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- (54) **NEGATIVE PRESSURE APPARATUS MODULE**
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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a negative pressure apparatus module, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is an upper front isometric view of a negative pressure apparatus module showing our new design; FIG. 2 is a lower front isometric, environmental view thereof; FIG. 3 is a front view thereof; FIG. 4 is a first side view thereof; FIG. 5 is a second side view thereof; FIG. 6 is a bottom view thereof; FIG. 7 is a lower front isometric view thereof; and, FIG. 8 is an upper rear isometric view thereof. The broken lines in the Figures show environmental context and portions of the negative pressure apparatus module that form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets**

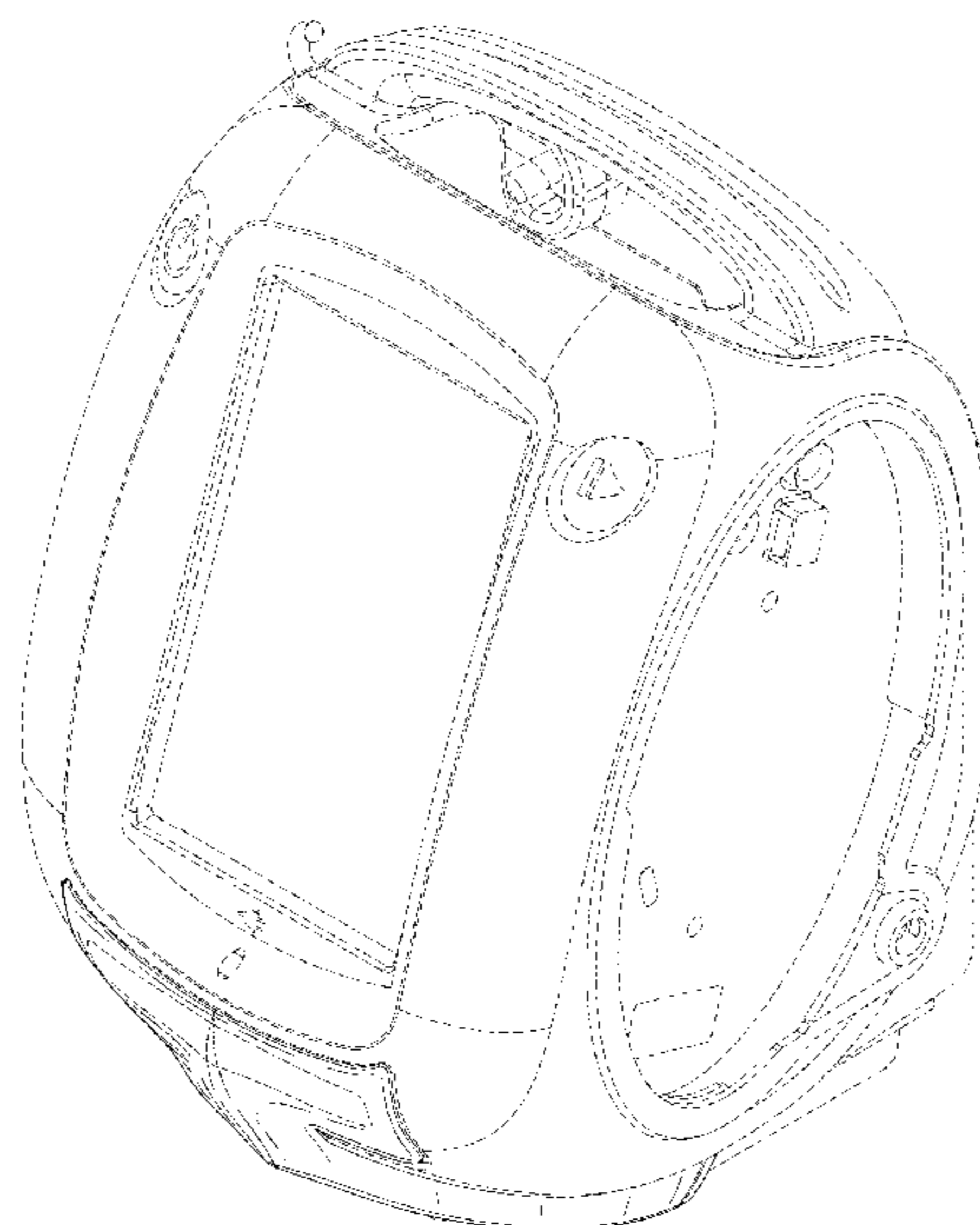
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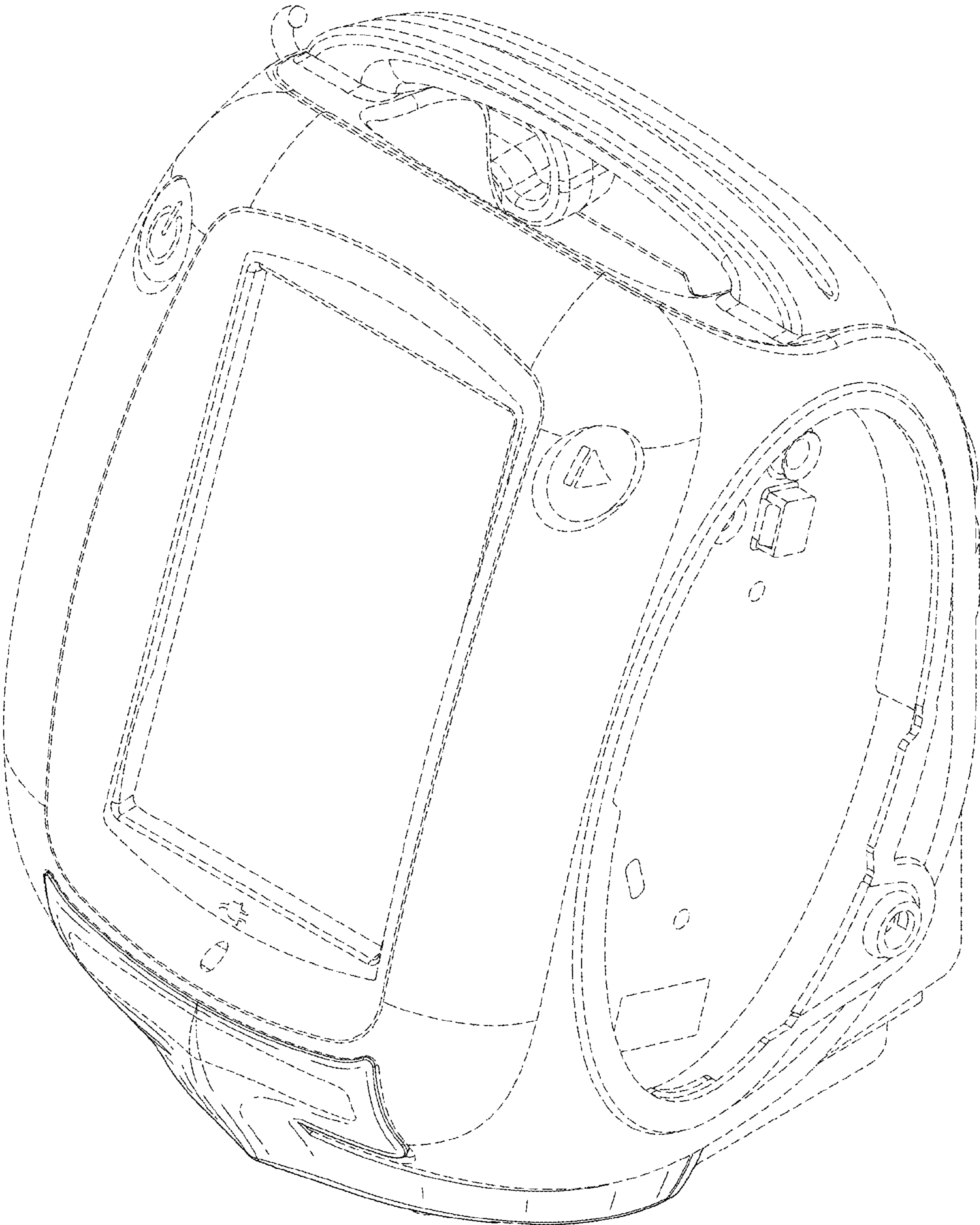


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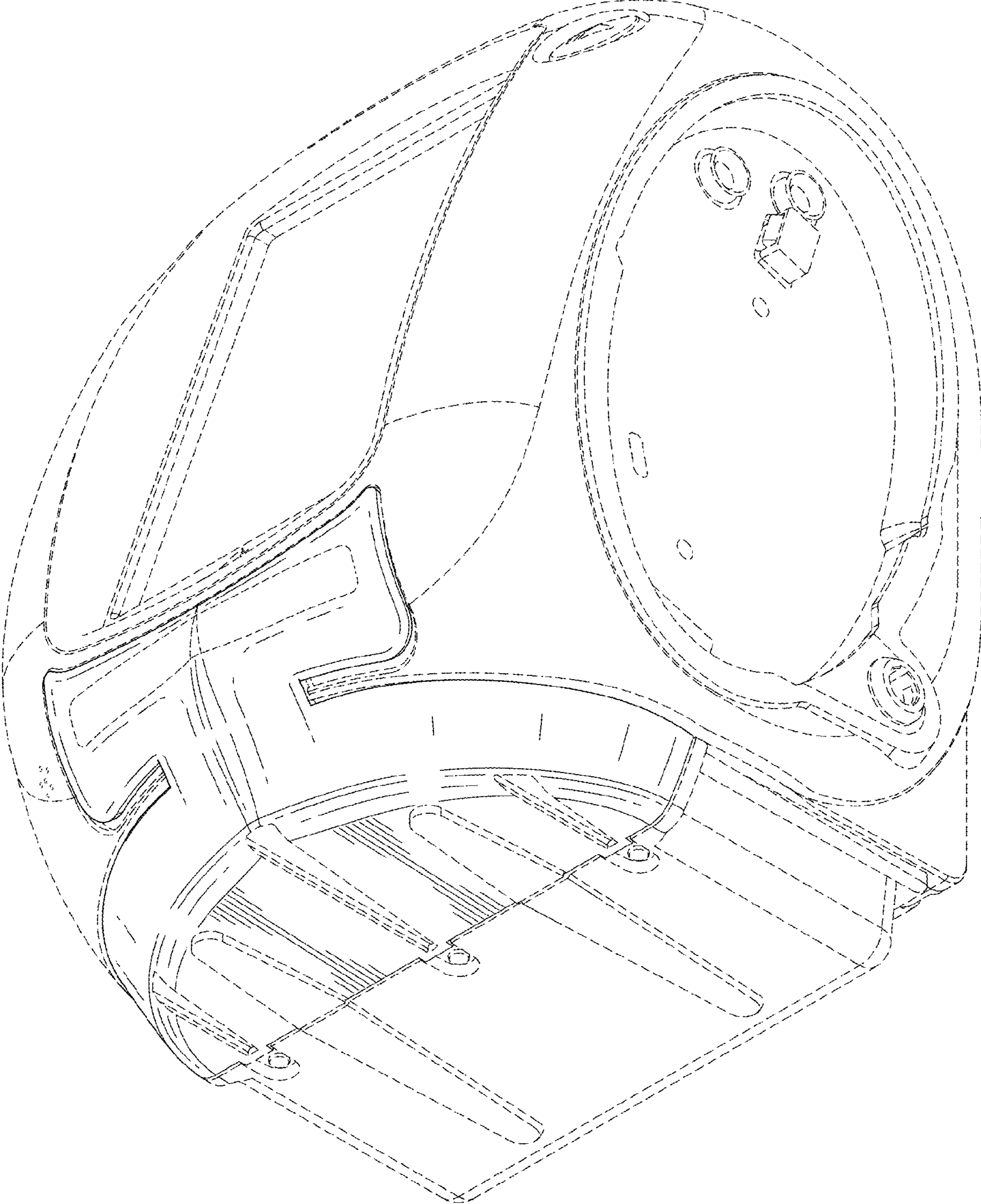


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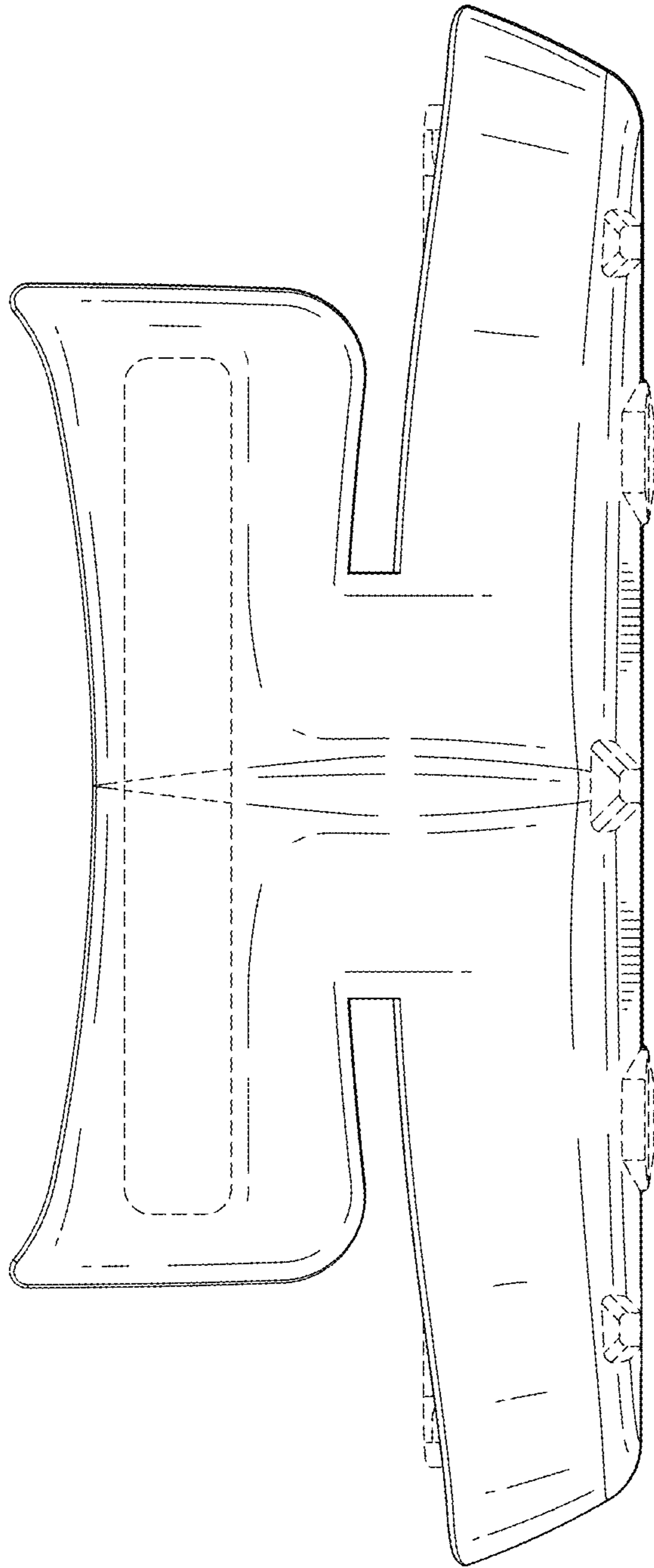


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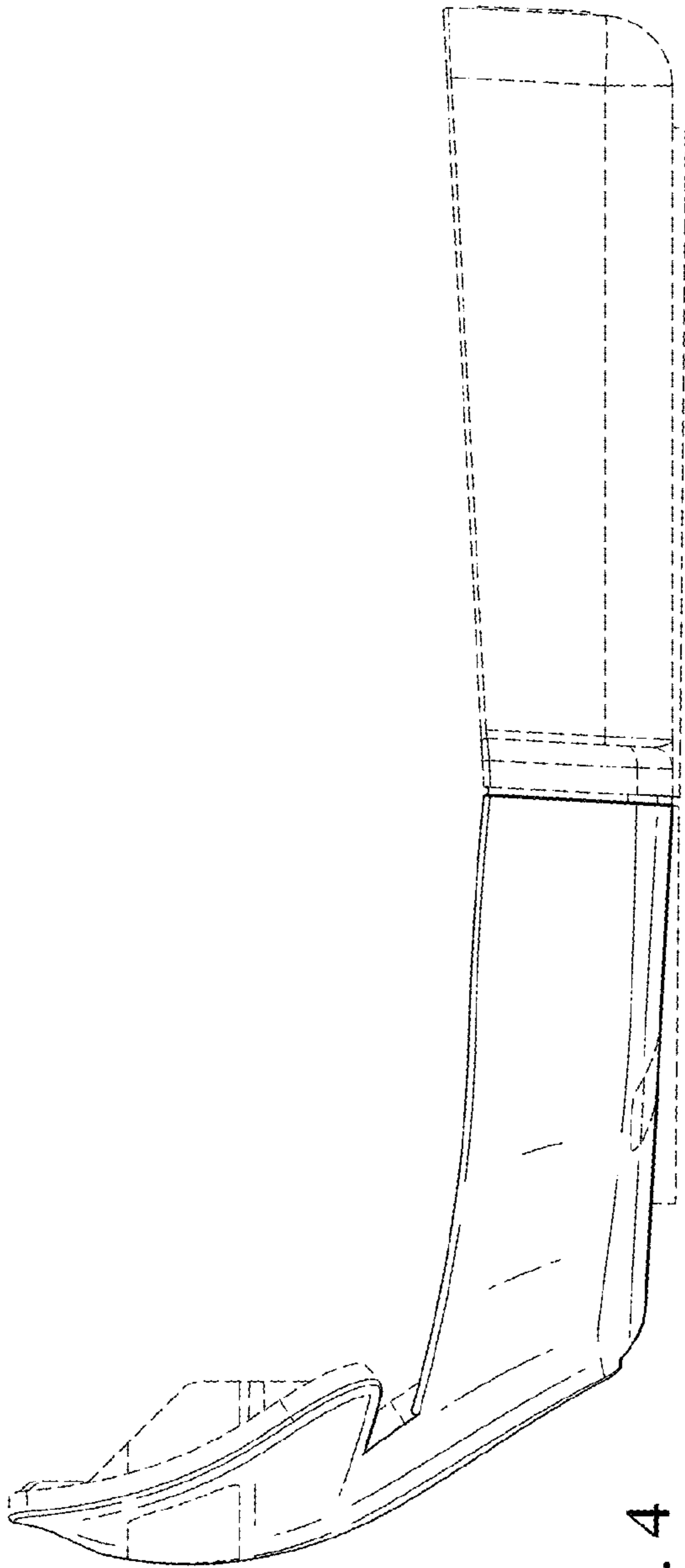


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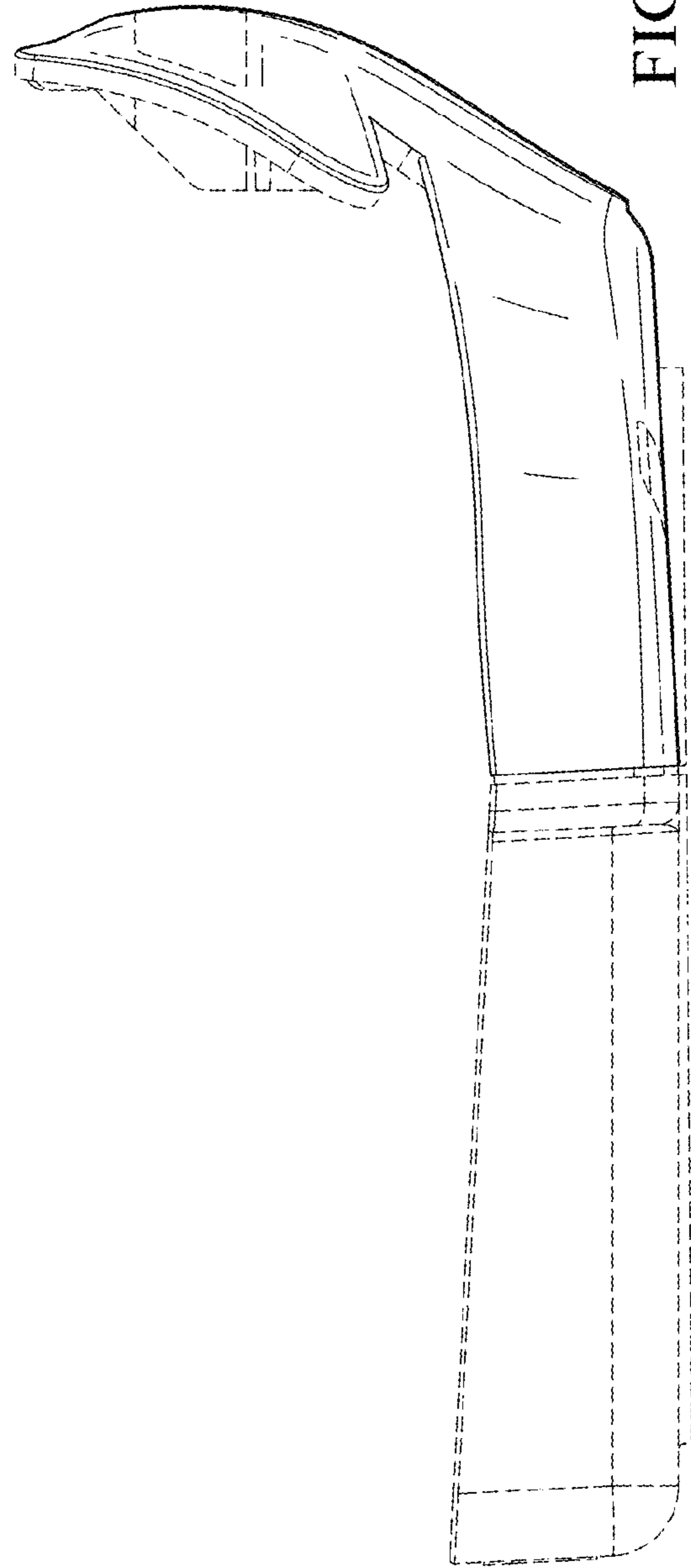


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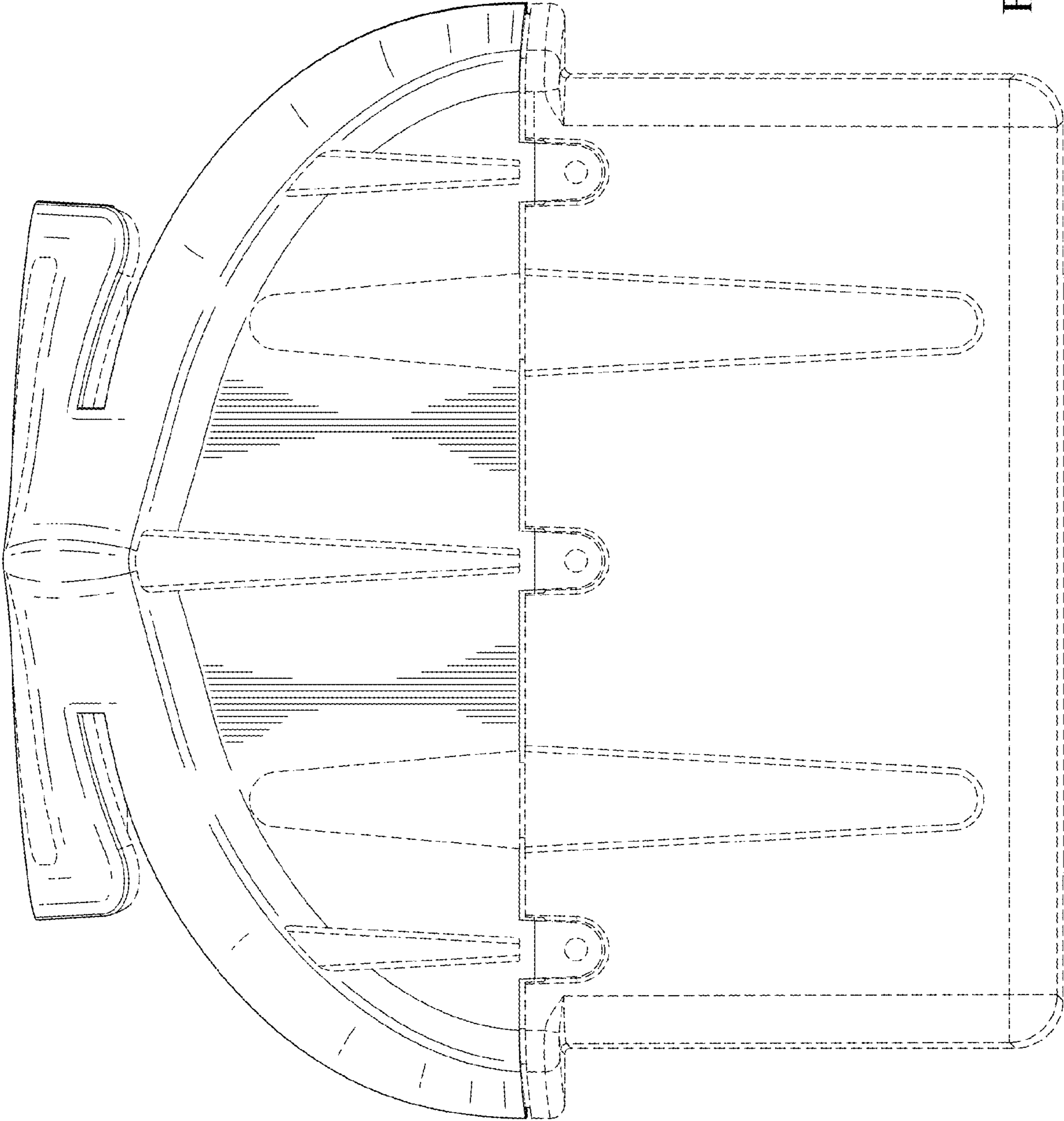


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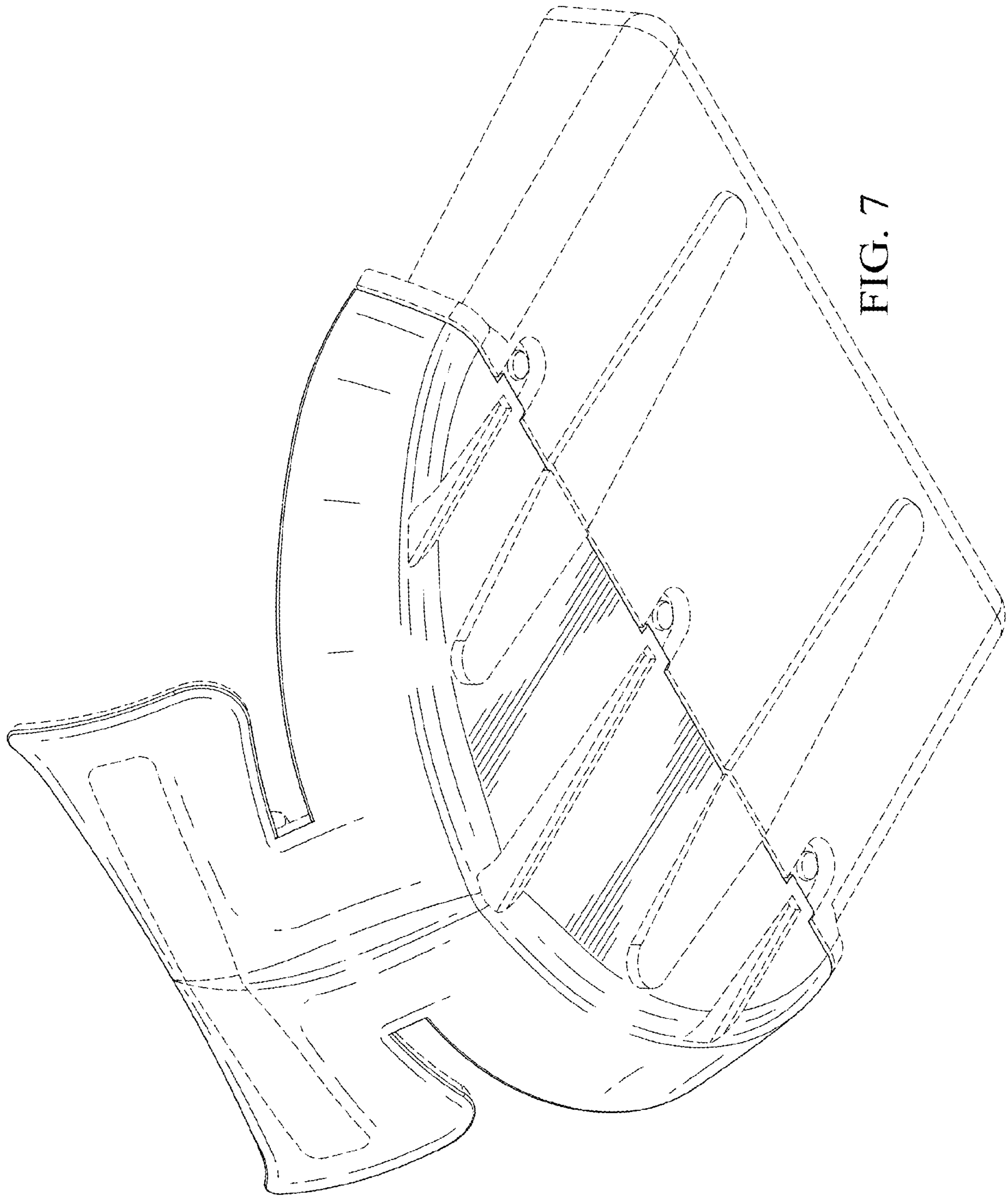


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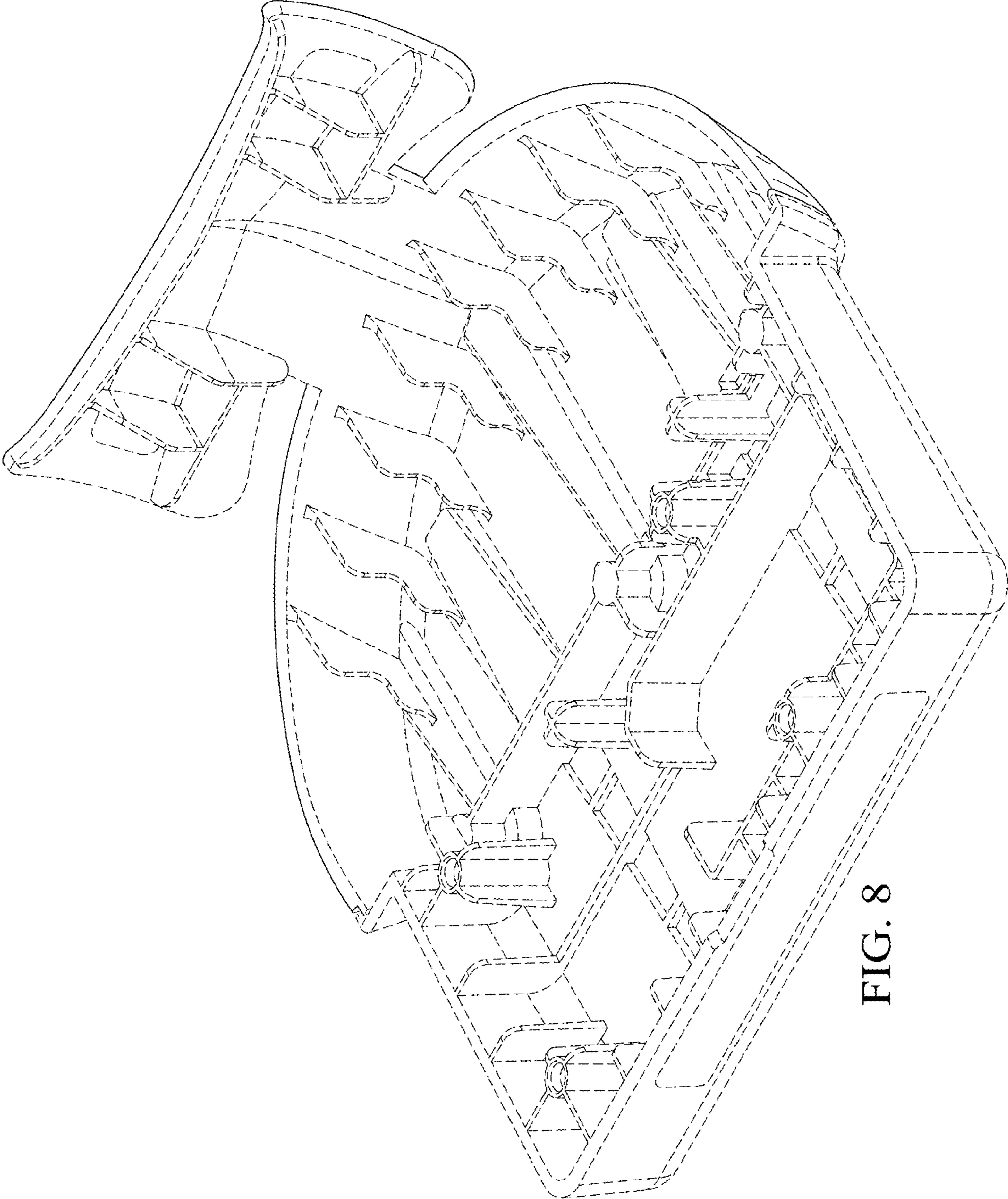


FIG. 8