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(54) **HOUSING MODULE FOR AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

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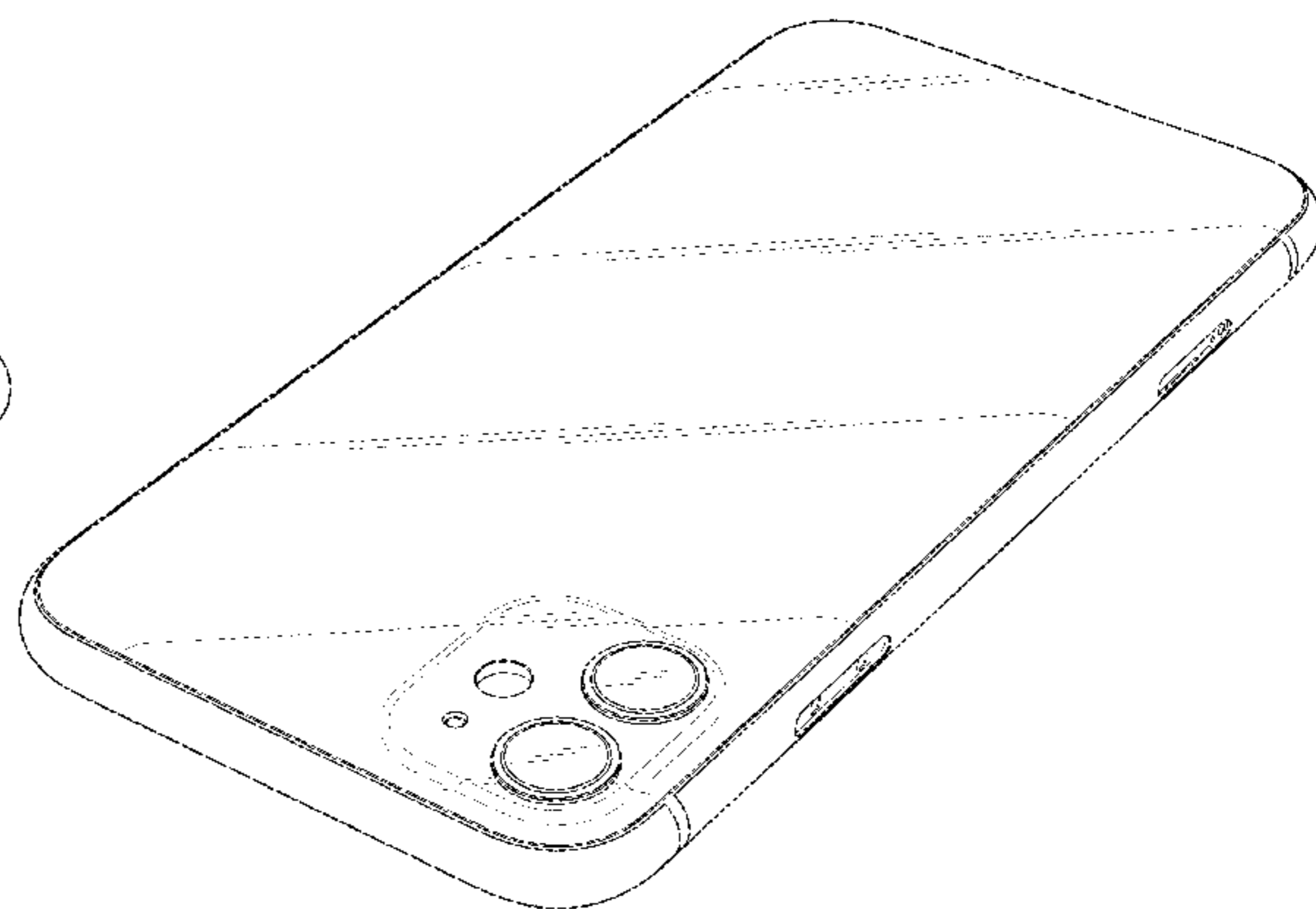
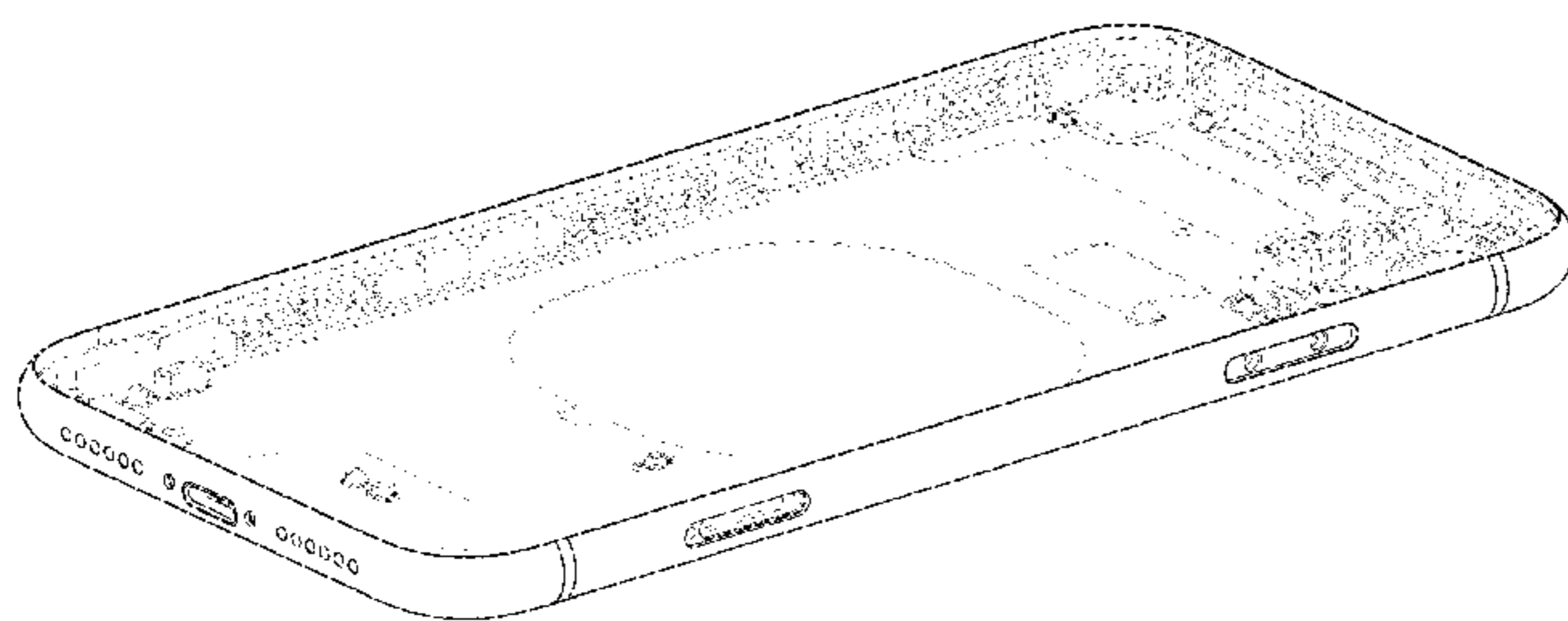
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(57) CLAIM

The ornamental design for a housing module for an electronic device, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a bottom front perspective view of a housing module for an electronic device showing the claimed design; FIG. 2 is a top rear perspective view thereof; FIG. 3 is a front view thereof; FIG. 4 is a rear view thereof; FIG. 5 is a left side view thereof; FIG. 6 is a right side view thereof; FIG. 7 is a top view thereof; and, FIG. 8 is a bottom view thereof.

The broken lines in the figures show portions of the housing module for an electronic device that form no part of the claimed design.

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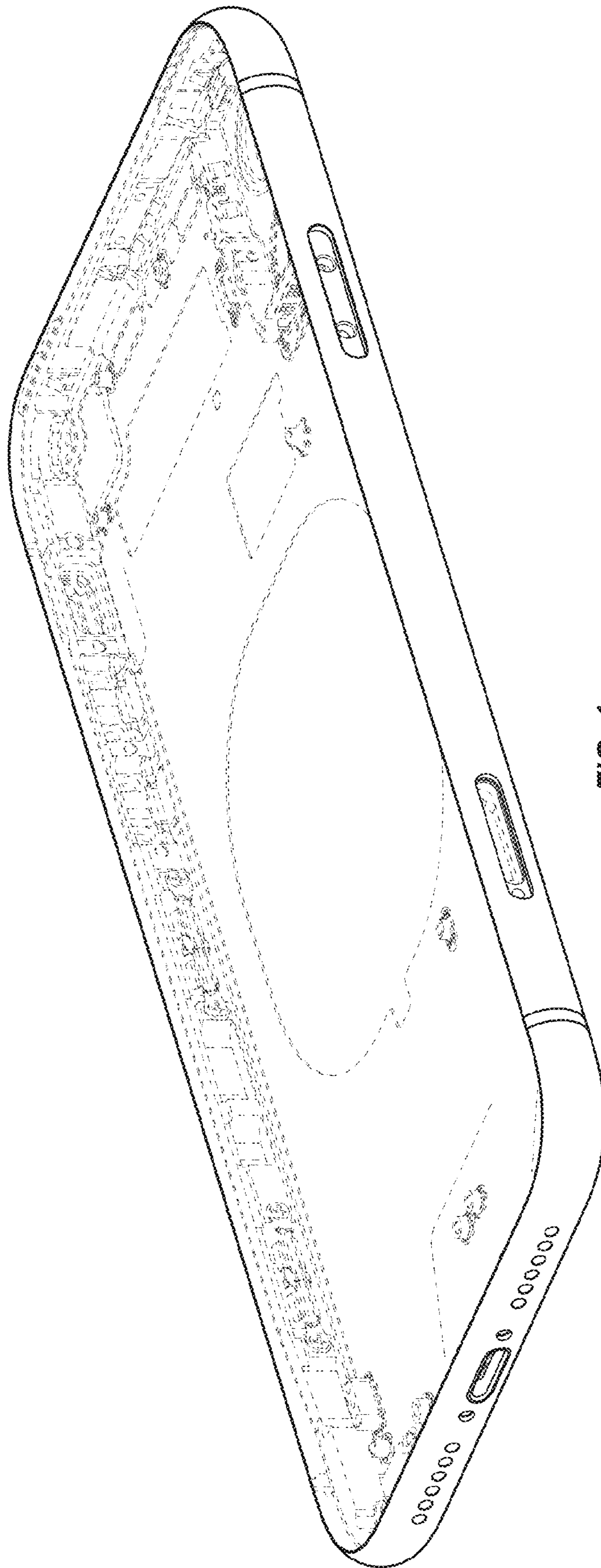


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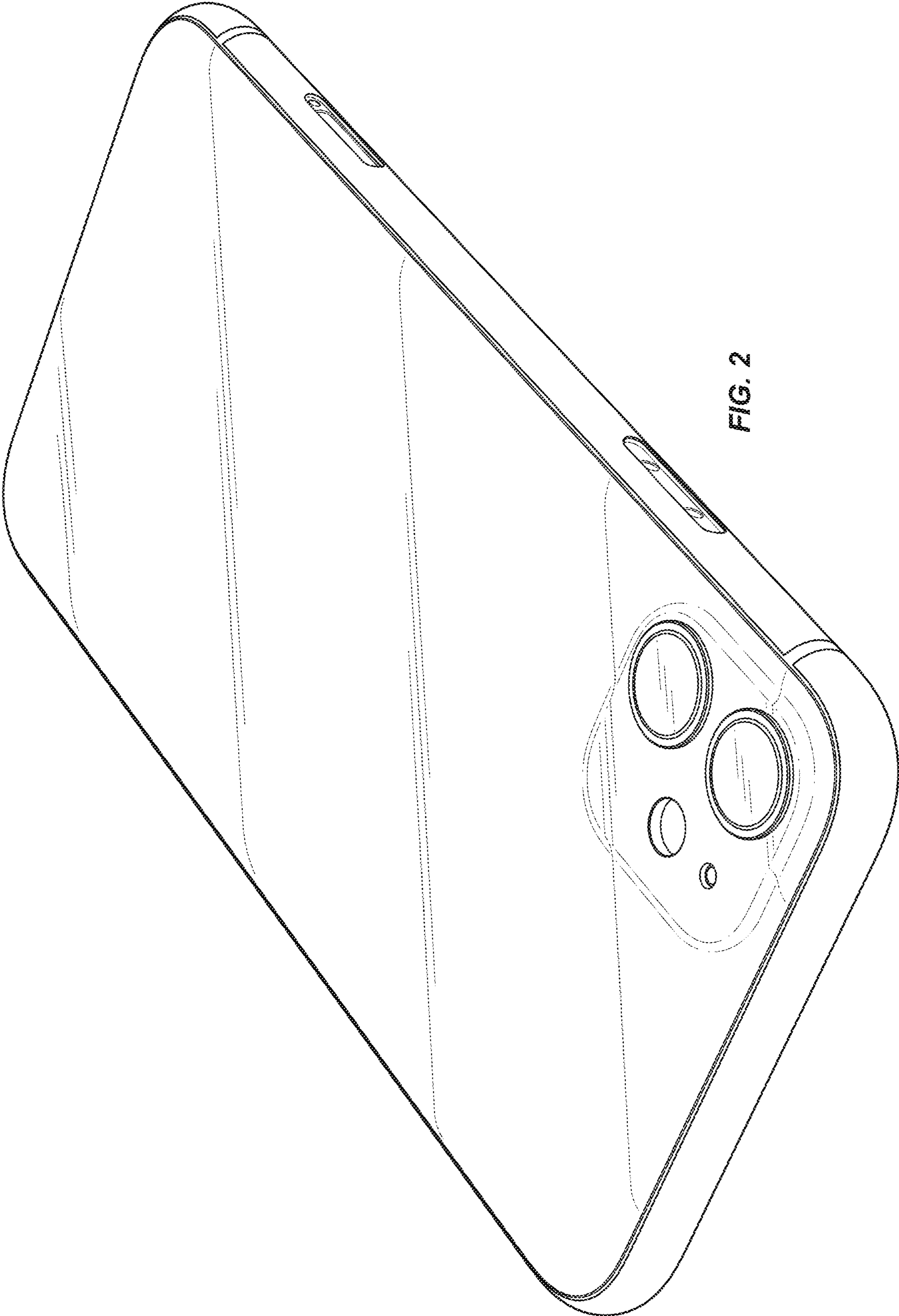


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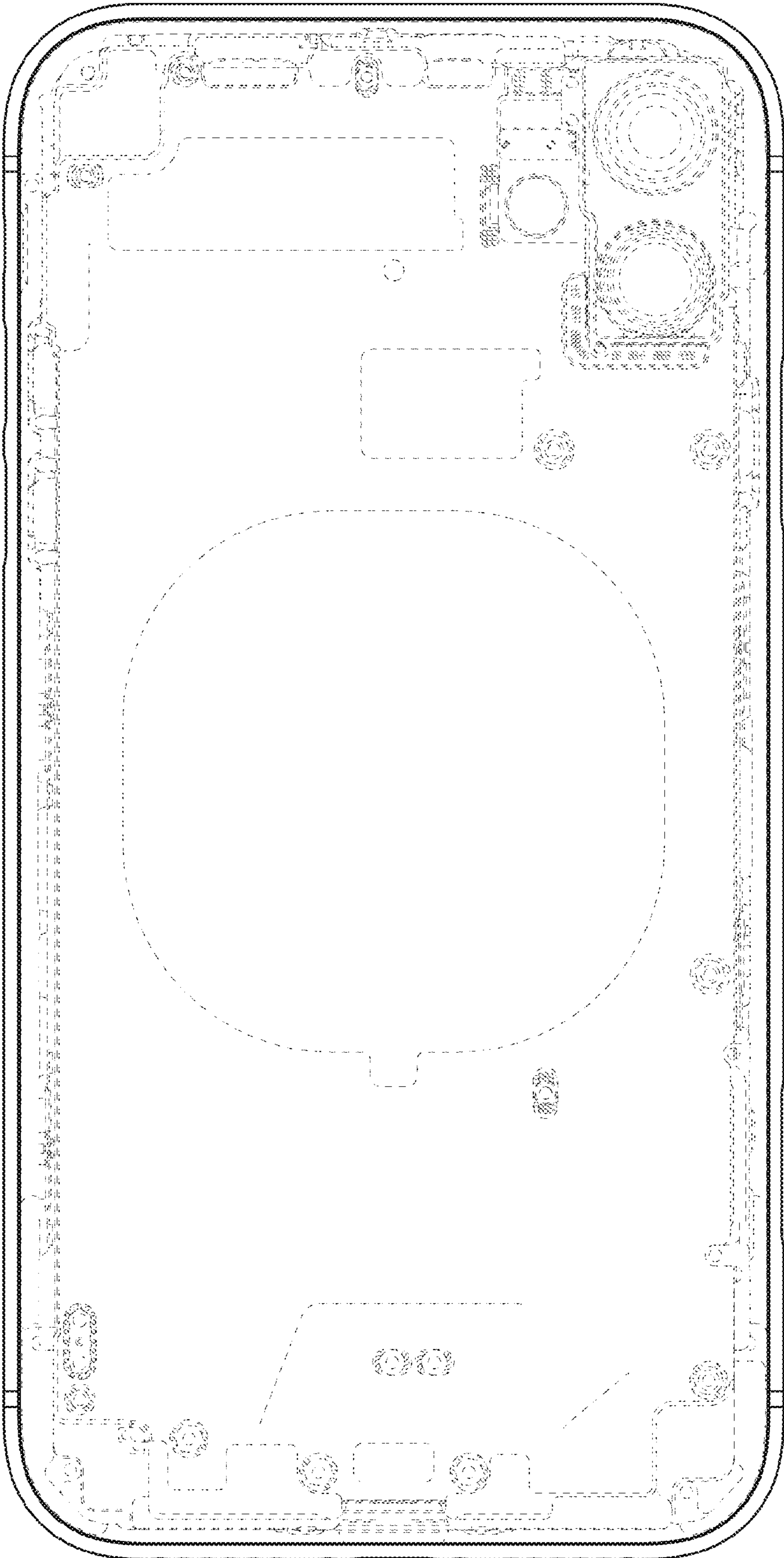


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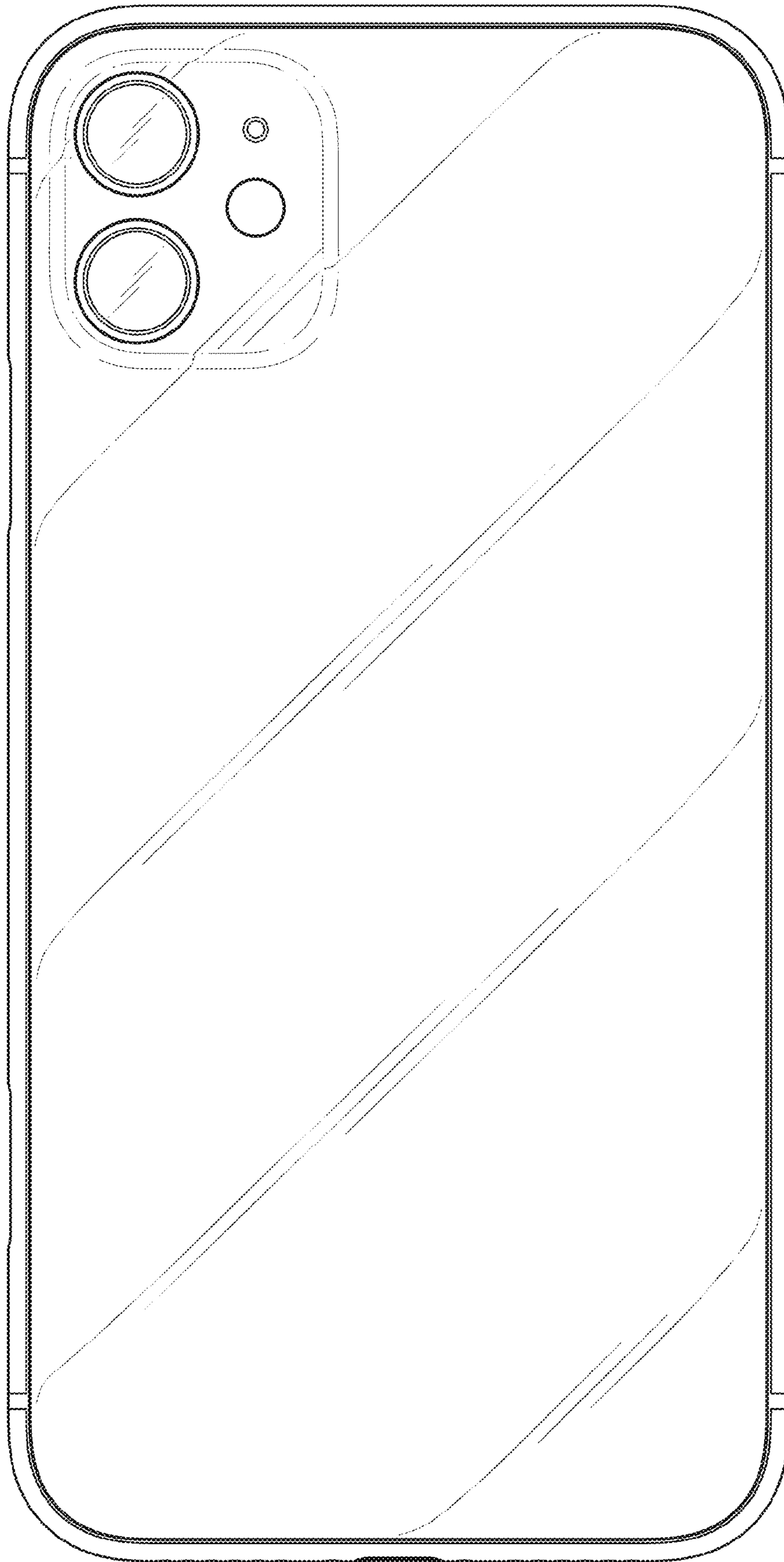


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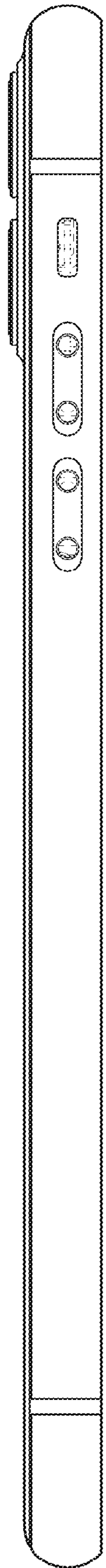


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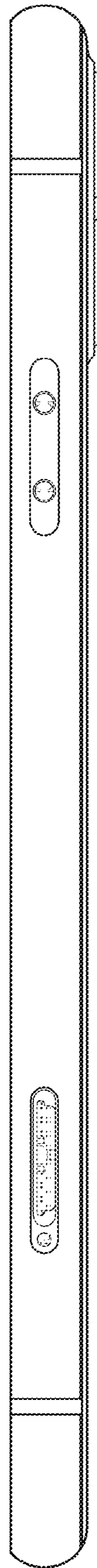


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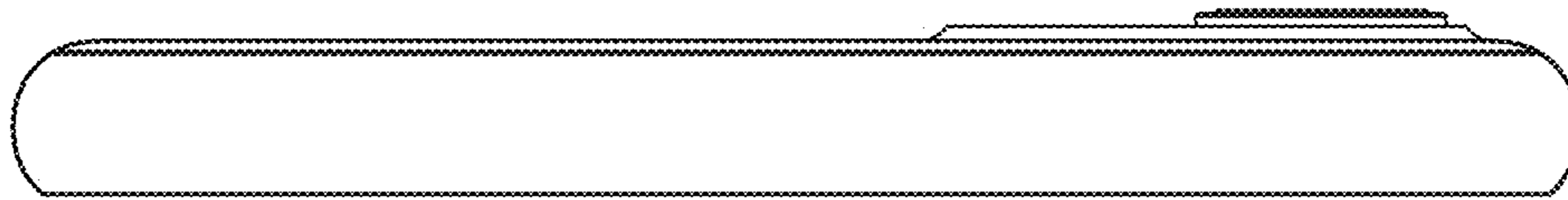


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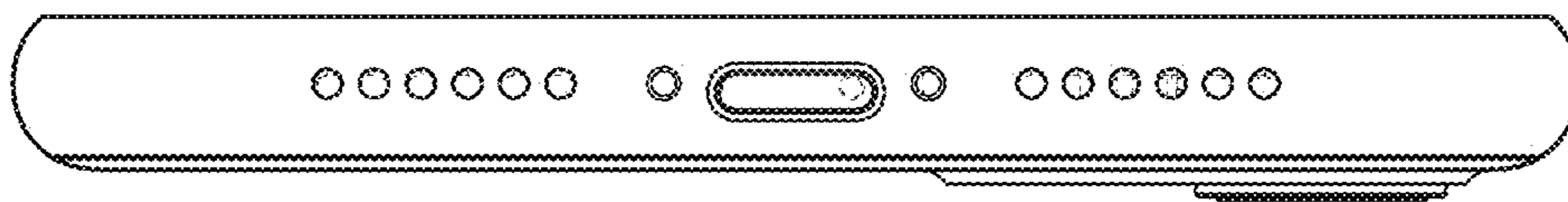


FIG. 8