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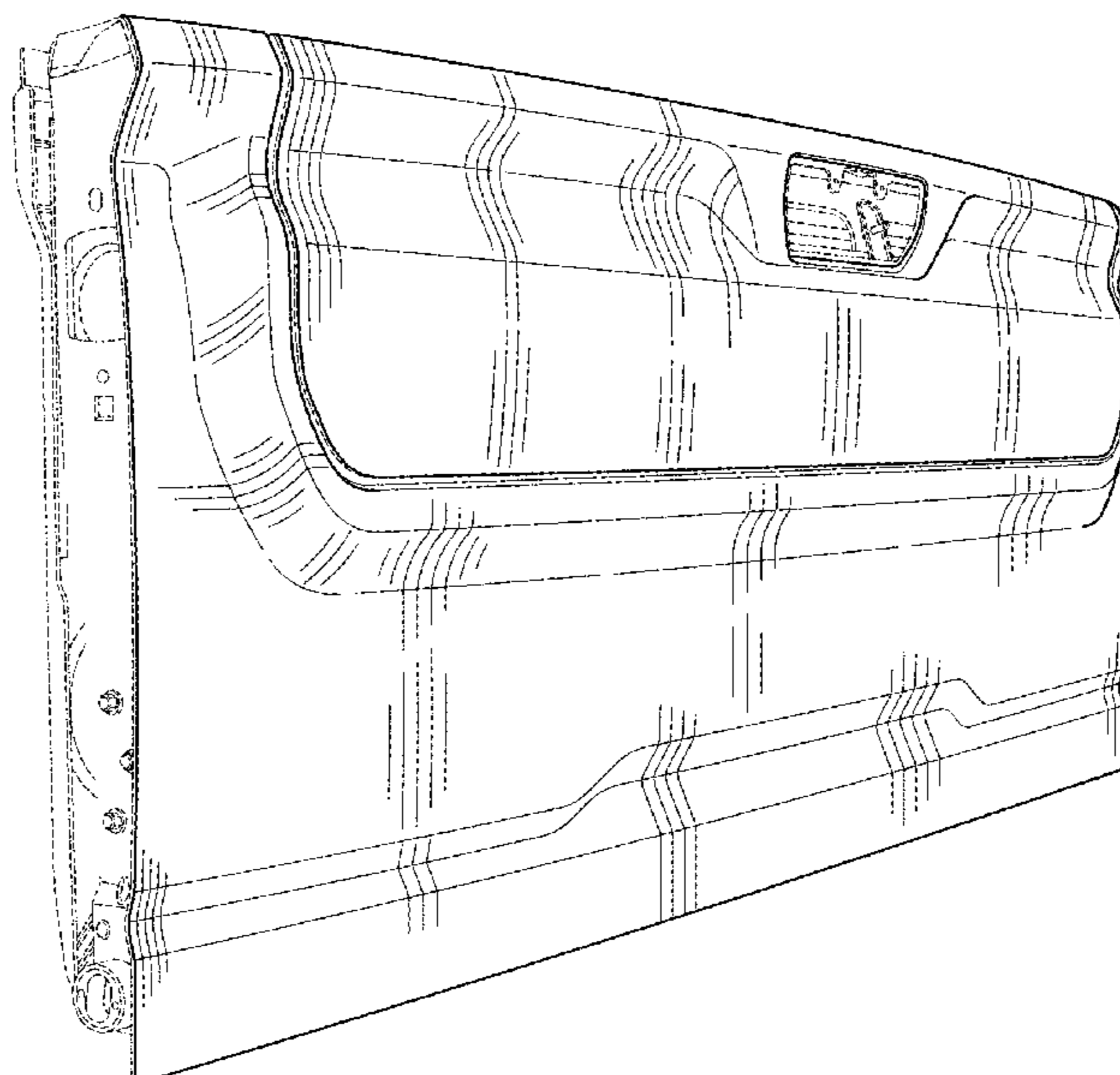
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a vehicle tailgate, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the vehicle tailgate;
FIG. 2 is a front view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a leftside view thereof (the rightside view being a mirror image of the leftside view);
FIG. 4 is a top view thereof; and,
FIG. 5 is a bottom view thereof.
The broken lines in the drawings illustrate portions of the vehicle tailgate that form no part of the claimed design.

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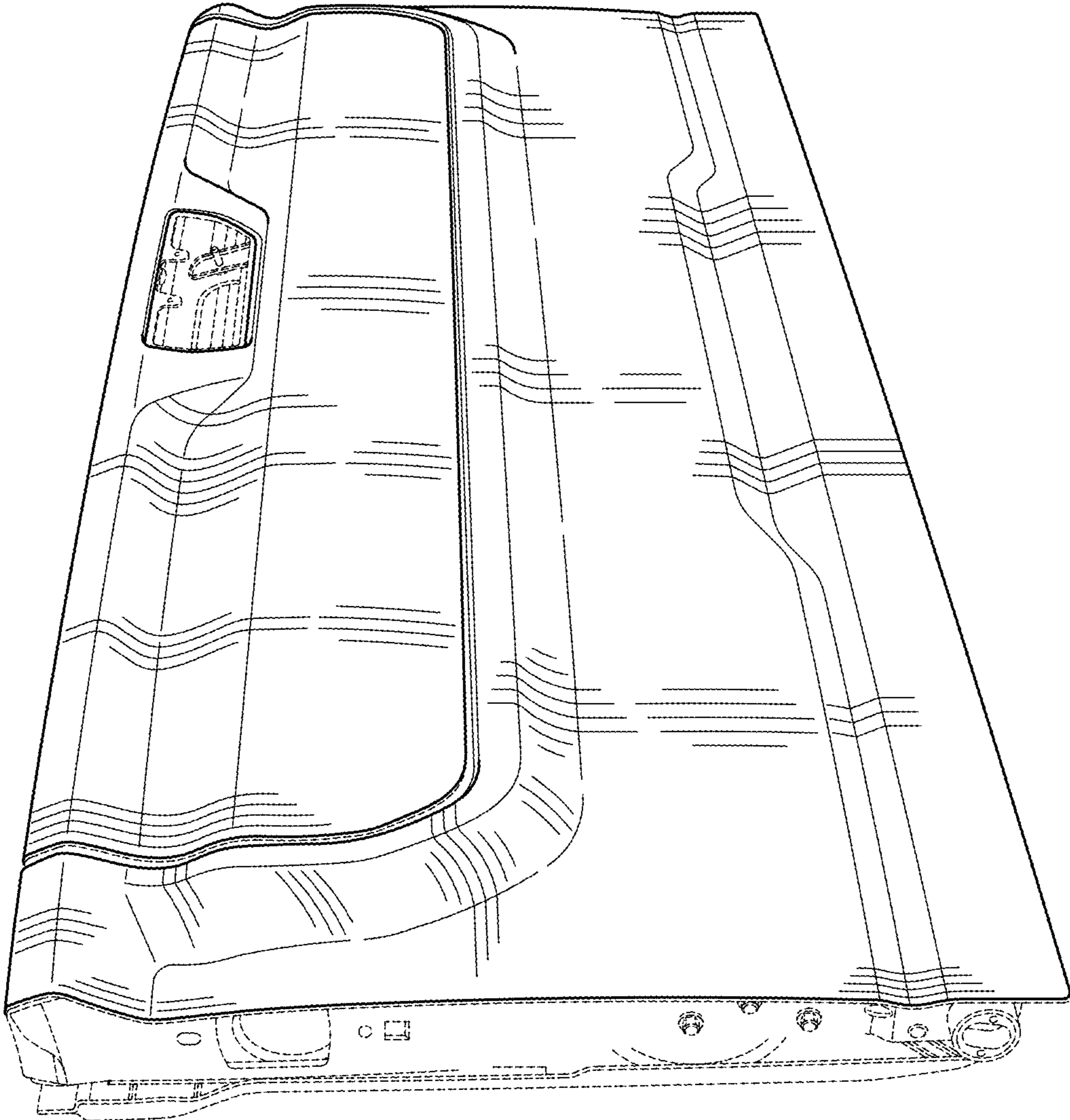


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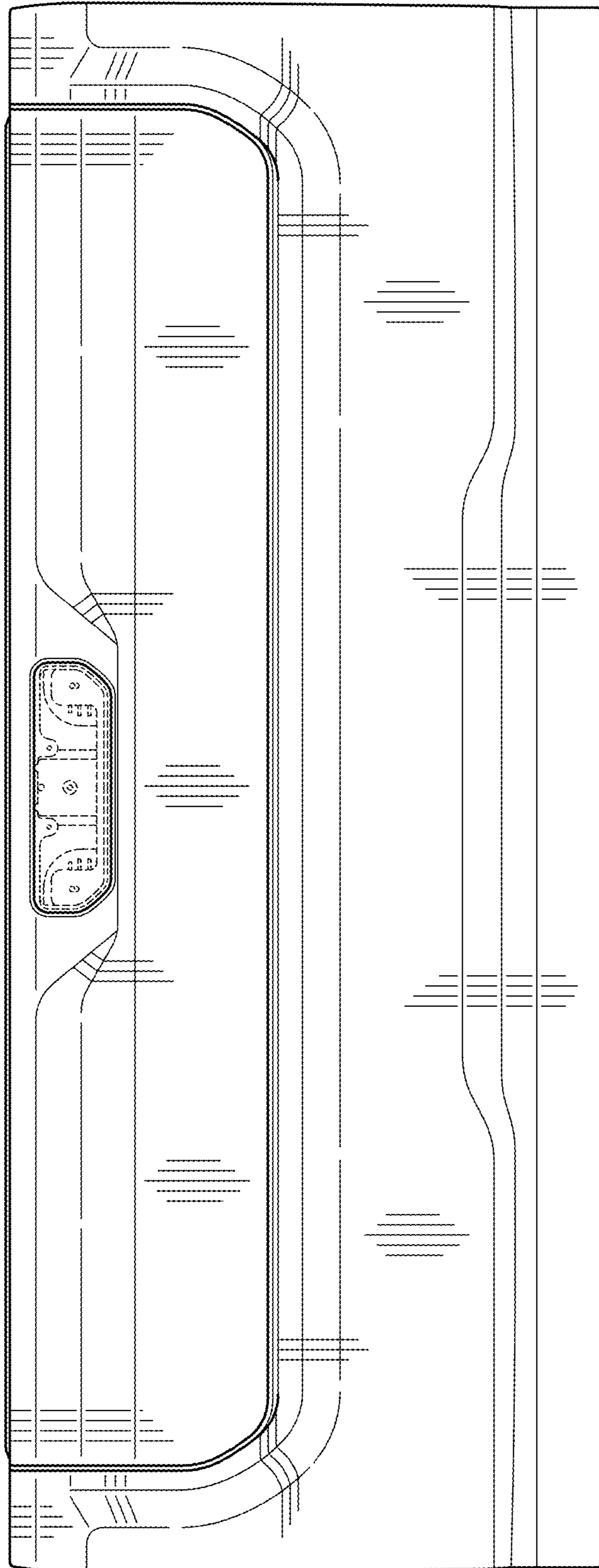


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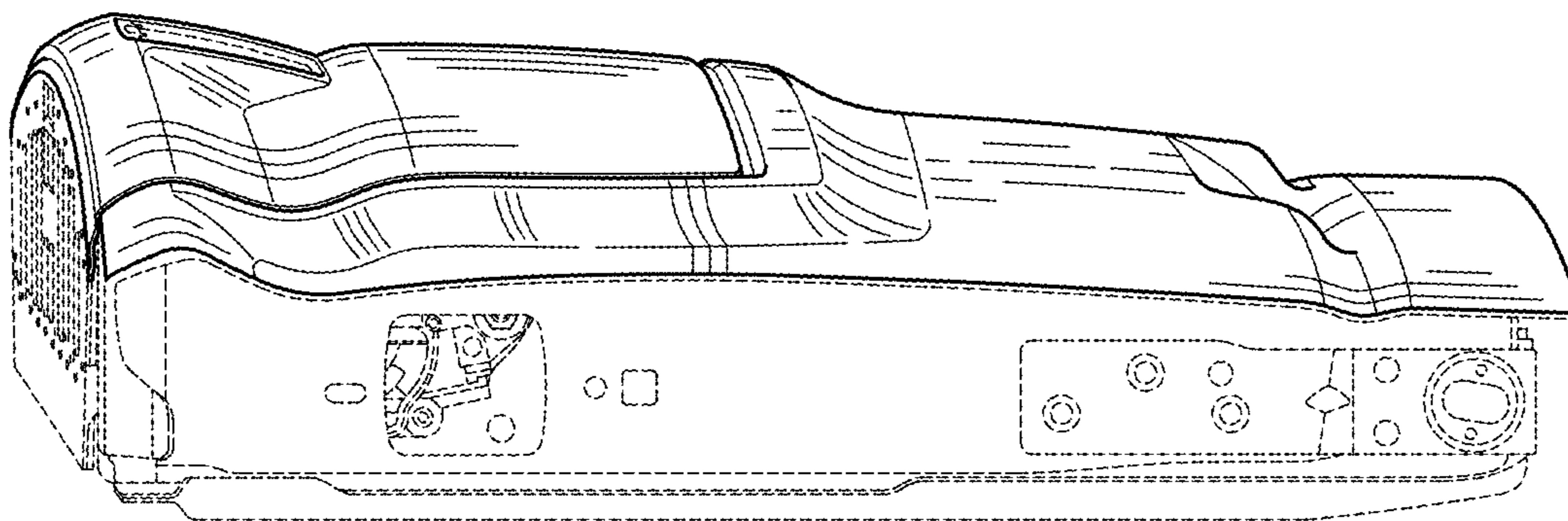


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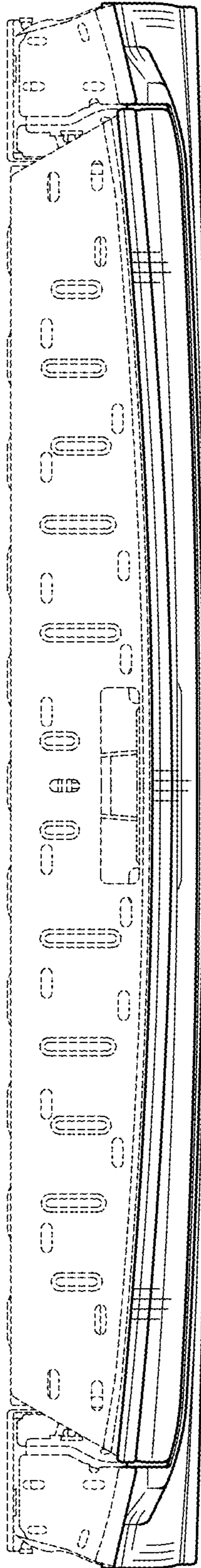


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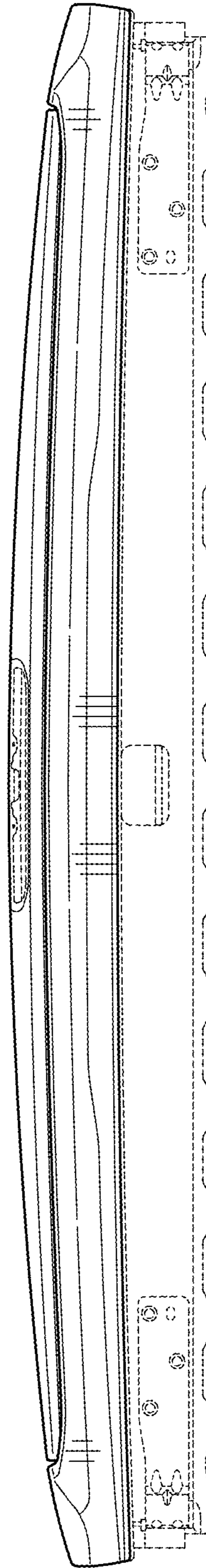


FIG. 5