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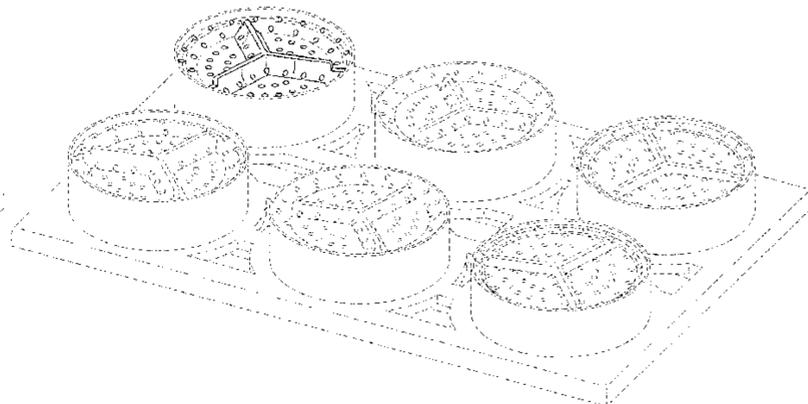
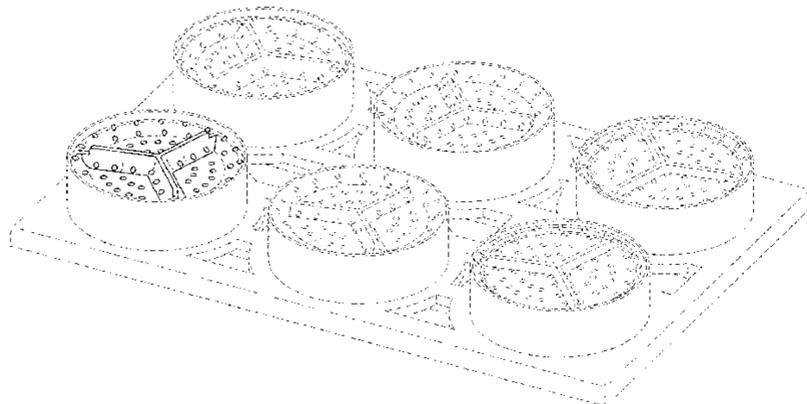
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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an apparatus for patterning cells, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 shows a top view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a first tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 2 shows a top perspective view thereof.

FIG. 3 shows a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 4 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 5 shows a top view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a second tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 6 shows a top perspective view of a tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 7 shows a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 8 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 9 shows a top view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a third tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 10 shows a top perspective view thereof.

FIG. 11 shows a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 12 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 13 shows a top view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a fourth tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 14 shows a top perspective view thereof.

FIG. 15 shows a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 16 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 17 shows a top view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a fifth tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 18 shows a top perspective view thereof.

FIG. 19 shows a bottom view thereof.

FIG. 20 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

FIG. 21 shows a top view of a tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 22 shows a top perspective view of an apparatus for patterning cells showing our new design, according to a sixth tricuspid embodiment of the present invention.

FIG. 23 shows a bottom view thereof; and,

FIG. 24 shows a bottom perspective view thereof.

The broken lines in FIGS. 1-24 show portions of the invention which form no part of the claimed design. The

broken lines in FIGS. 1-24 are environmental only and are not part of the claimed design.

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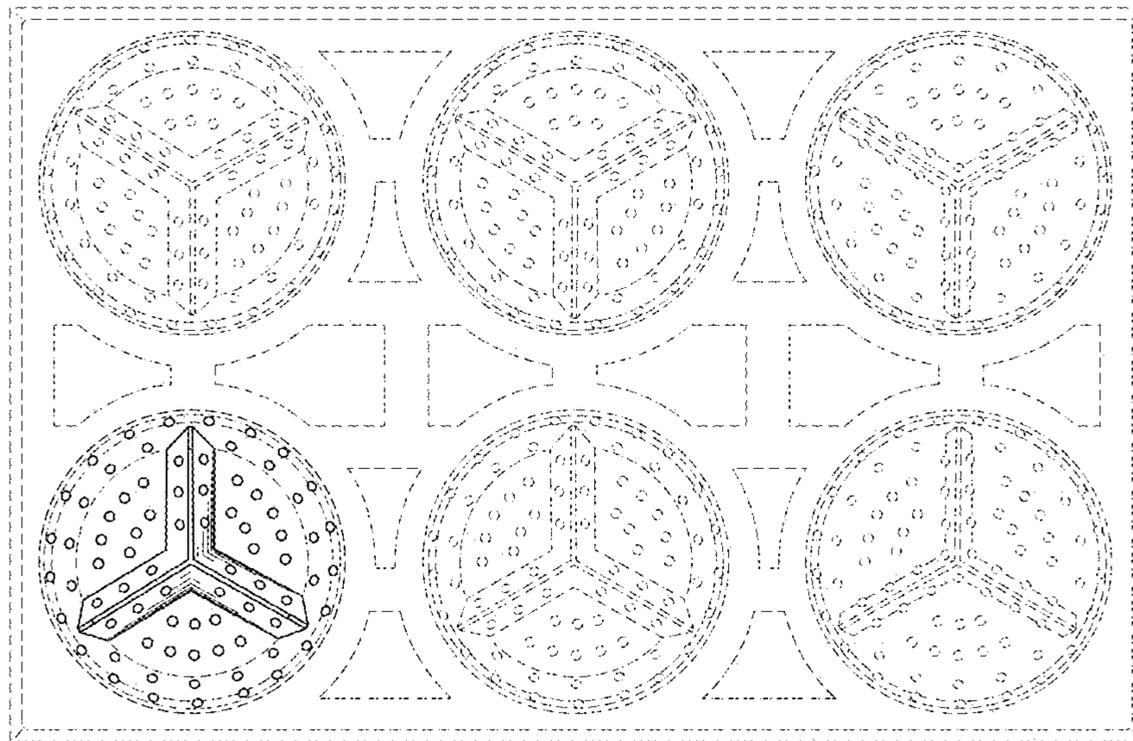


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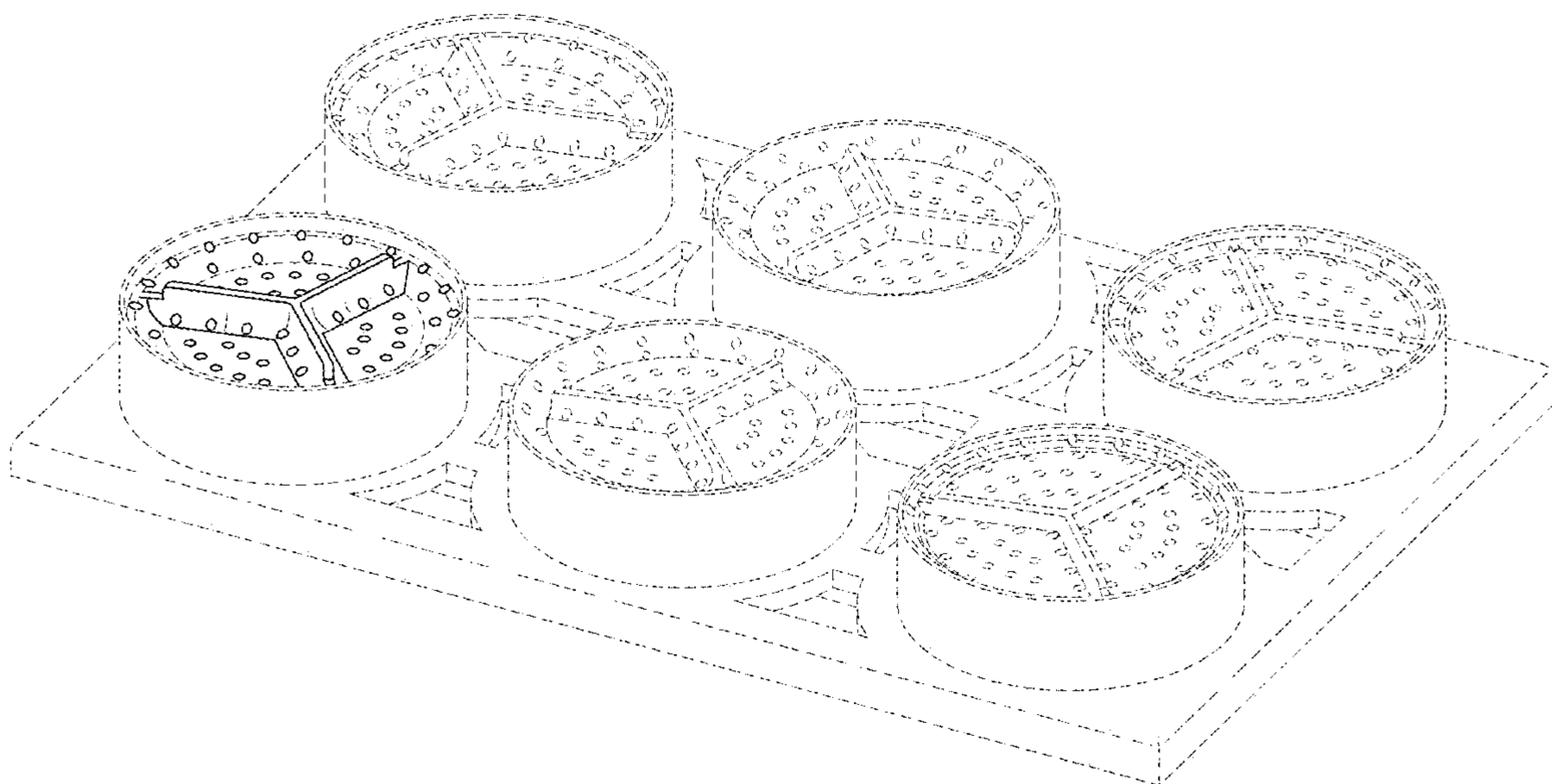


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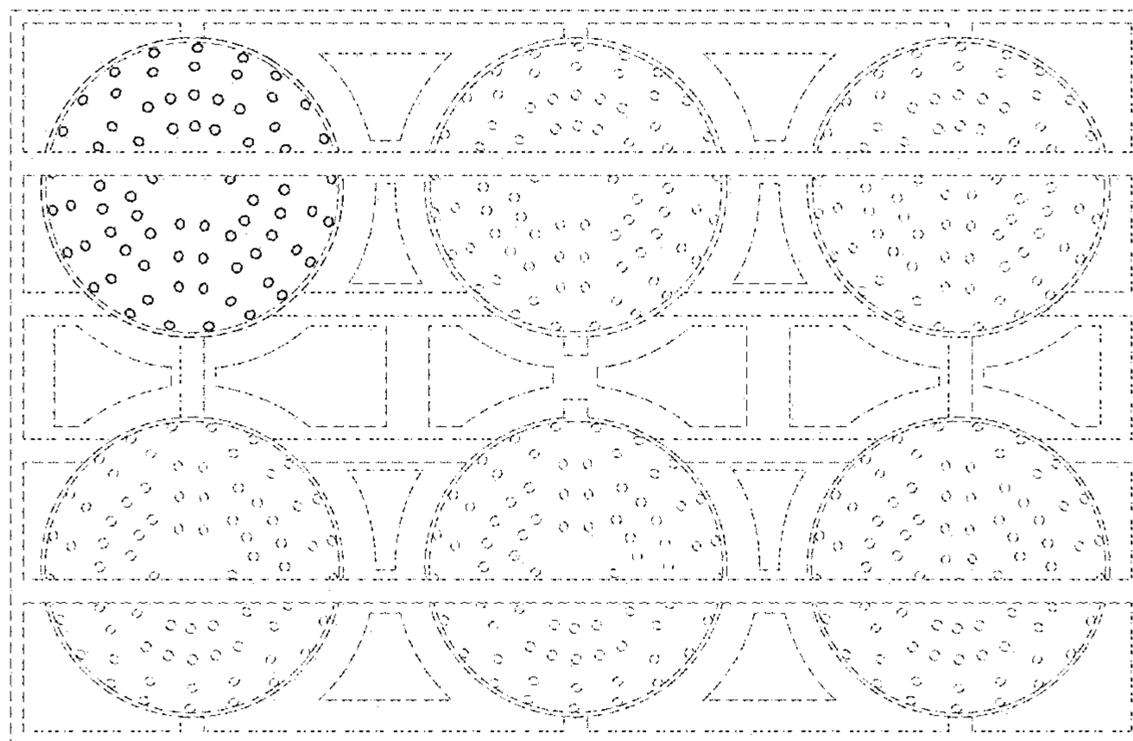


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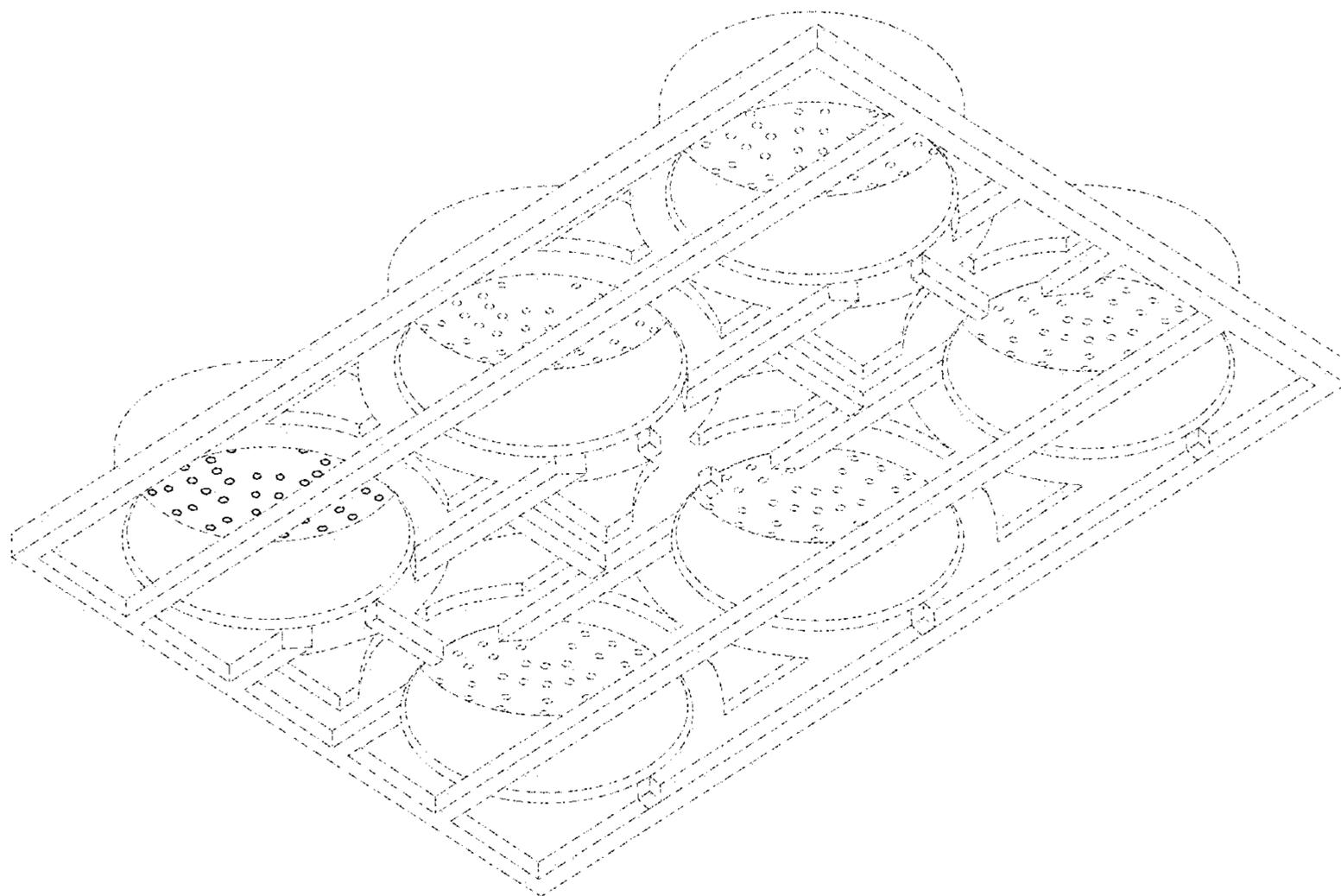


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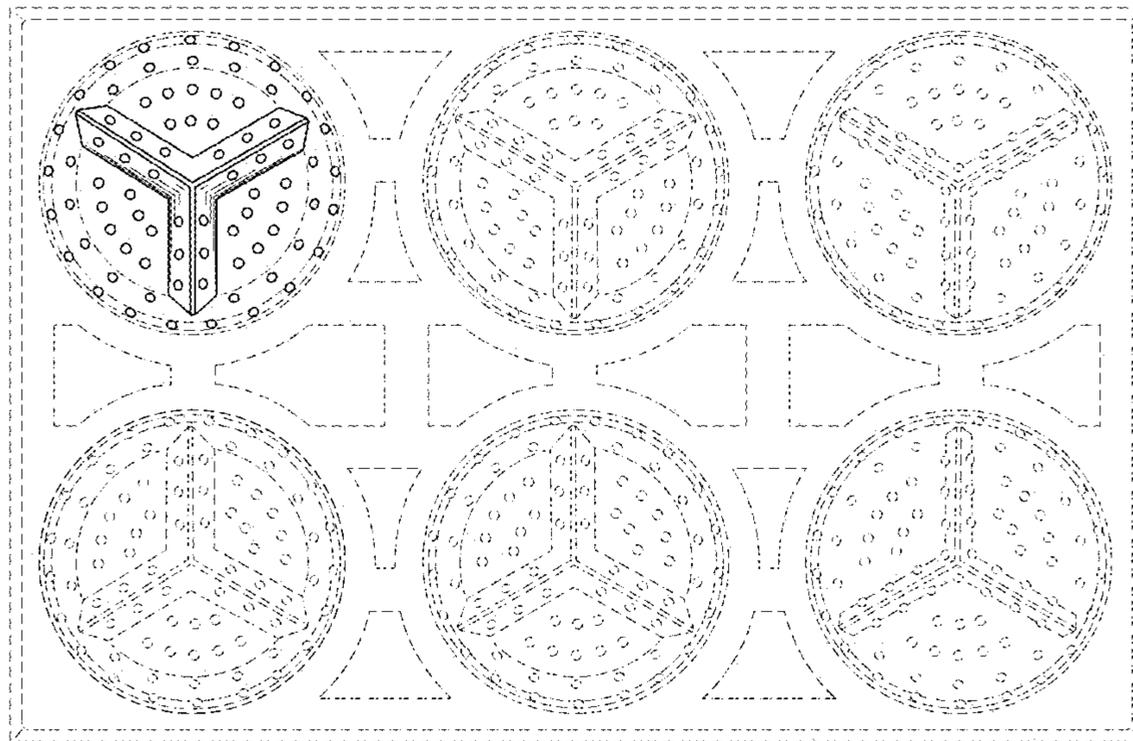


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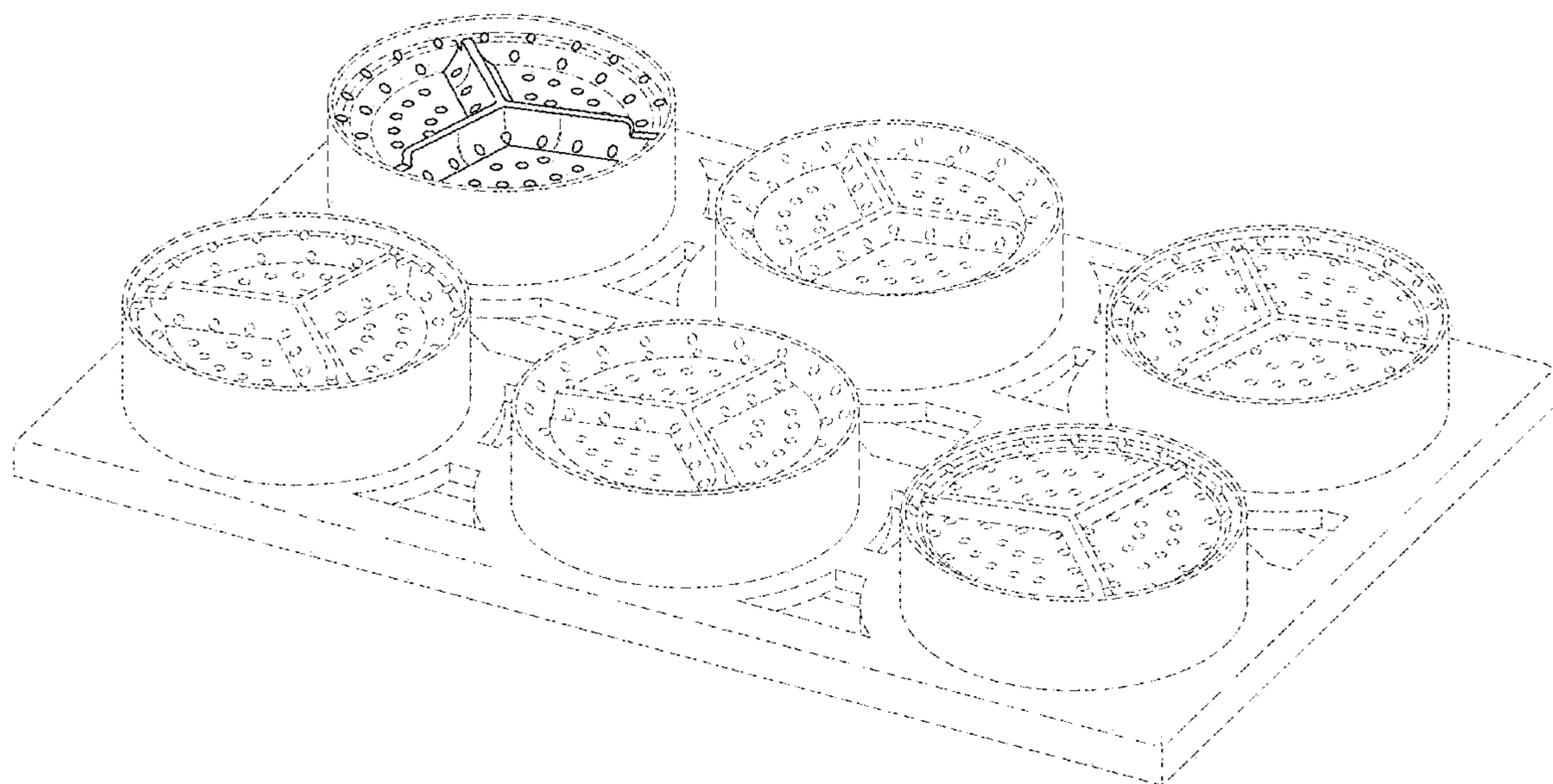


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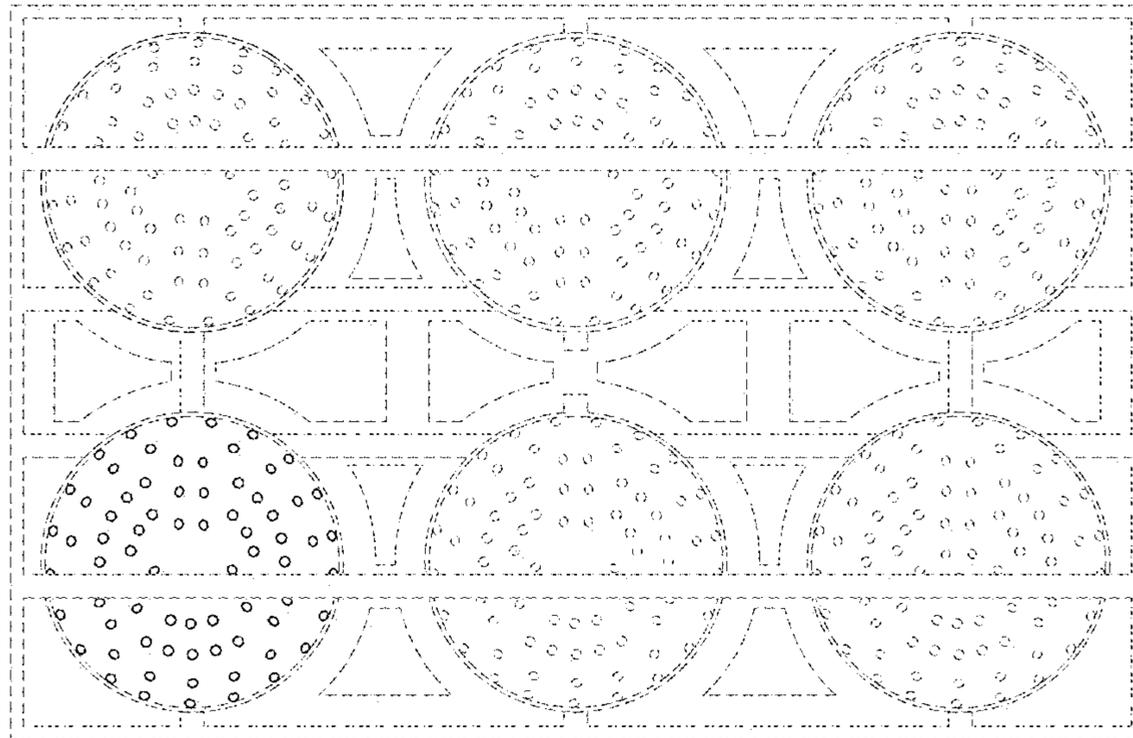


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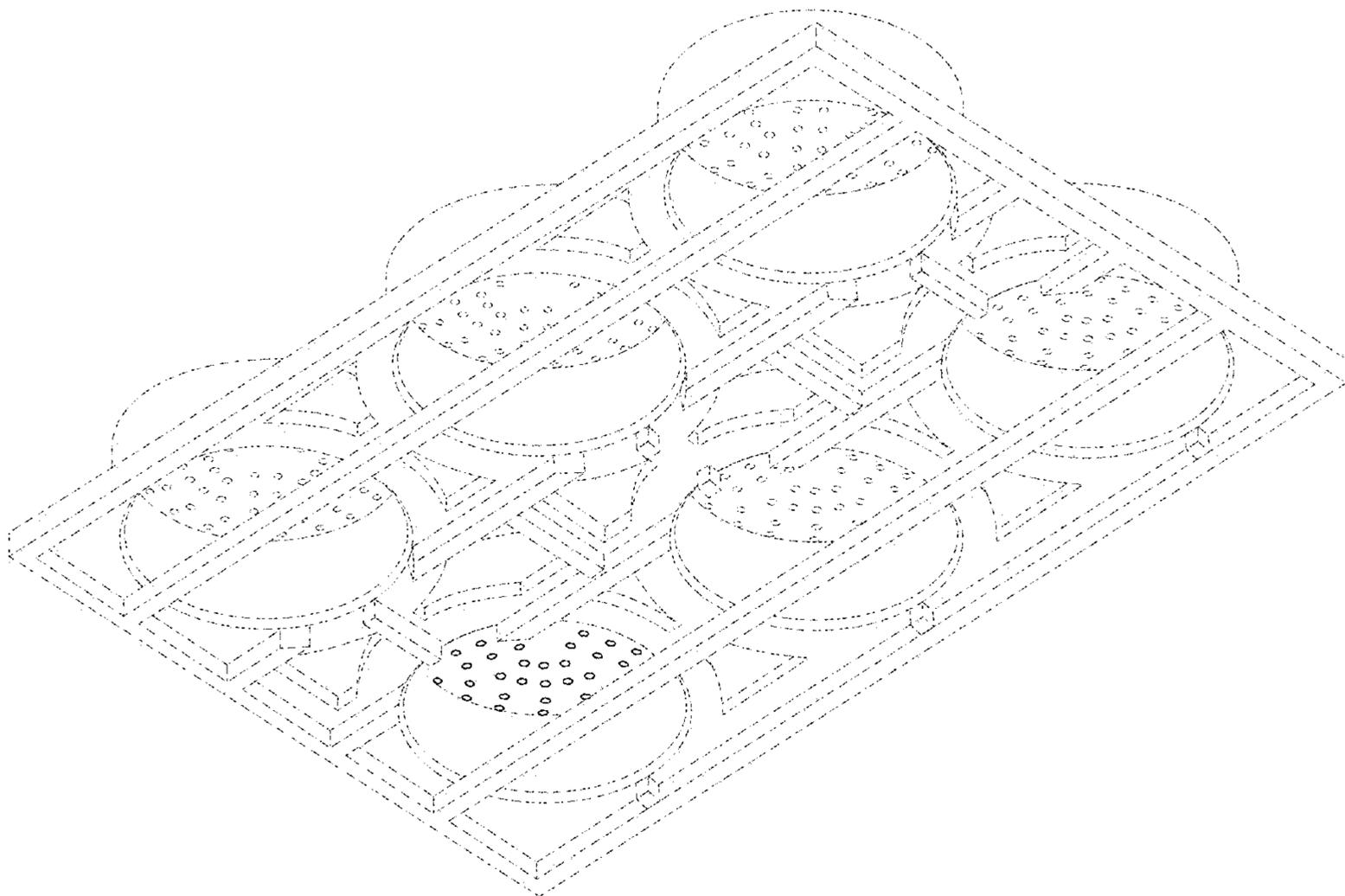


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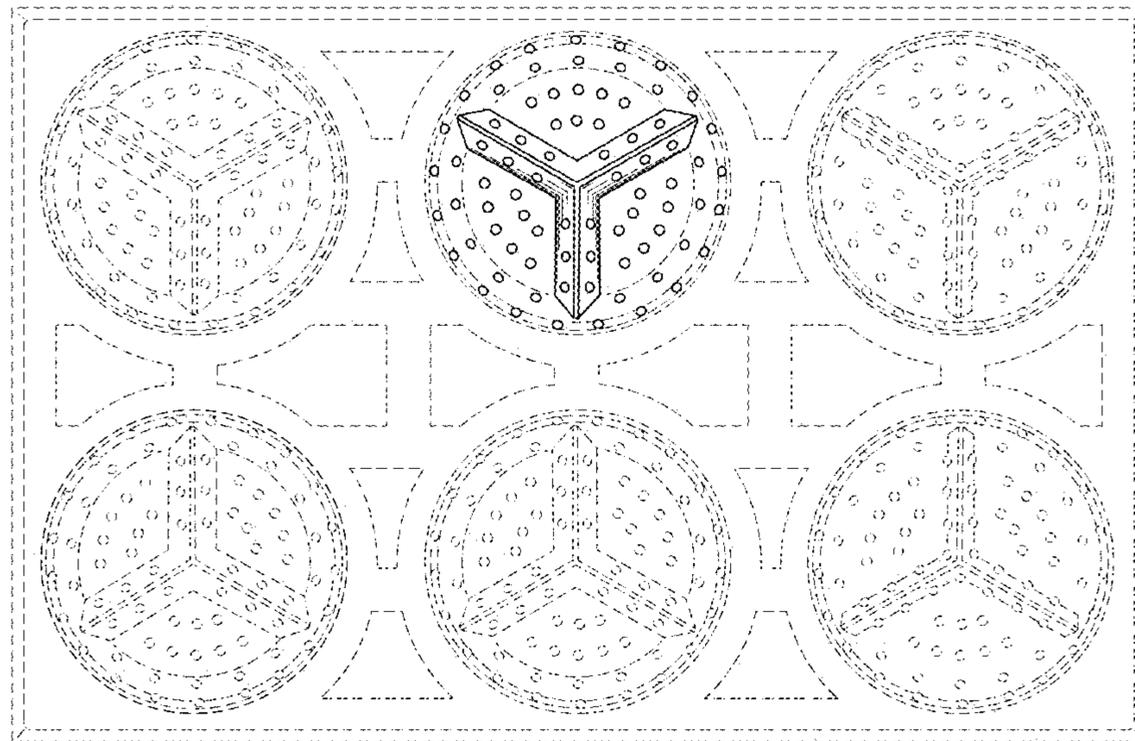


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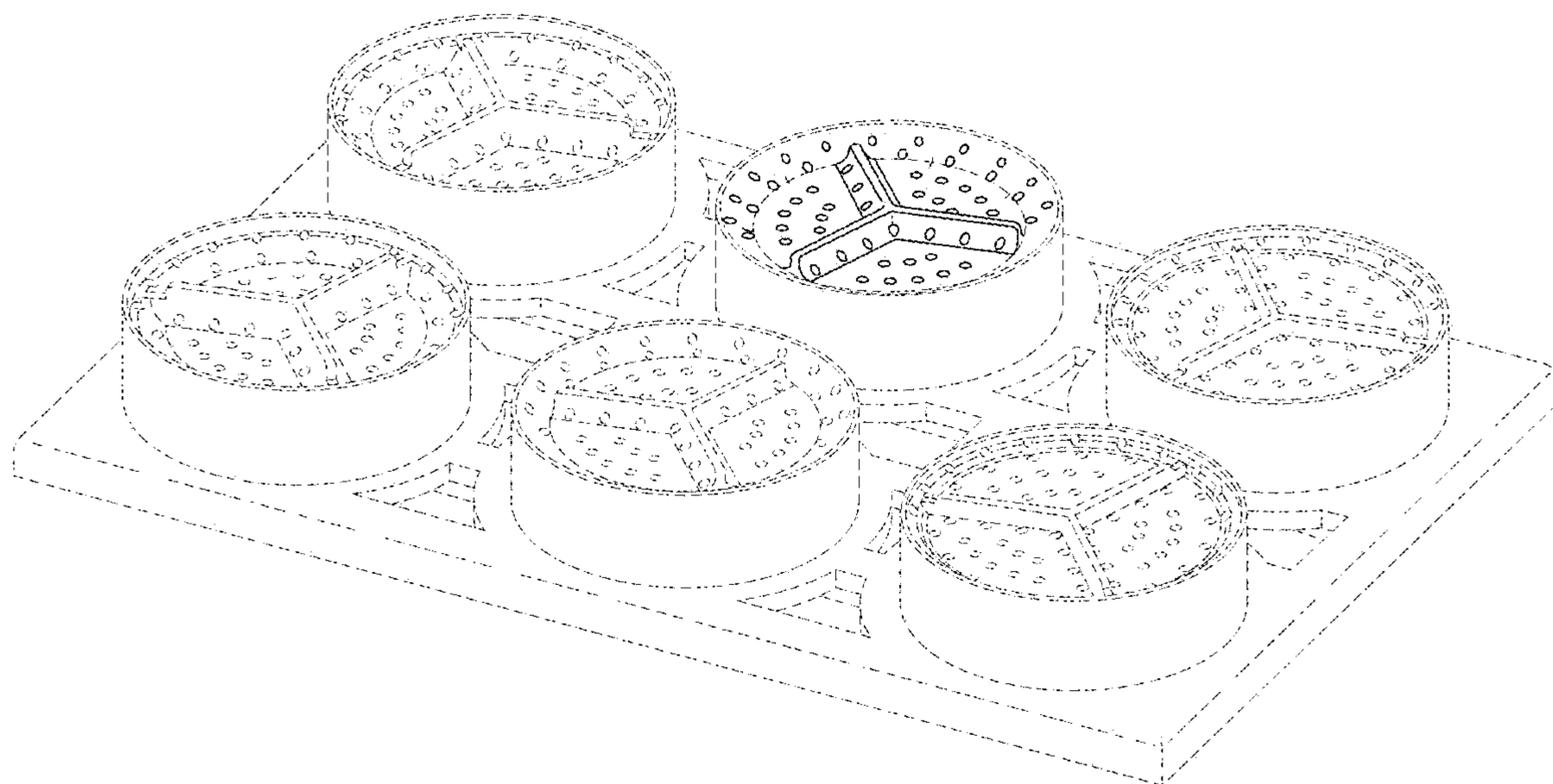


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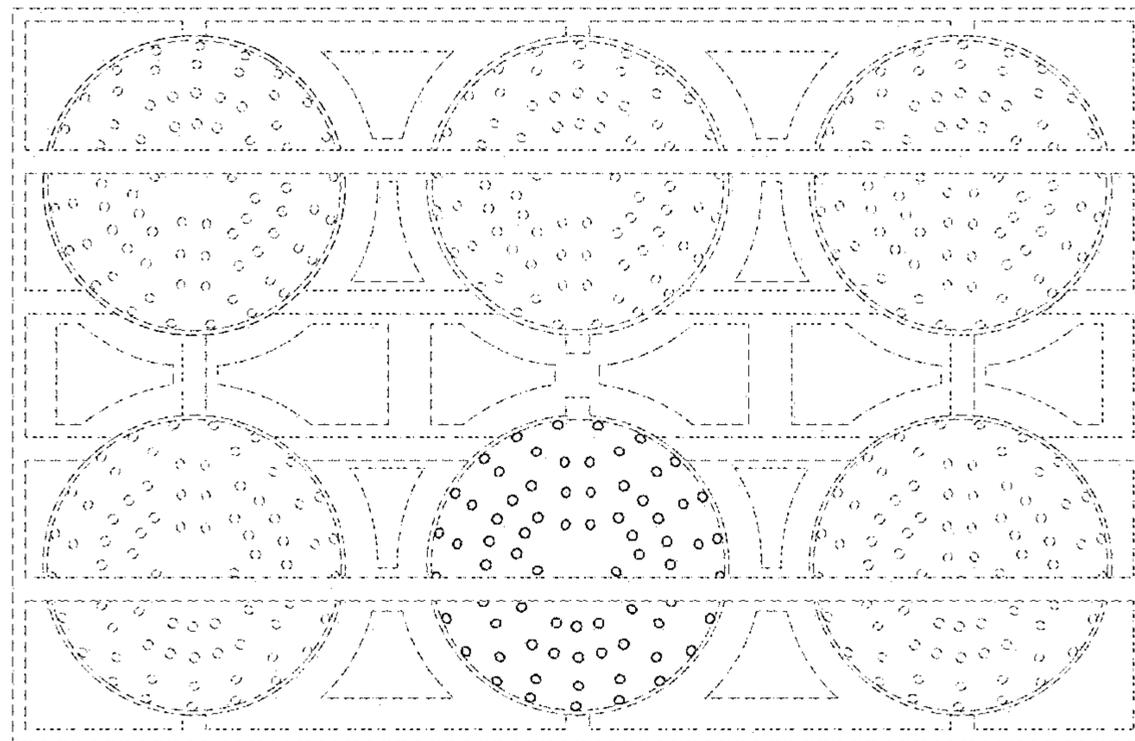


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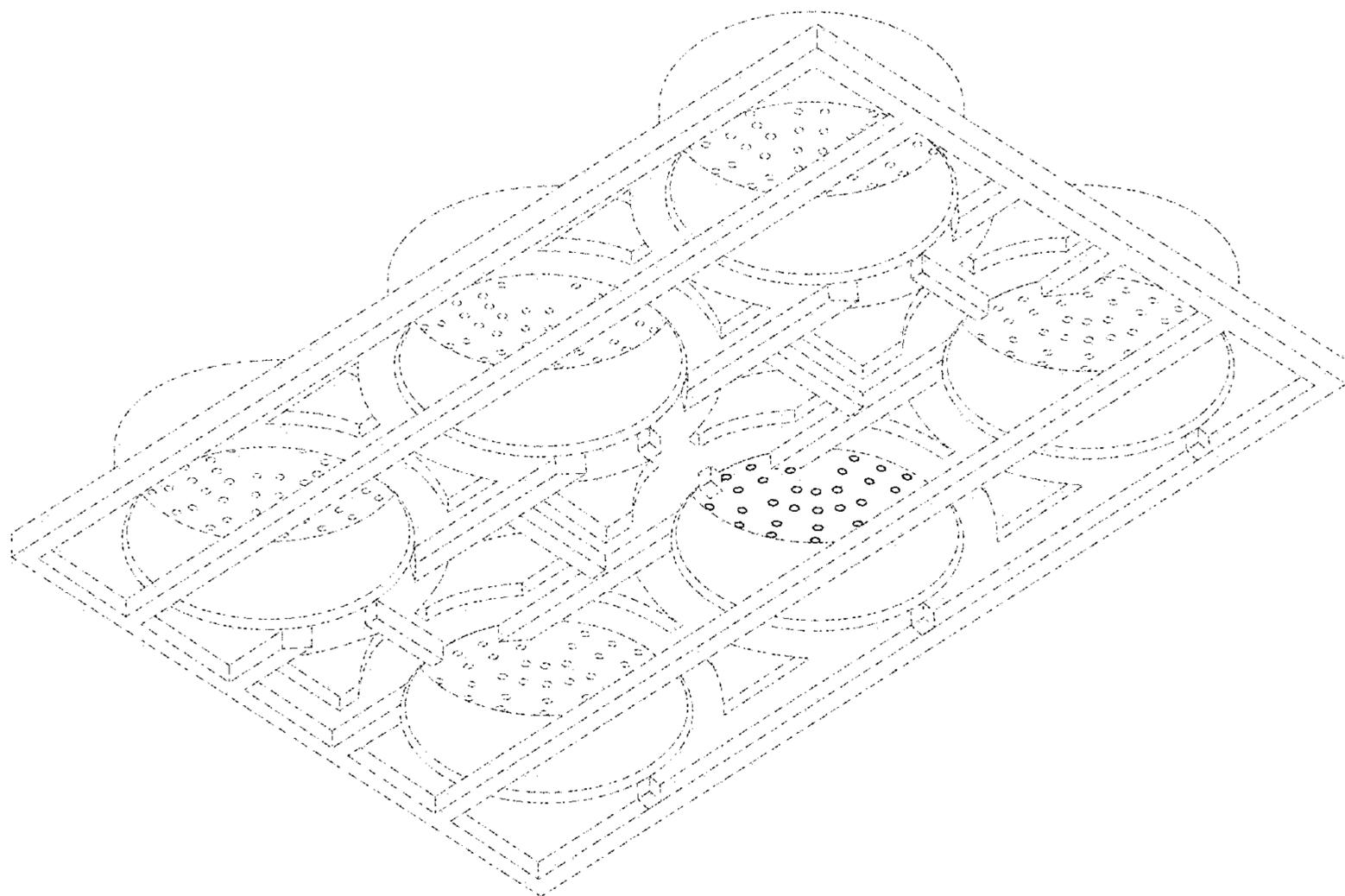


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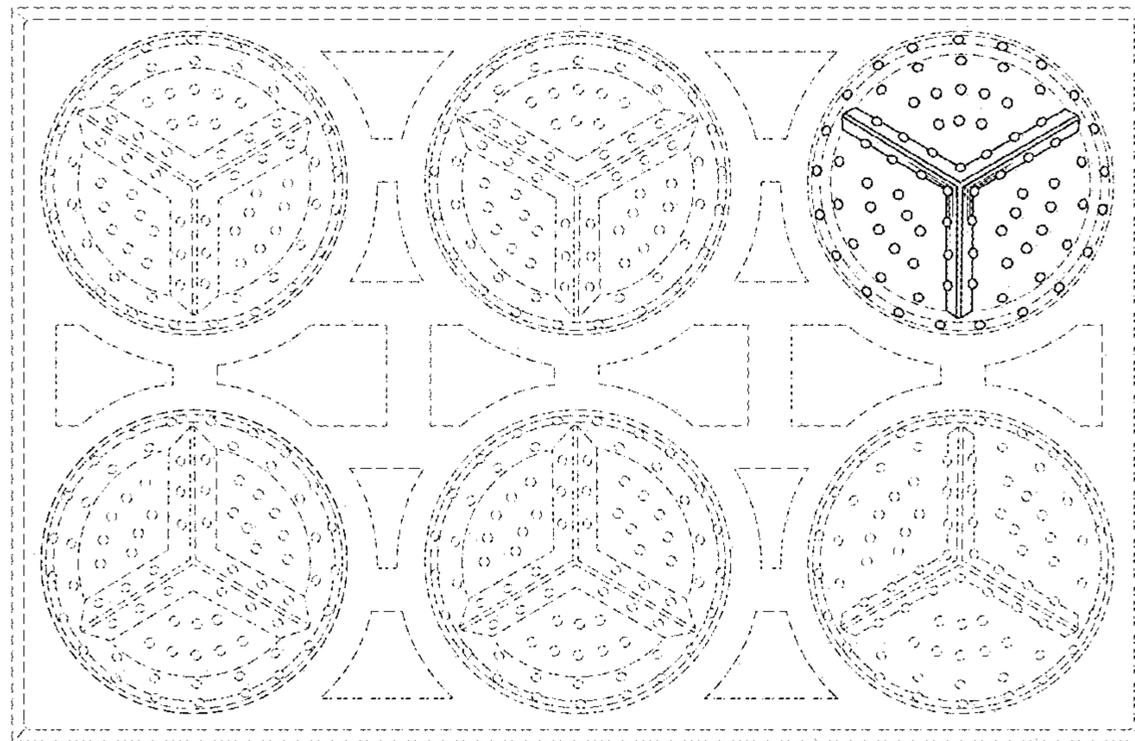


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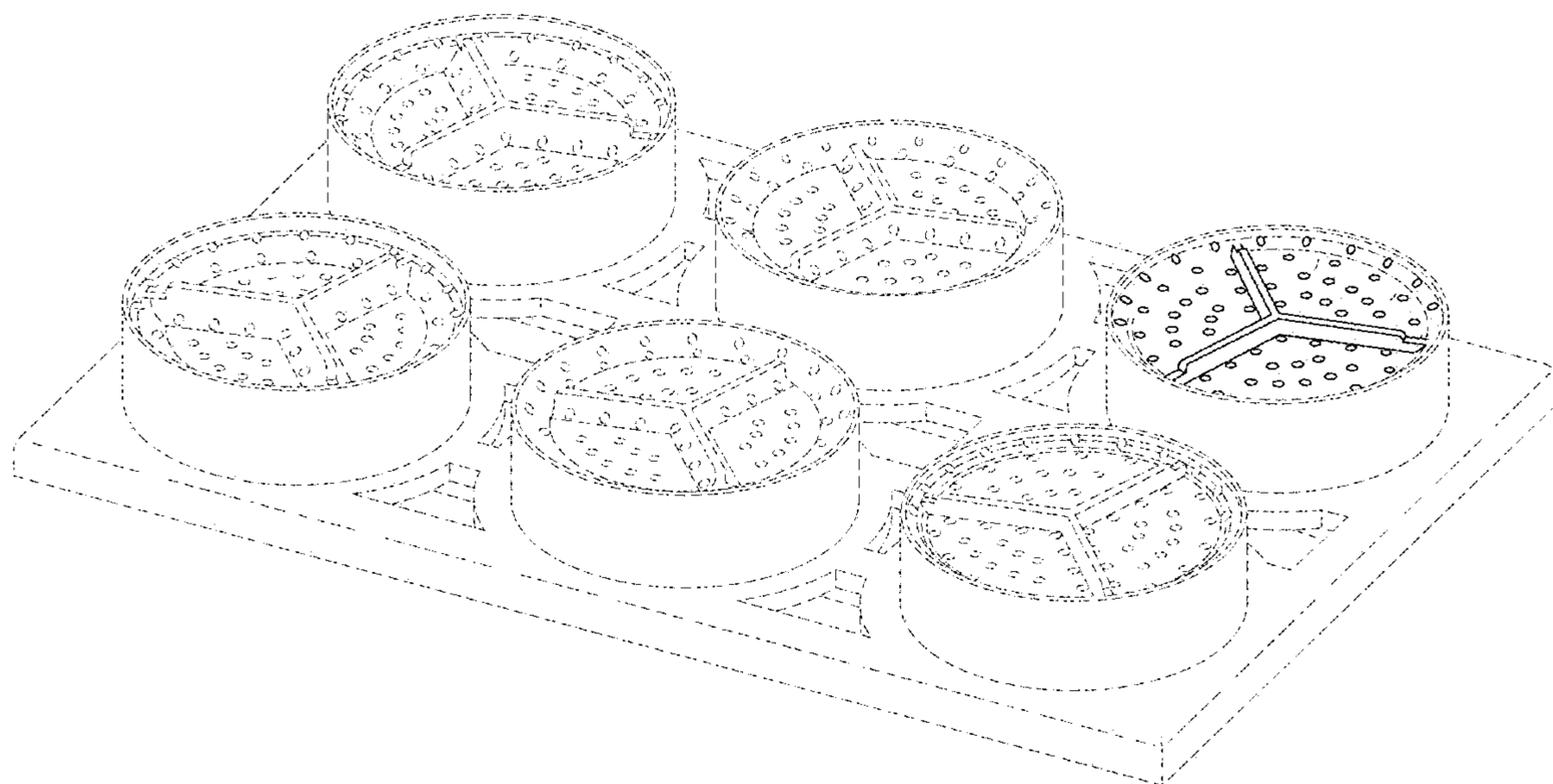


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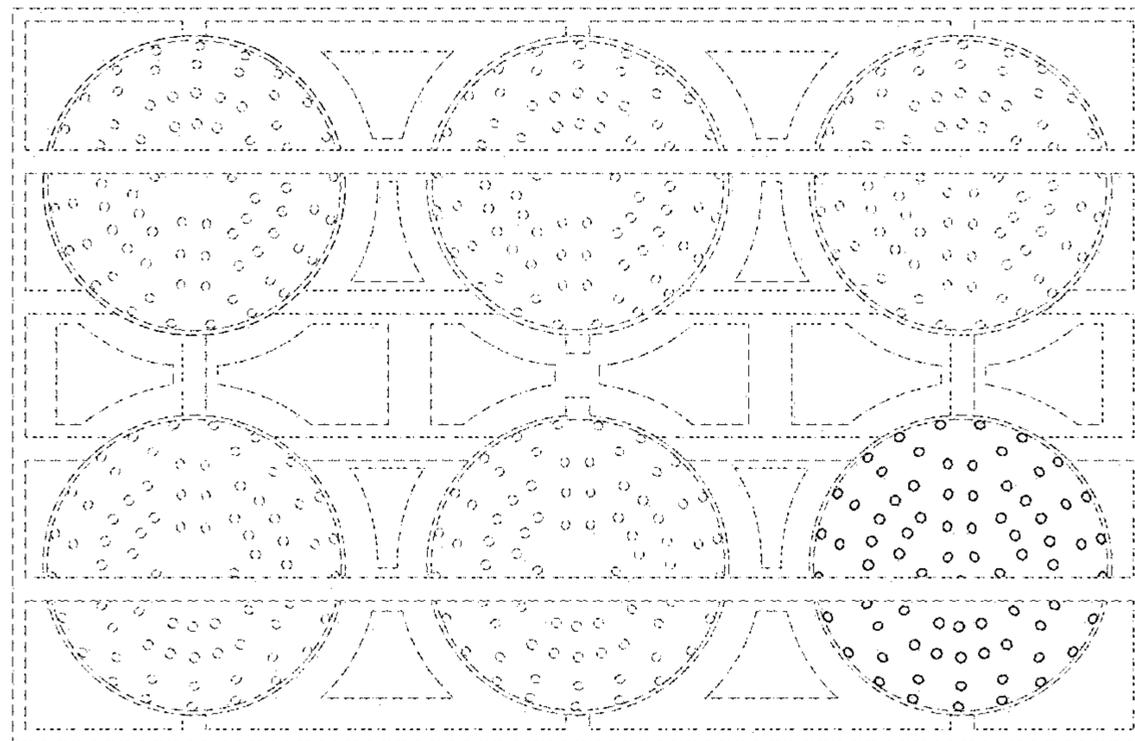


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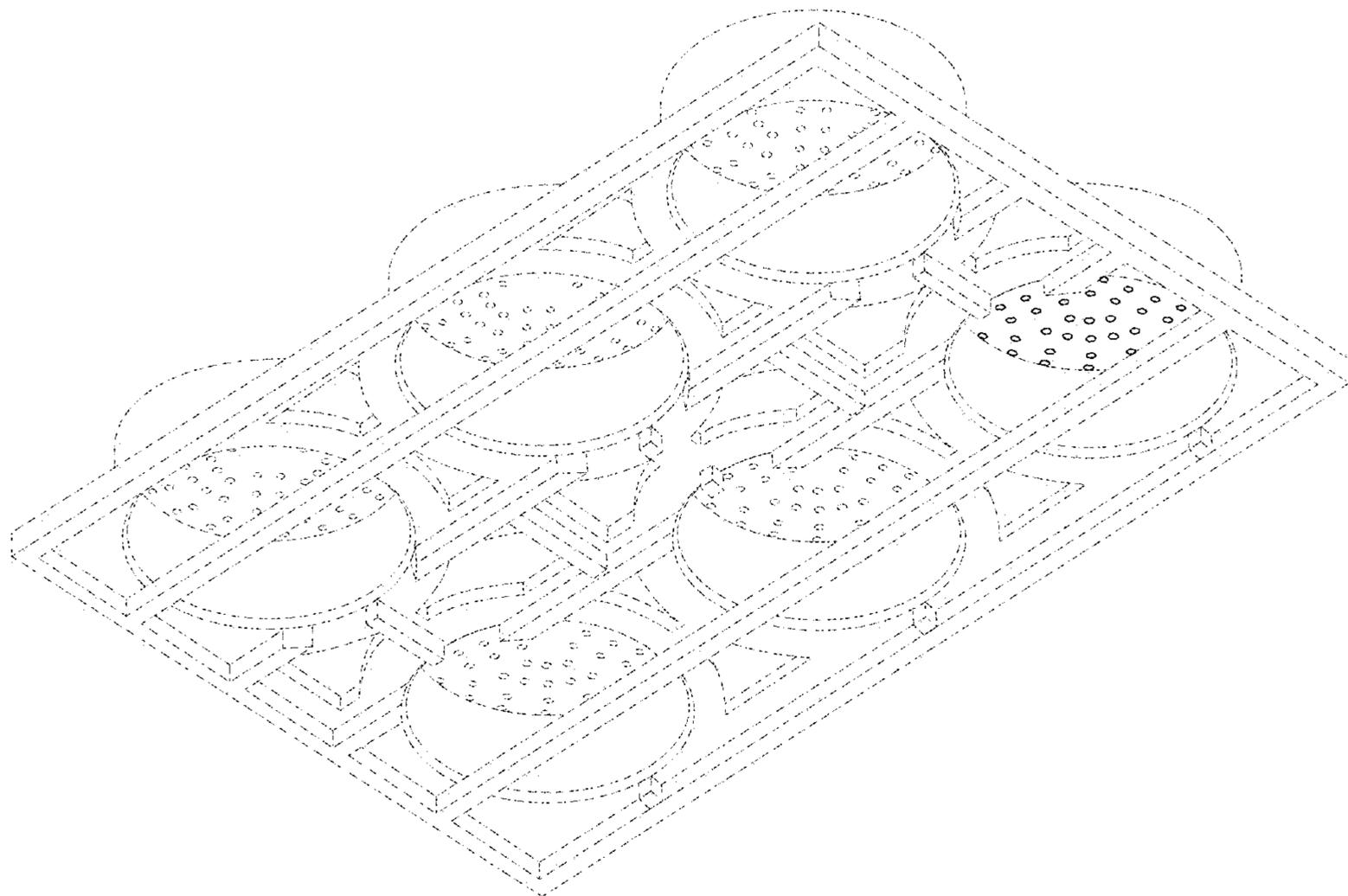


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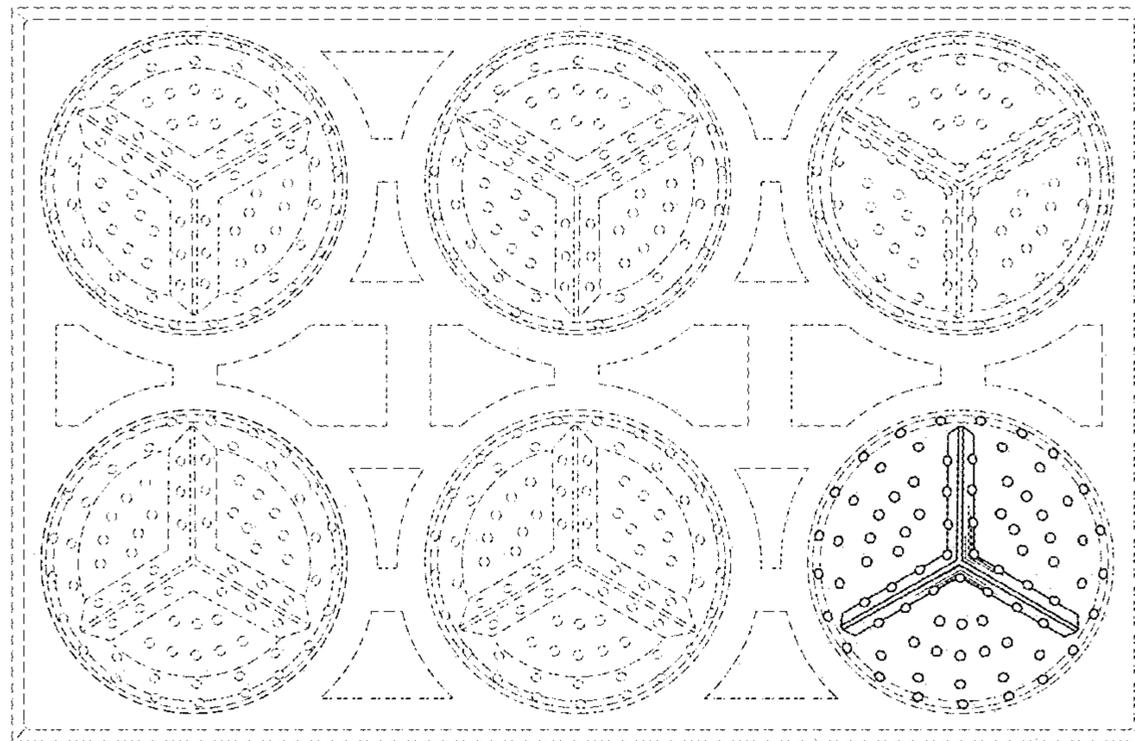


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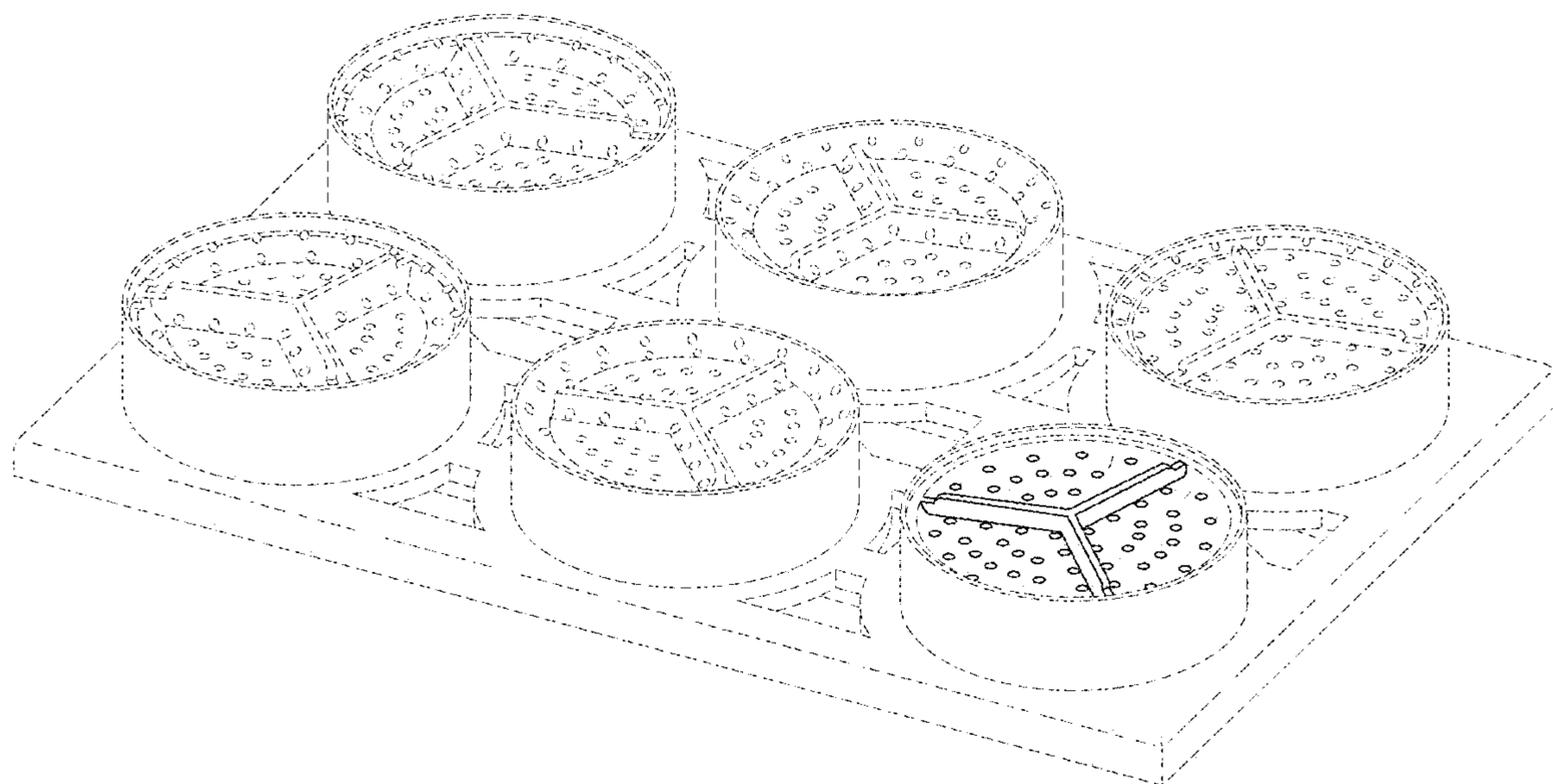


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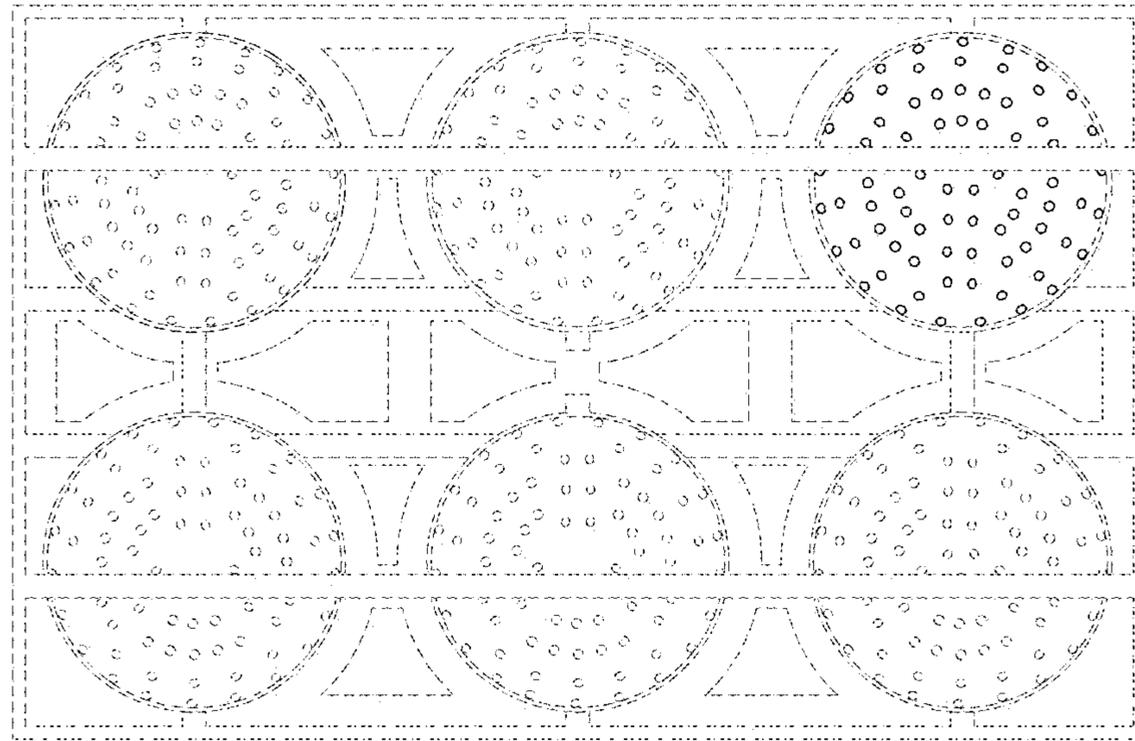


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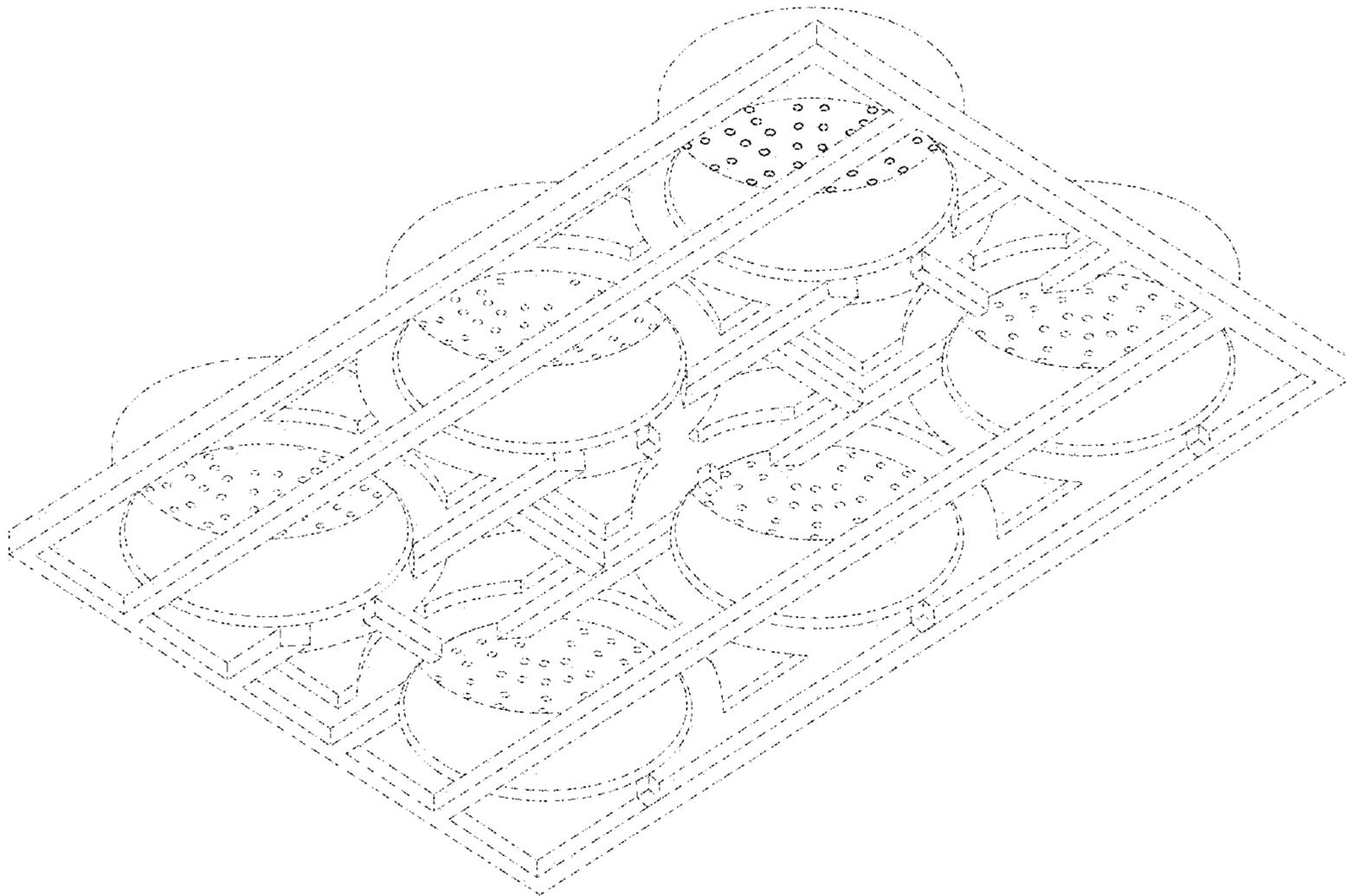


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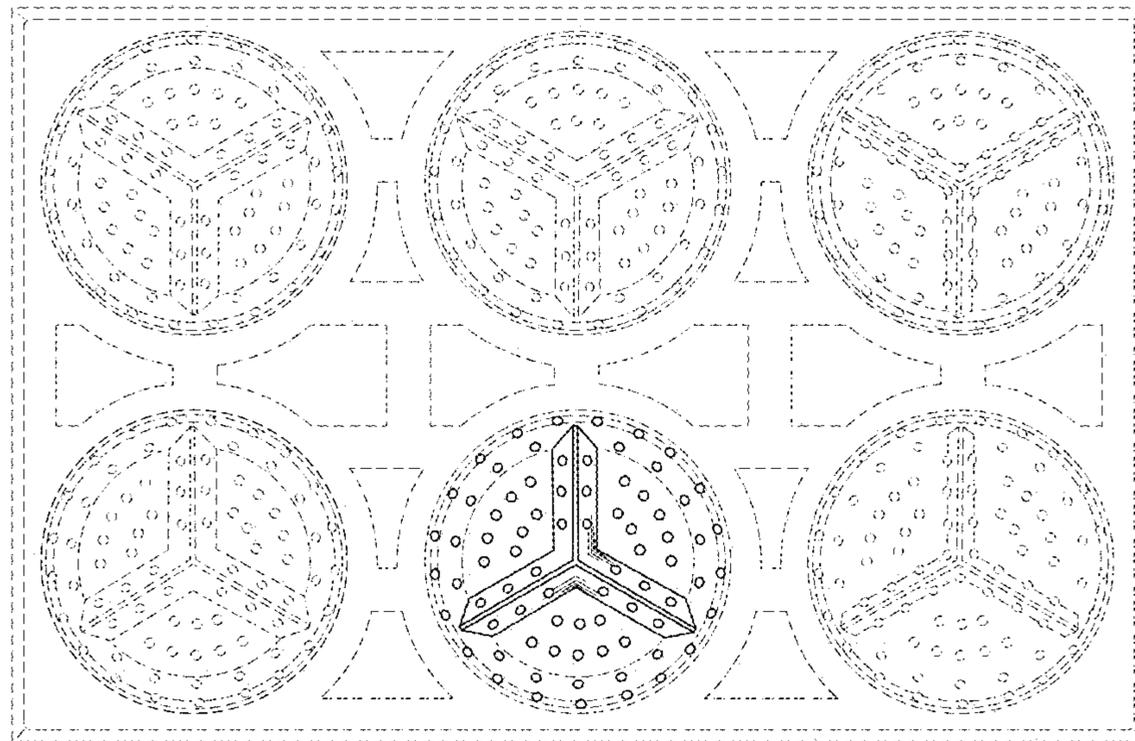


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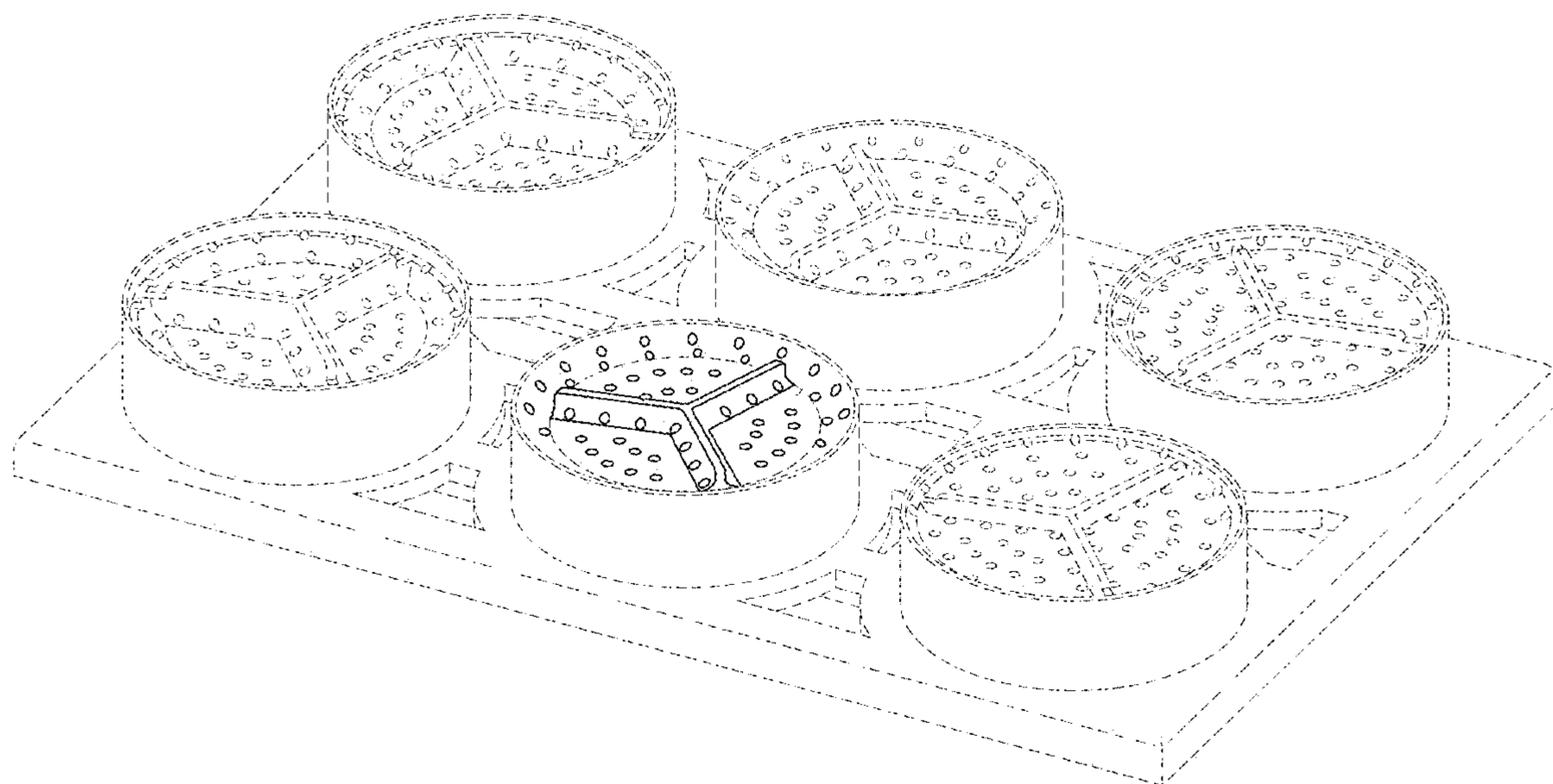


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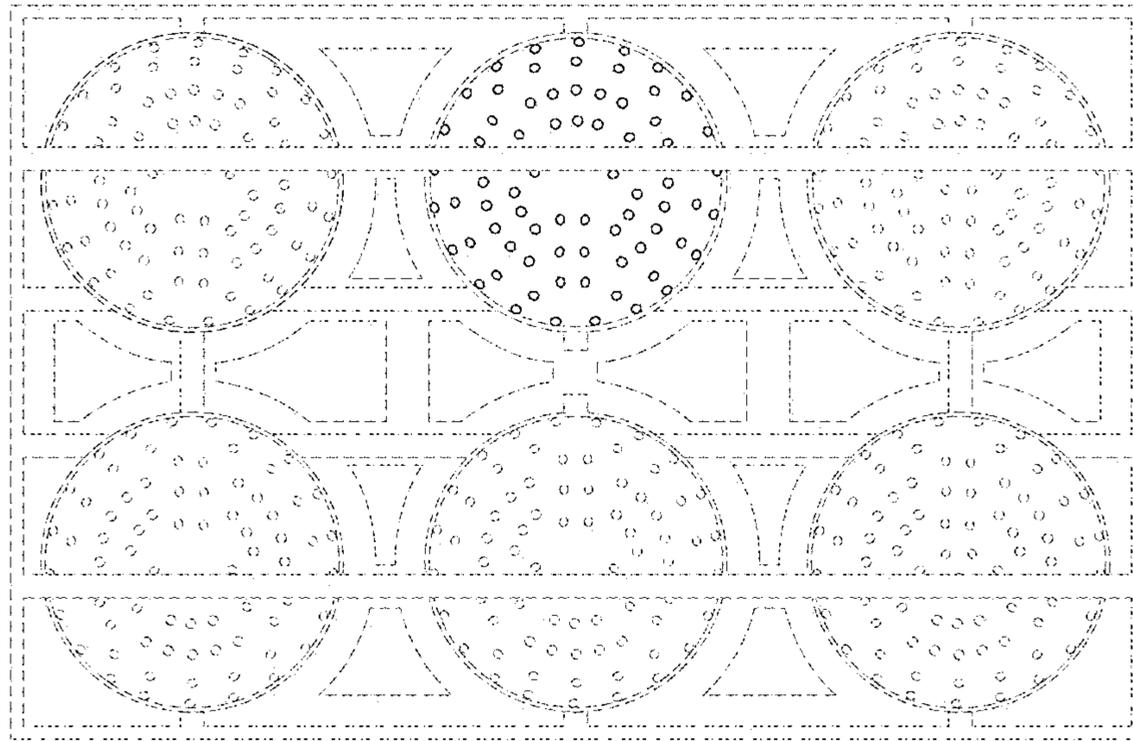


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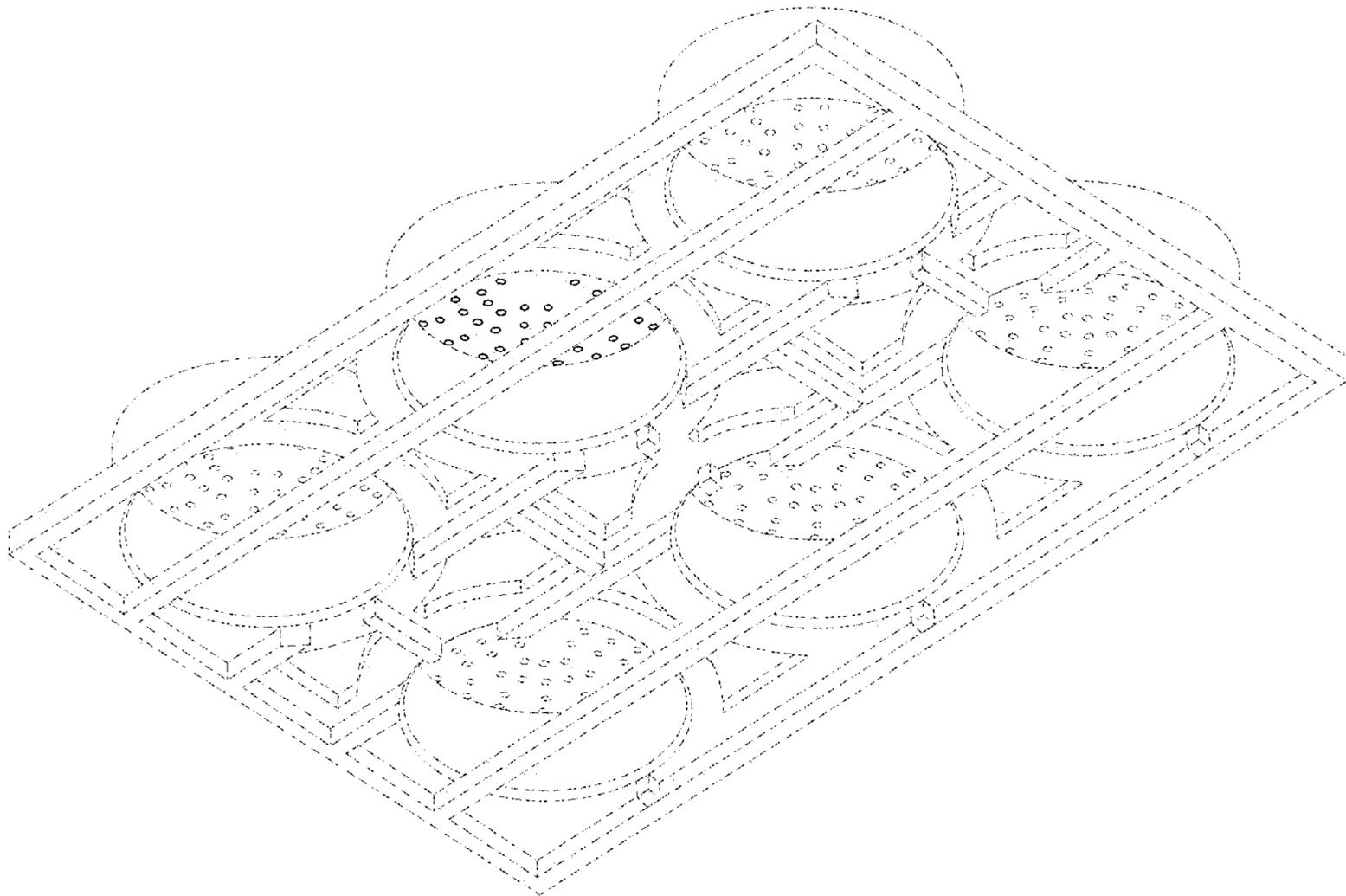


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