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(54) **TIRE TREAD WEAR INDICATOR**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a tire tread wear indicator, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of a tire tread wear indicator showing our design.

FIG. **2** is a fragmentary front elevational view thereof, from the boxed area in FIG. **1**.

FIG. **3** is an enlarged fragmentary front elevational view thereof from the boxed area in FIG. **2**.

FIG. **4** is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view thereof, and includes a line and an arrow along A-A; and,

FIG. **5** is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A from FIG. **4** thereof. The cross-sectional view taken in the opposite direction of the direction of line A-A is a mirror image.

The tire tread wear indicator is used for determining the wear of a tire and roughly resembles an eye, pupil and eyebrow (visible from FIG. **4**). As the tire wears, and as evident from the relative depths of FIG. **5**, the opening resembling the eye (visible from FIG. **4**) disappears, leaving behind the openings resembling the pupil and eyebrow (visible from FIG. **4**). And, after further wear, then the opening resembling the pupil (visible from FIG. **4**) disappears, leaving behind the opening resembling the eyebrow (visible from FIG. **4**). The opening resembling the eyebrow (visible from FIG. **4**) is substantially the same depth. In the drawings, the broken lines showing of a tire depict environmental subject matter and form no part of the claimed design. The line A-A and related arrows depict the cross-sectional view forms no part of the design.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets

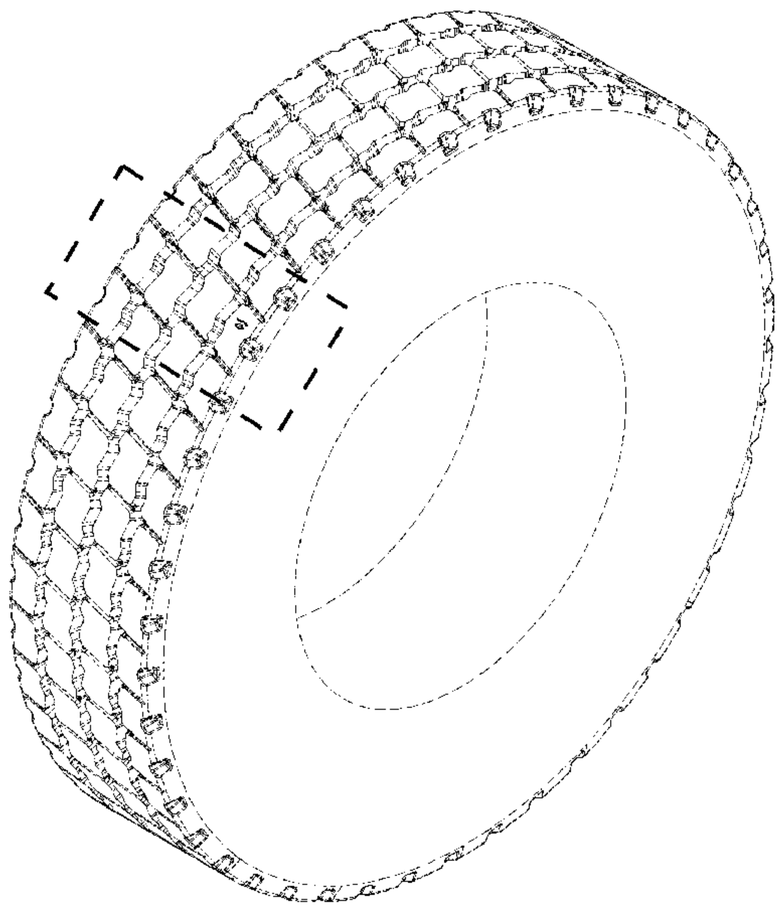

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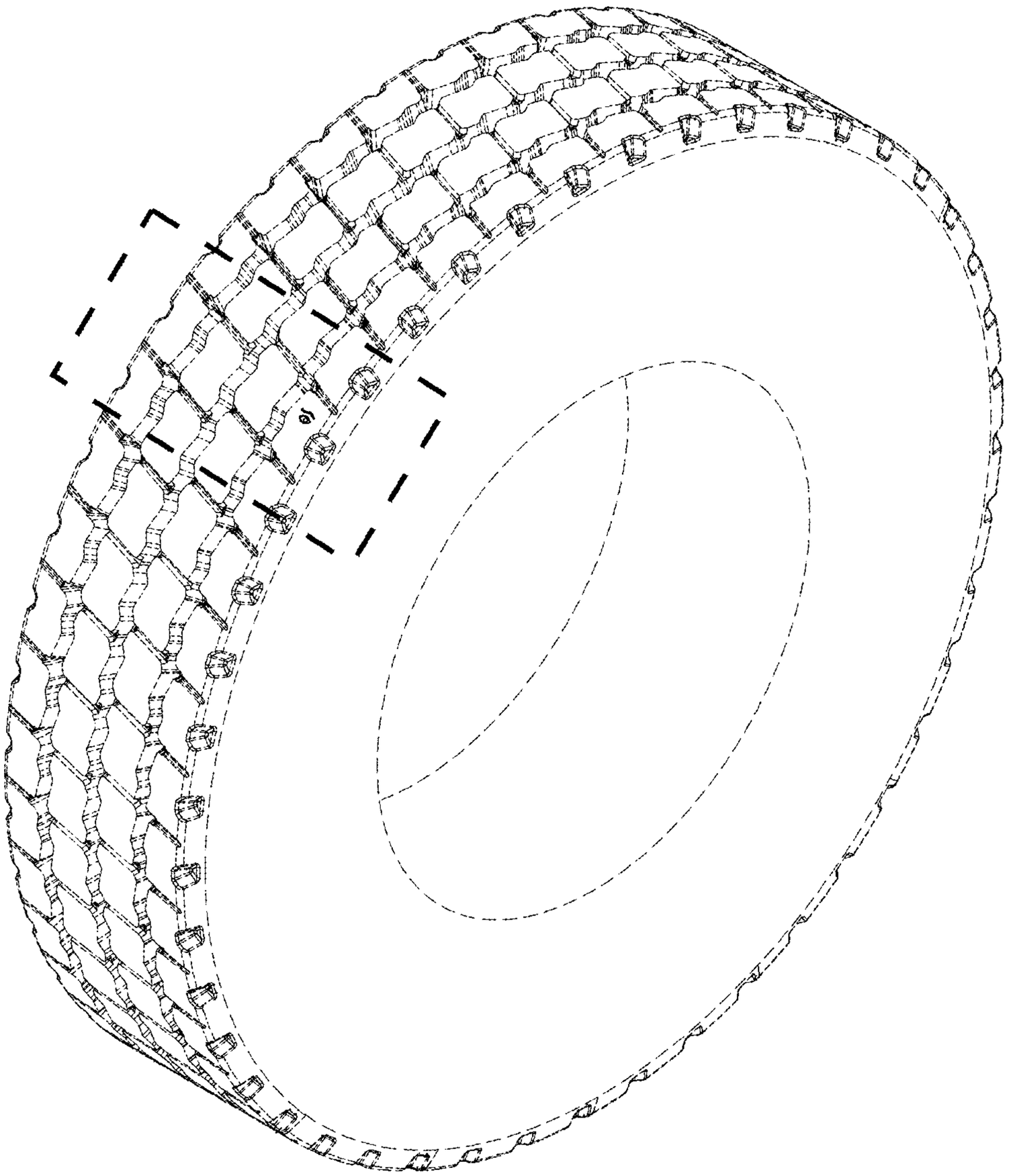
FIG. 1



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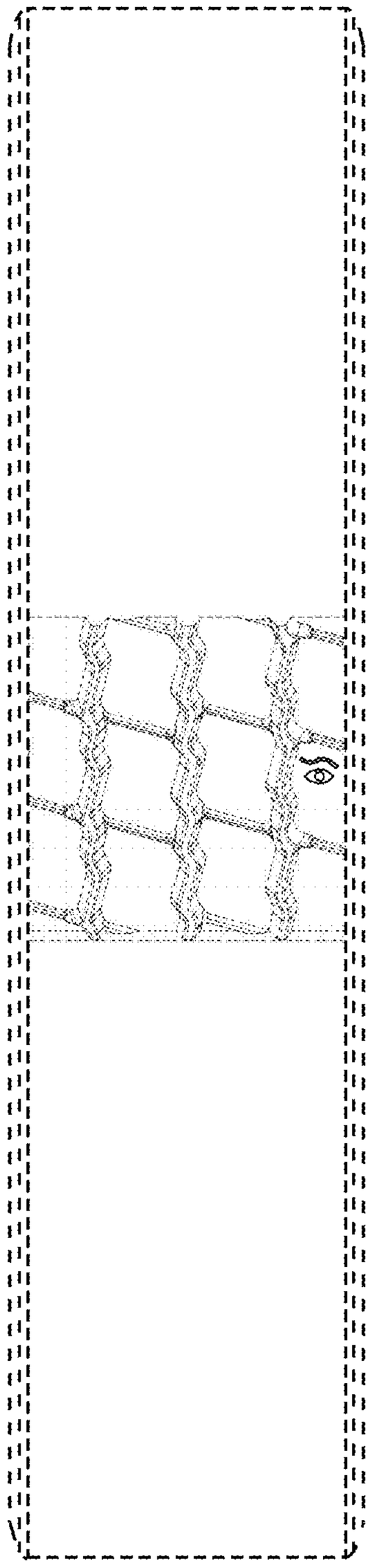

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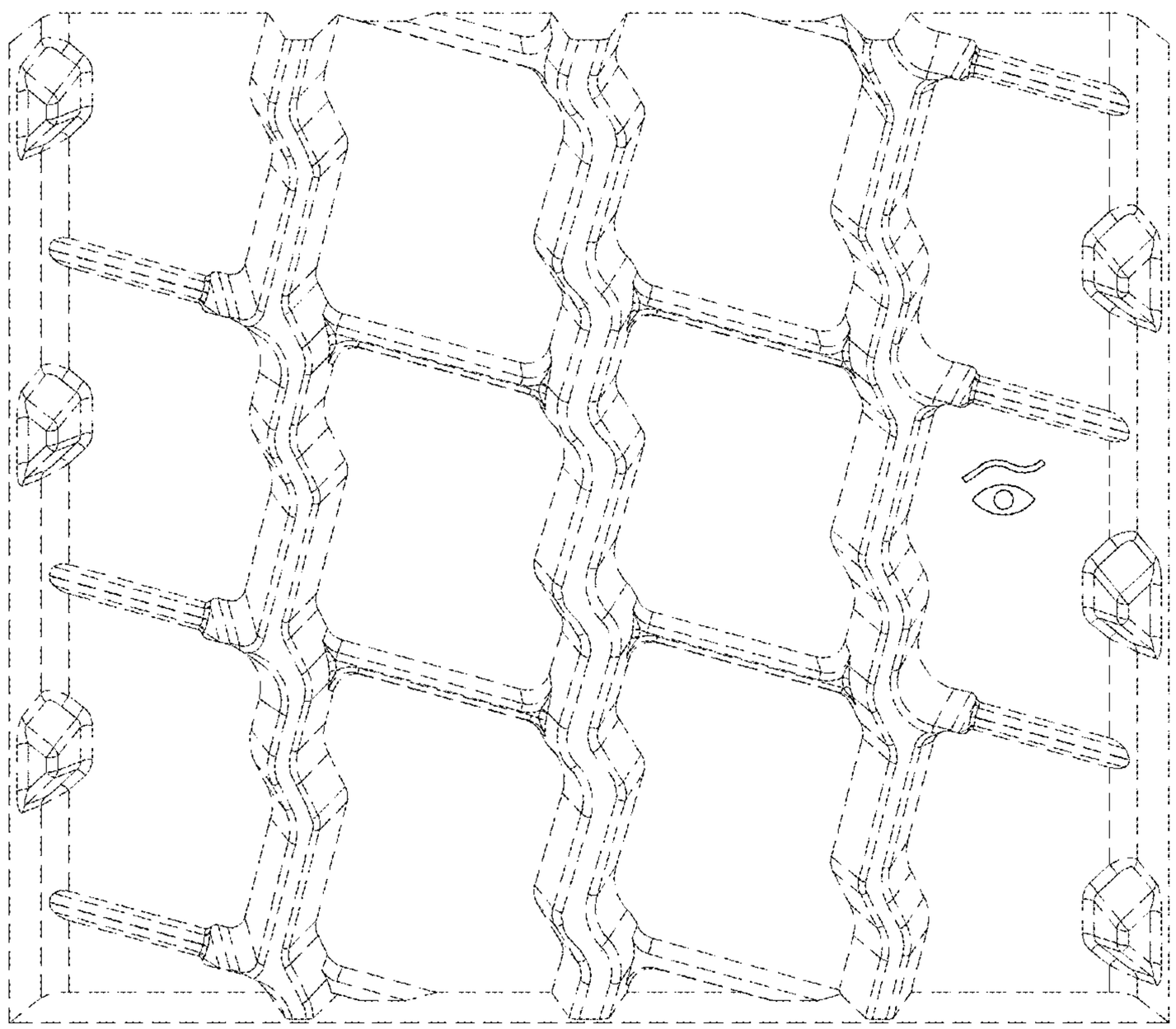

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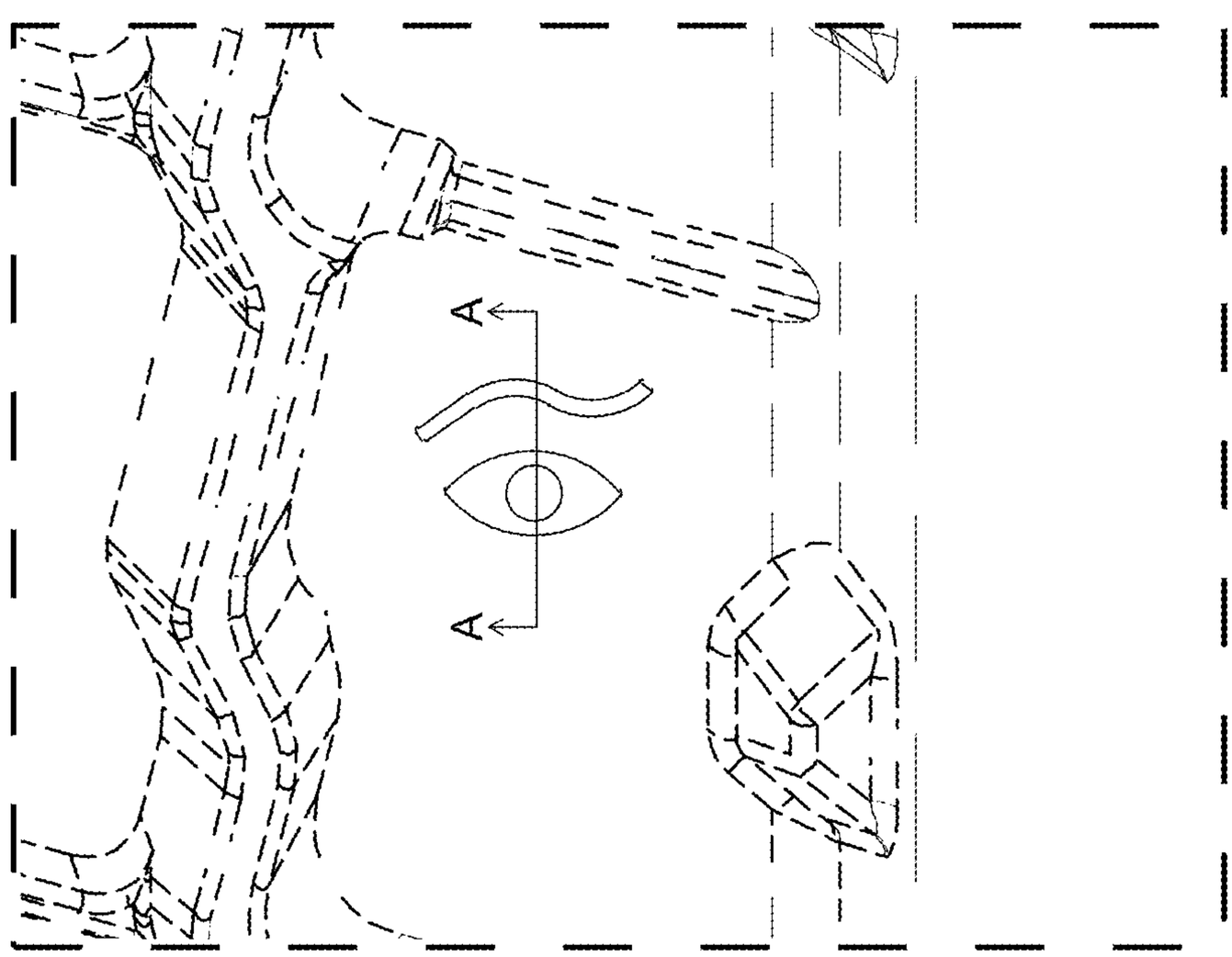

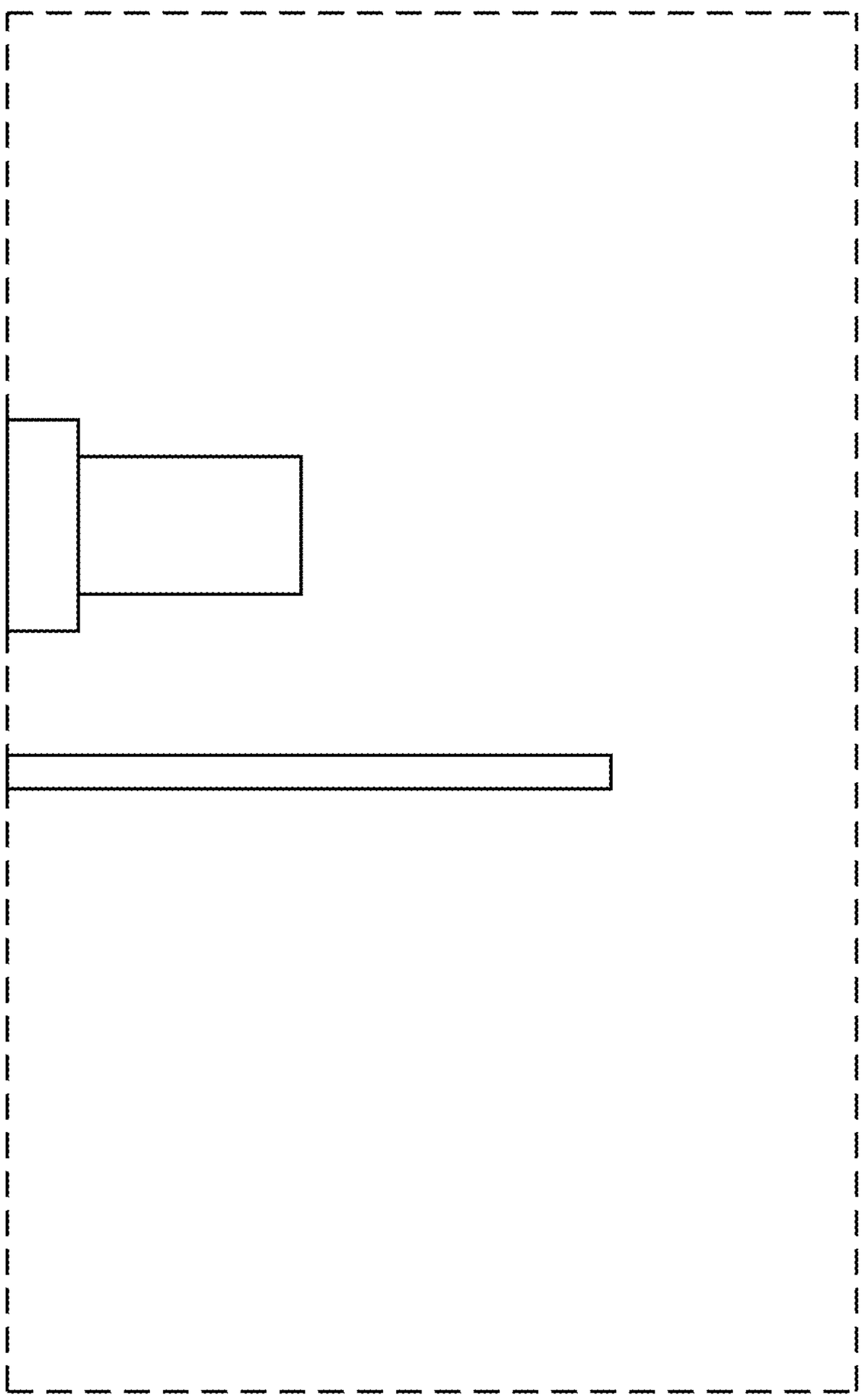

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