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(54) **TOWROPE WINCH AND GUIDE FOR A MARINE VESSEL**  
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The ornamental design for a towrope winch and guide for a marine vessel, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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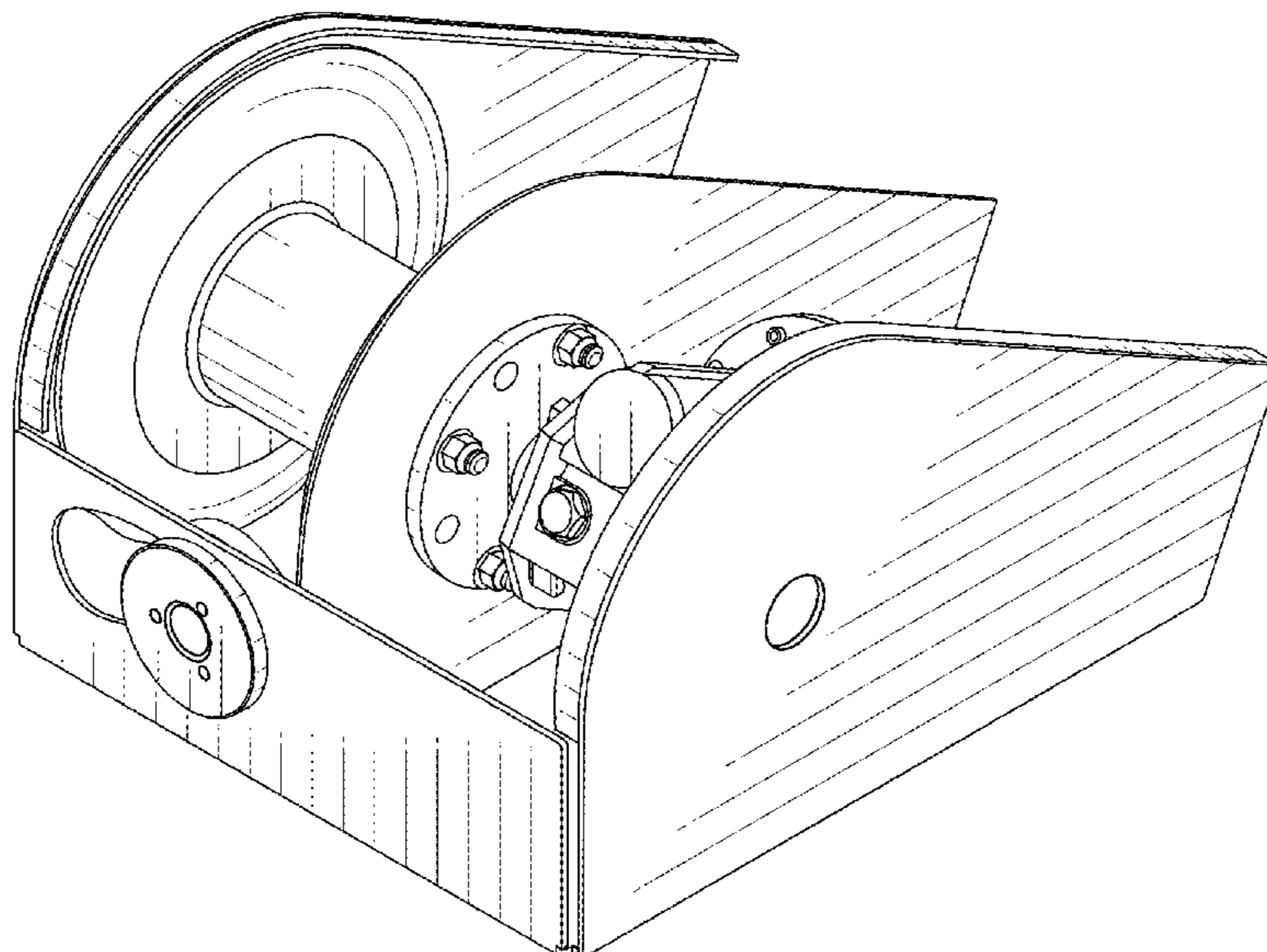
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a towrope winch and guide for a marine vessel, showing my new design;  
FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;  
FIG. 6 is a rear elevational view thereof; and,  
FIG. 7 is a front elevational view thereof.

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The broken lines in FIG. 6 are used to illustrate features of the towrope winch and guide for a marine vessel that form no part of the claimed design.

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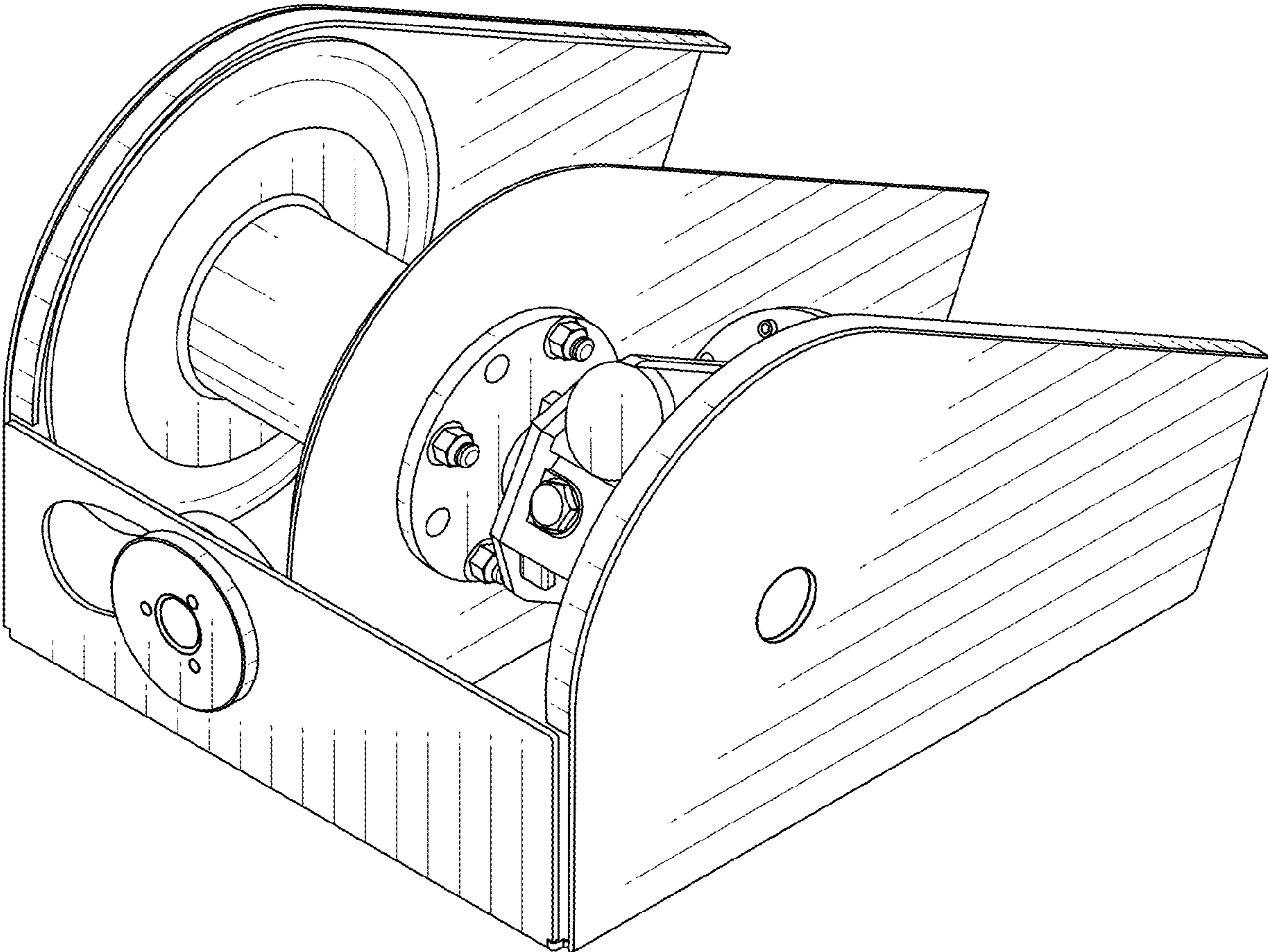


FIG. 1

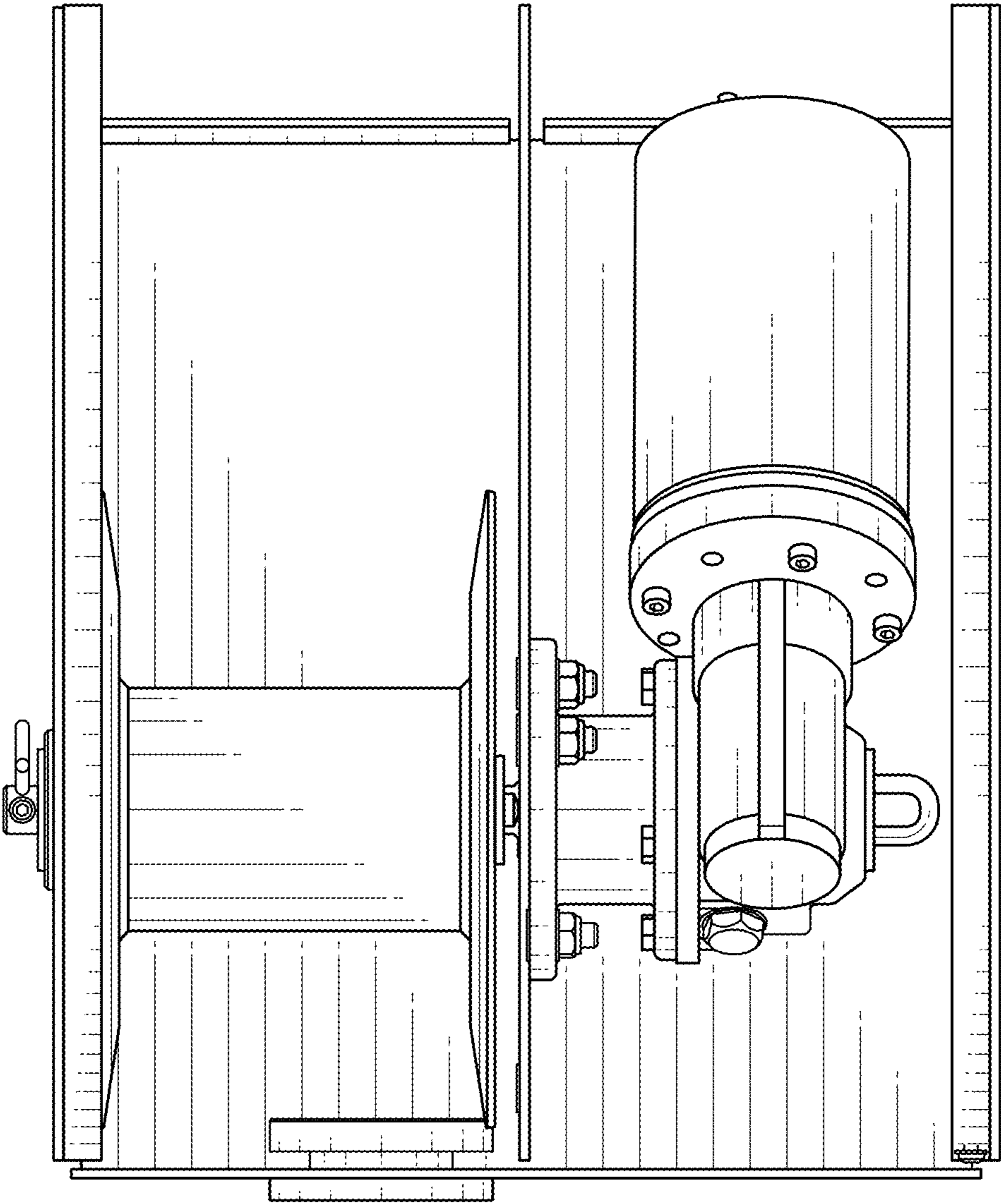


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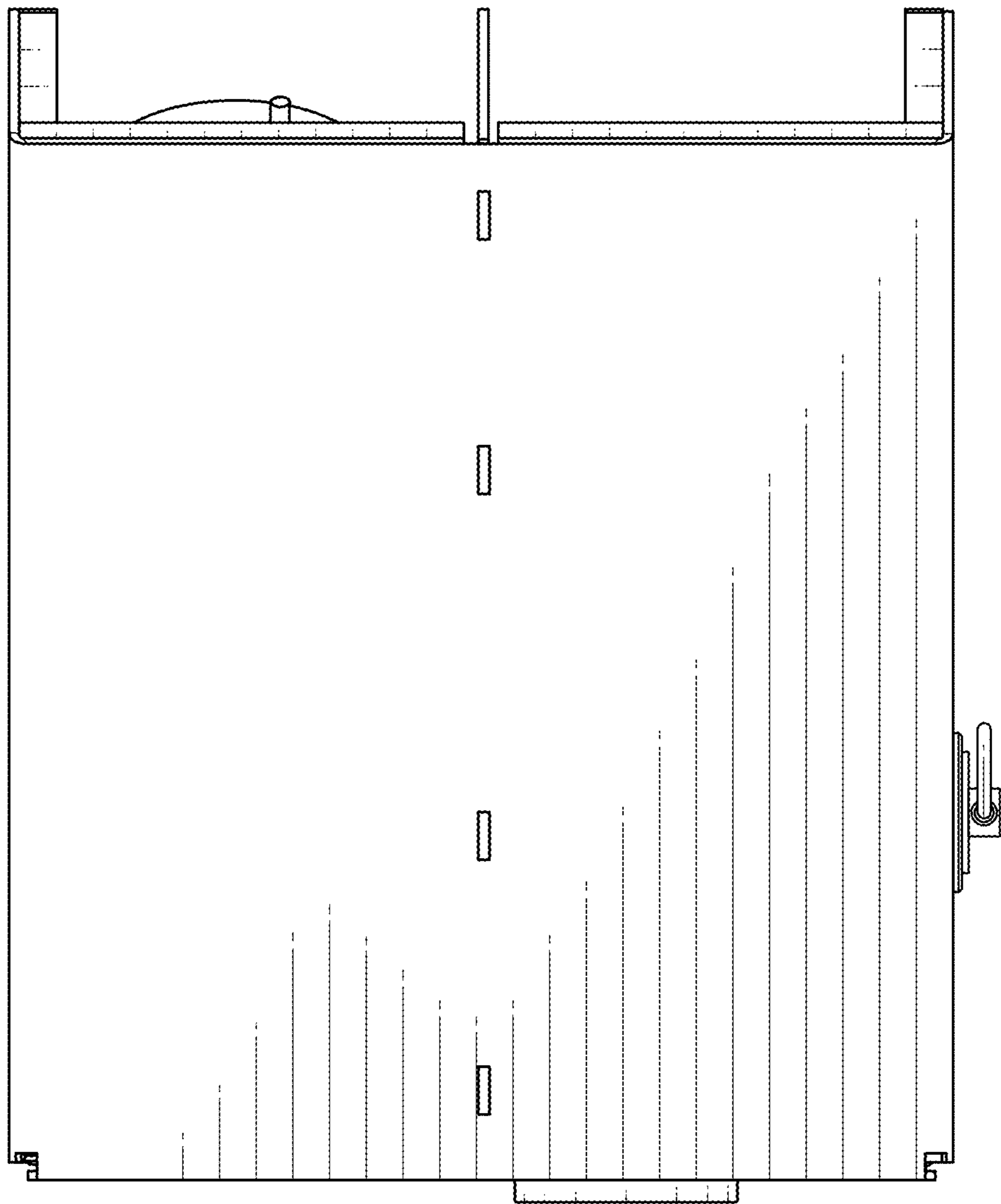


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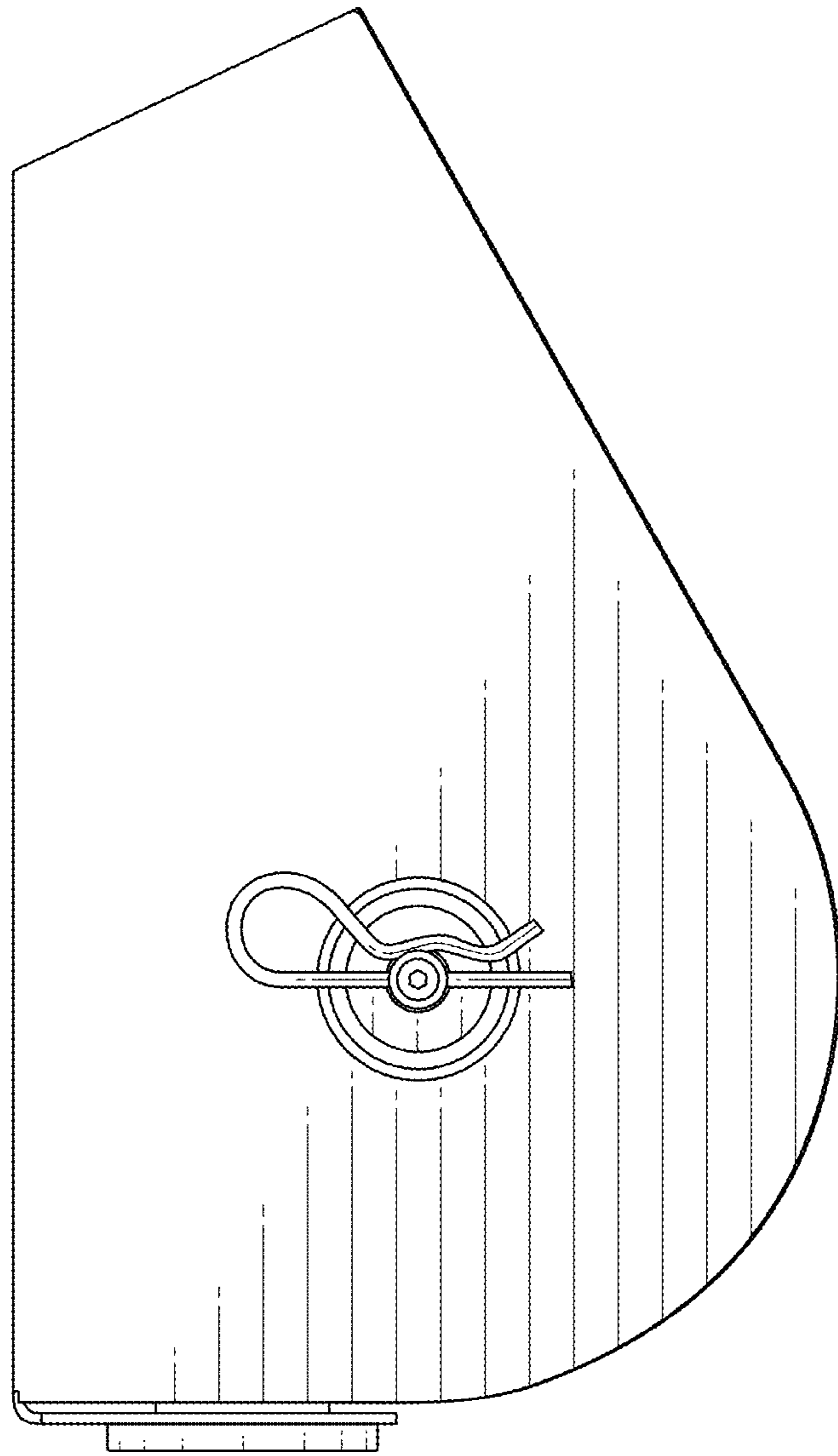


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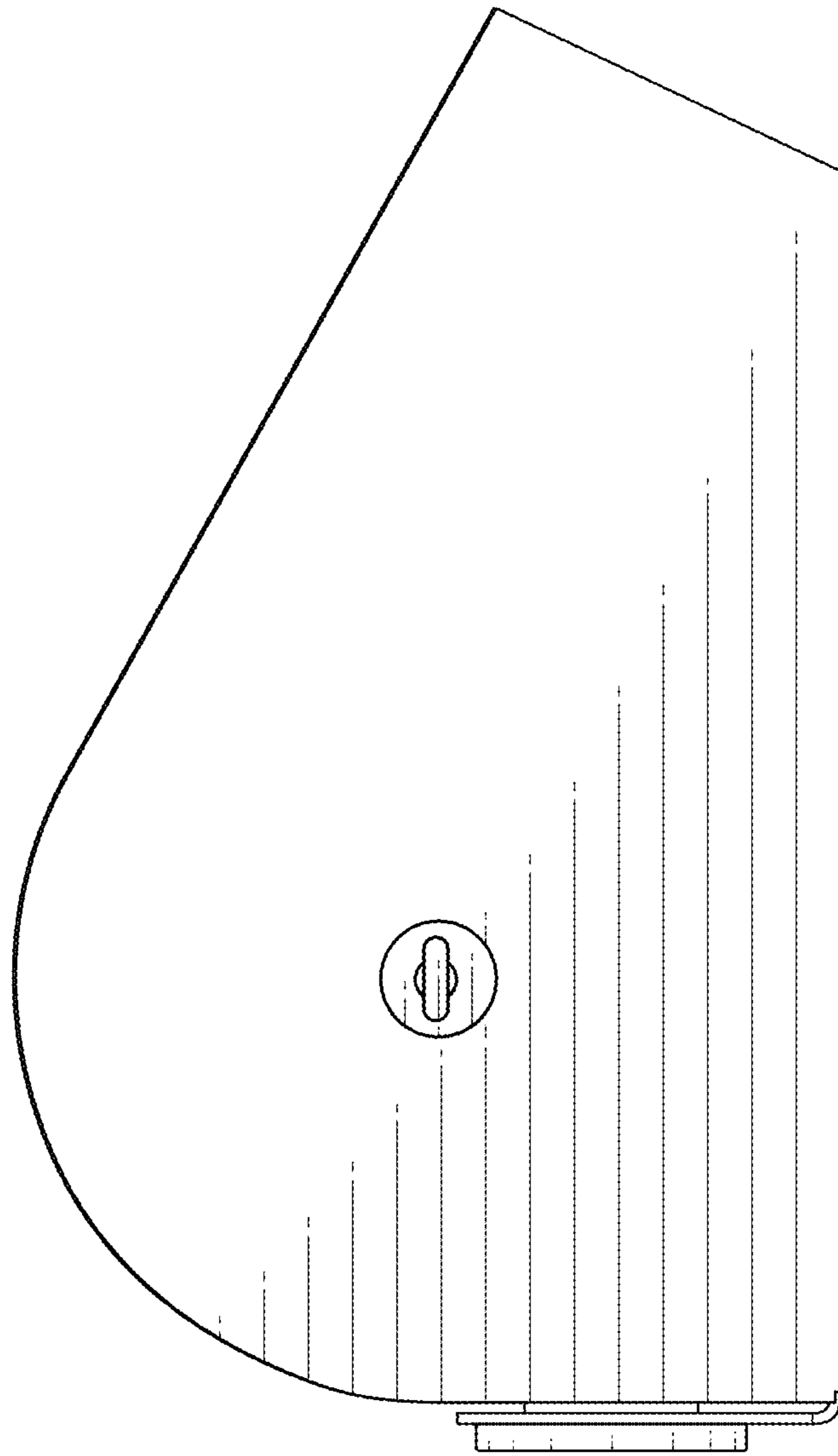


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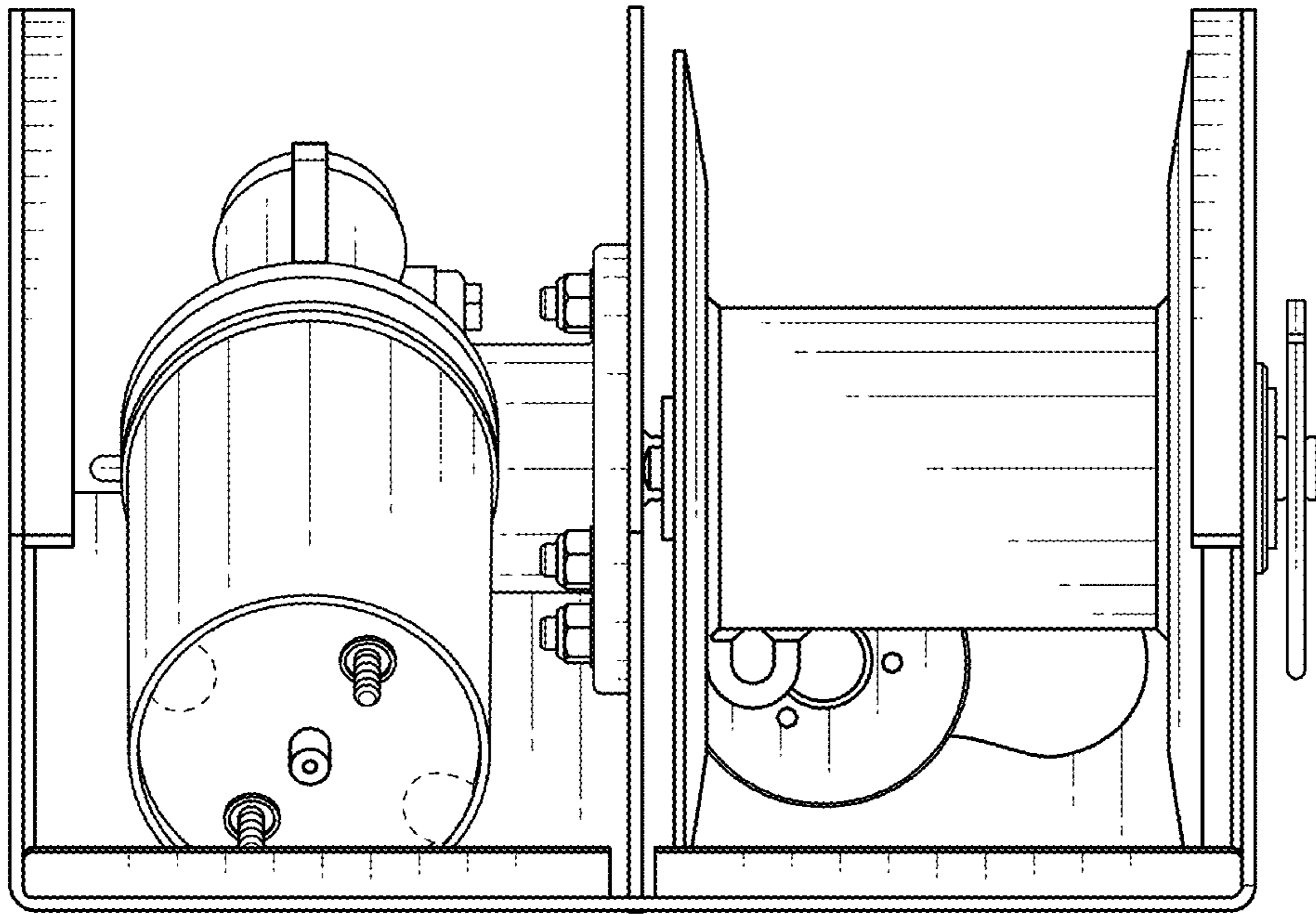


FIG. 6

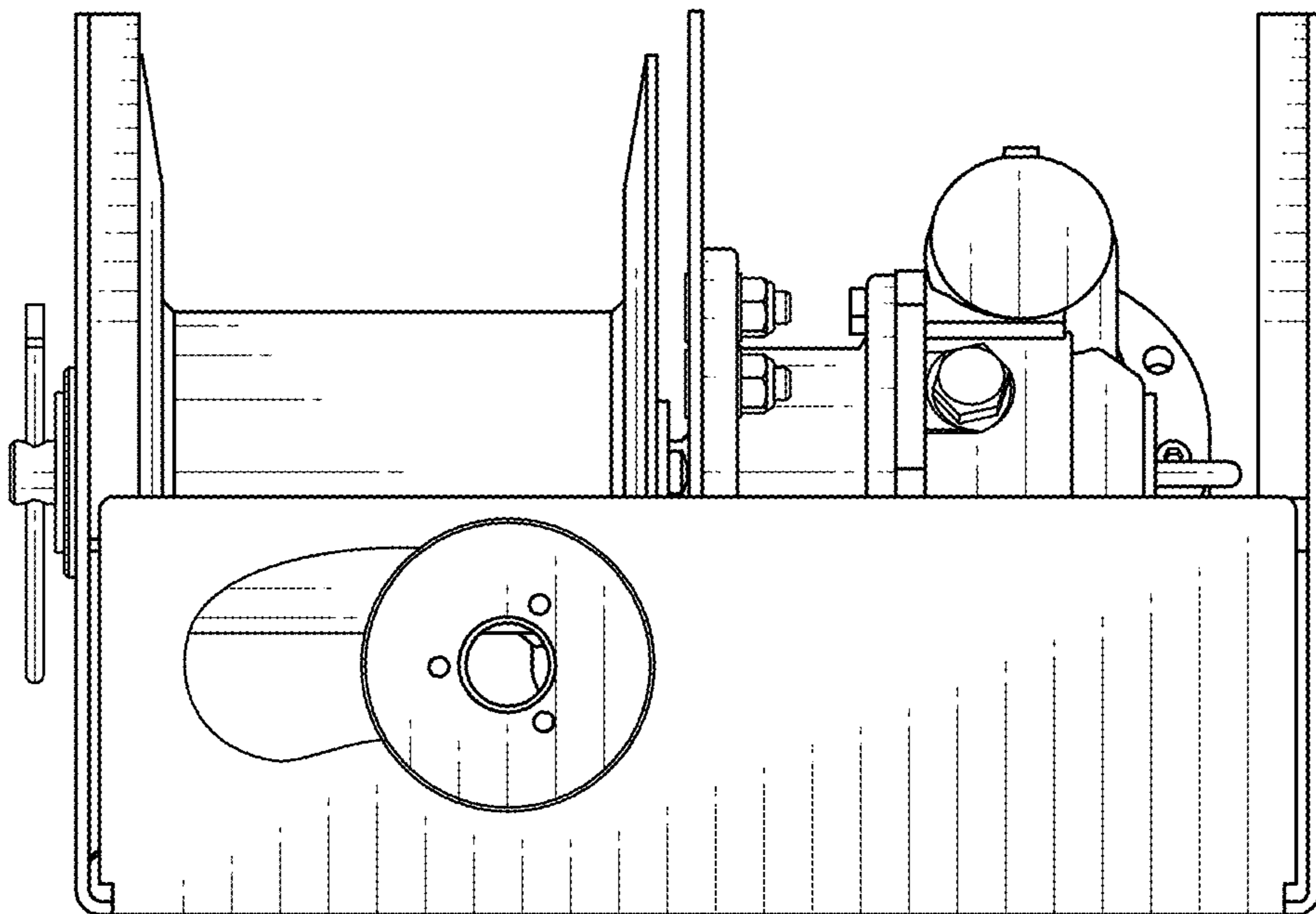


FIG. 7