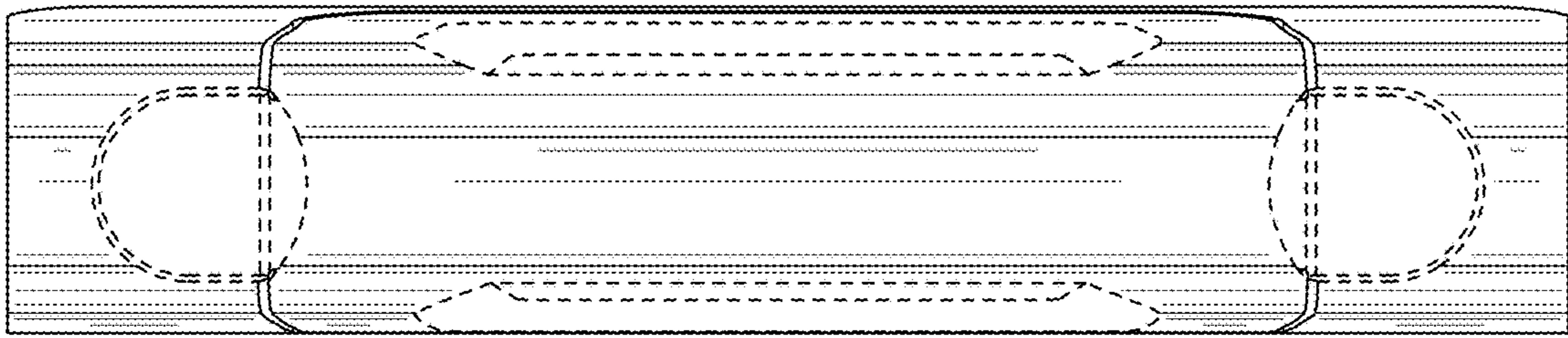


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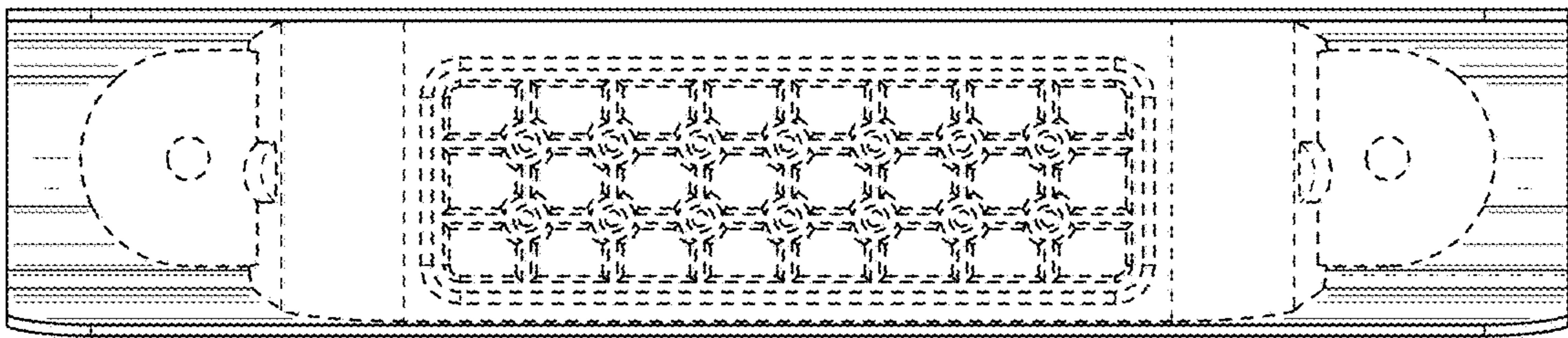


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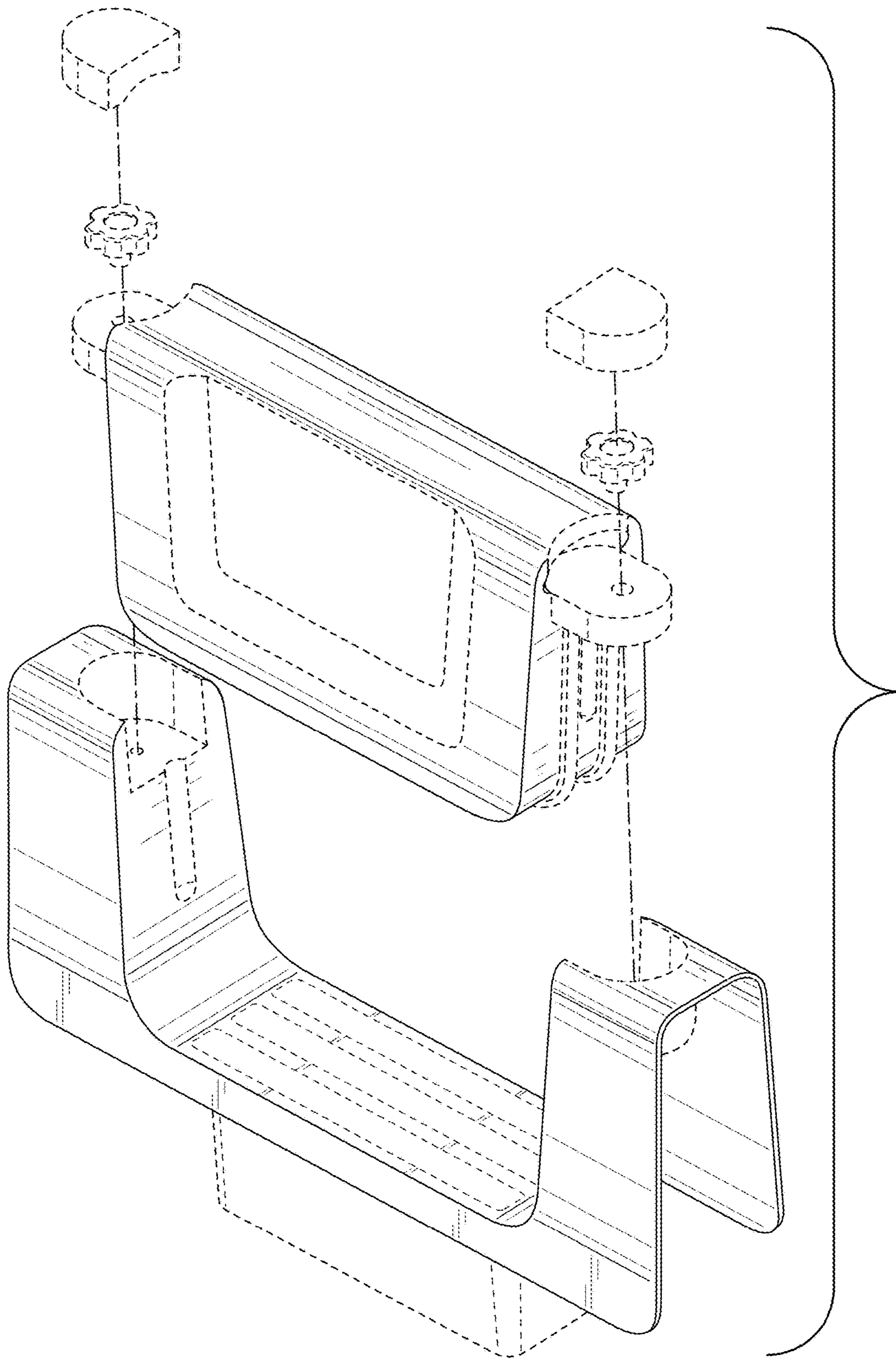


FIG. 8