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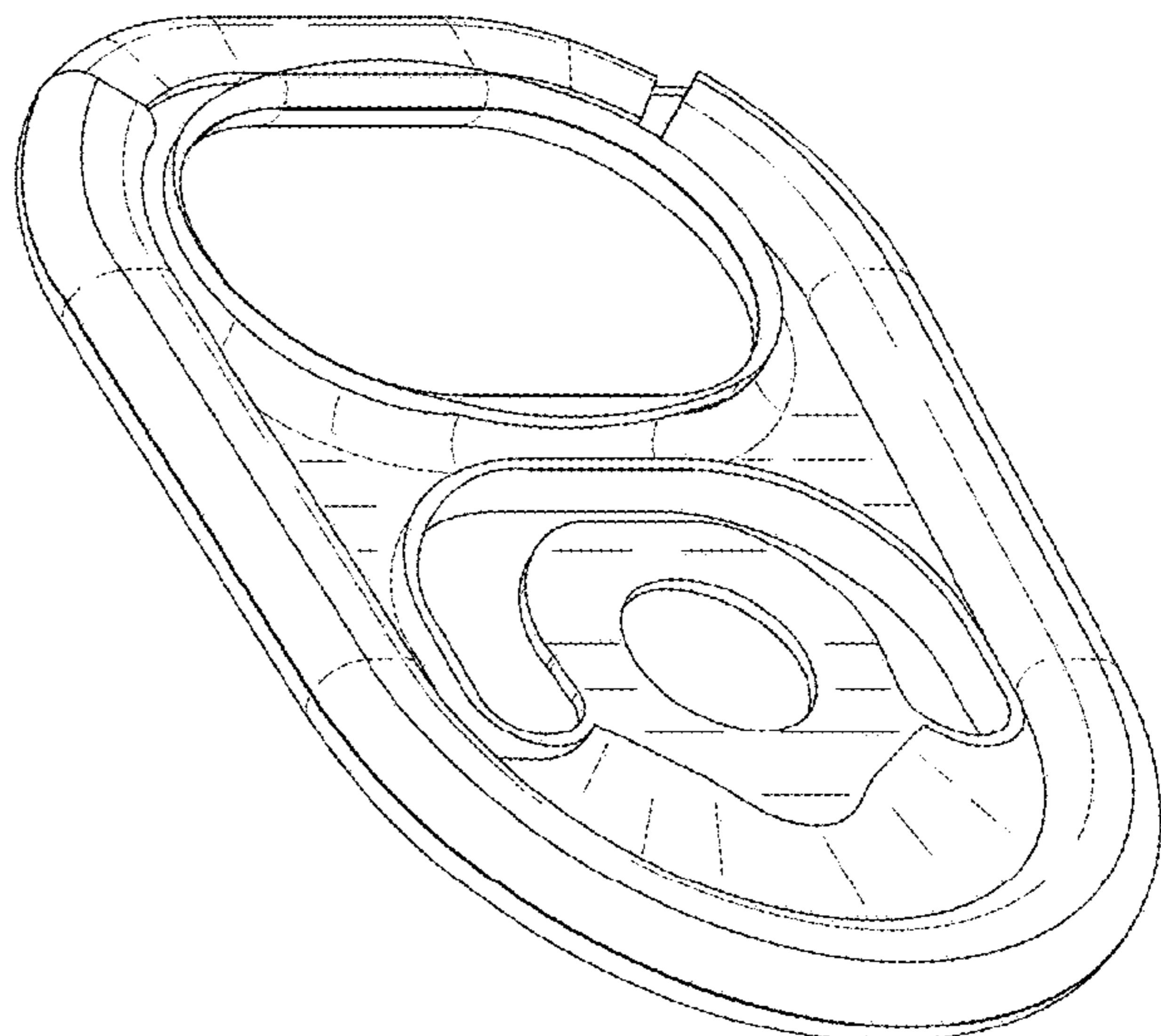
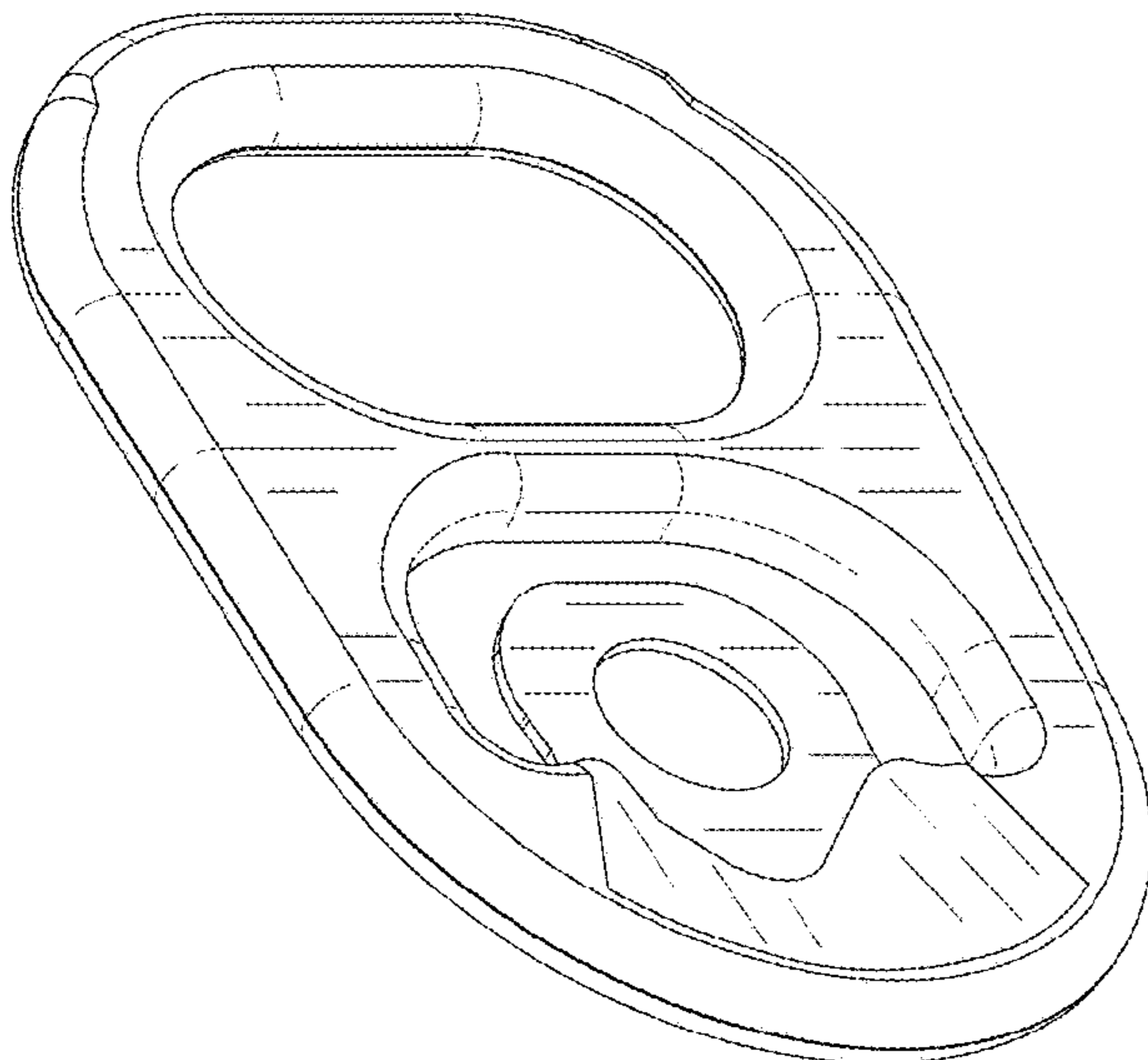
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for an ecology tab, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a top perspective view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 2 is another top perspective view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 3 is a bottom perspective view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 4 is another bottom perspective view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 5 is a top plan view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 6 is a bottom plan view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 7 is a side elevation view of the ecology tab;  
FIG. 8 is a section view taken in the direction of line 8-8 shown in FIG. 5;  
FIG. 9 is a front end elevation view of the ecology tab; and,  
FIG. 10 is a back end elevation view of the ecology tab.

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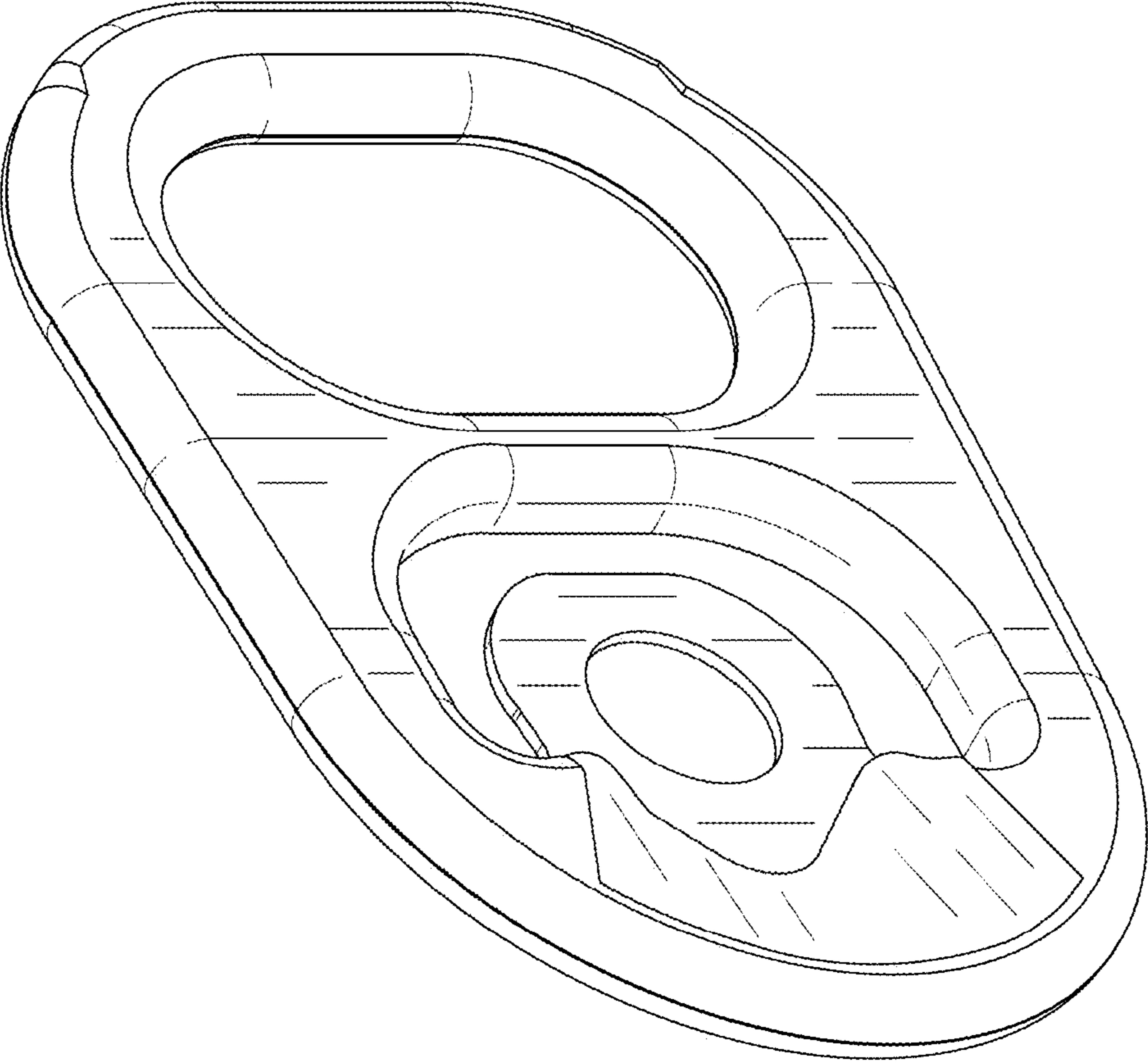
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*FIG. 1*

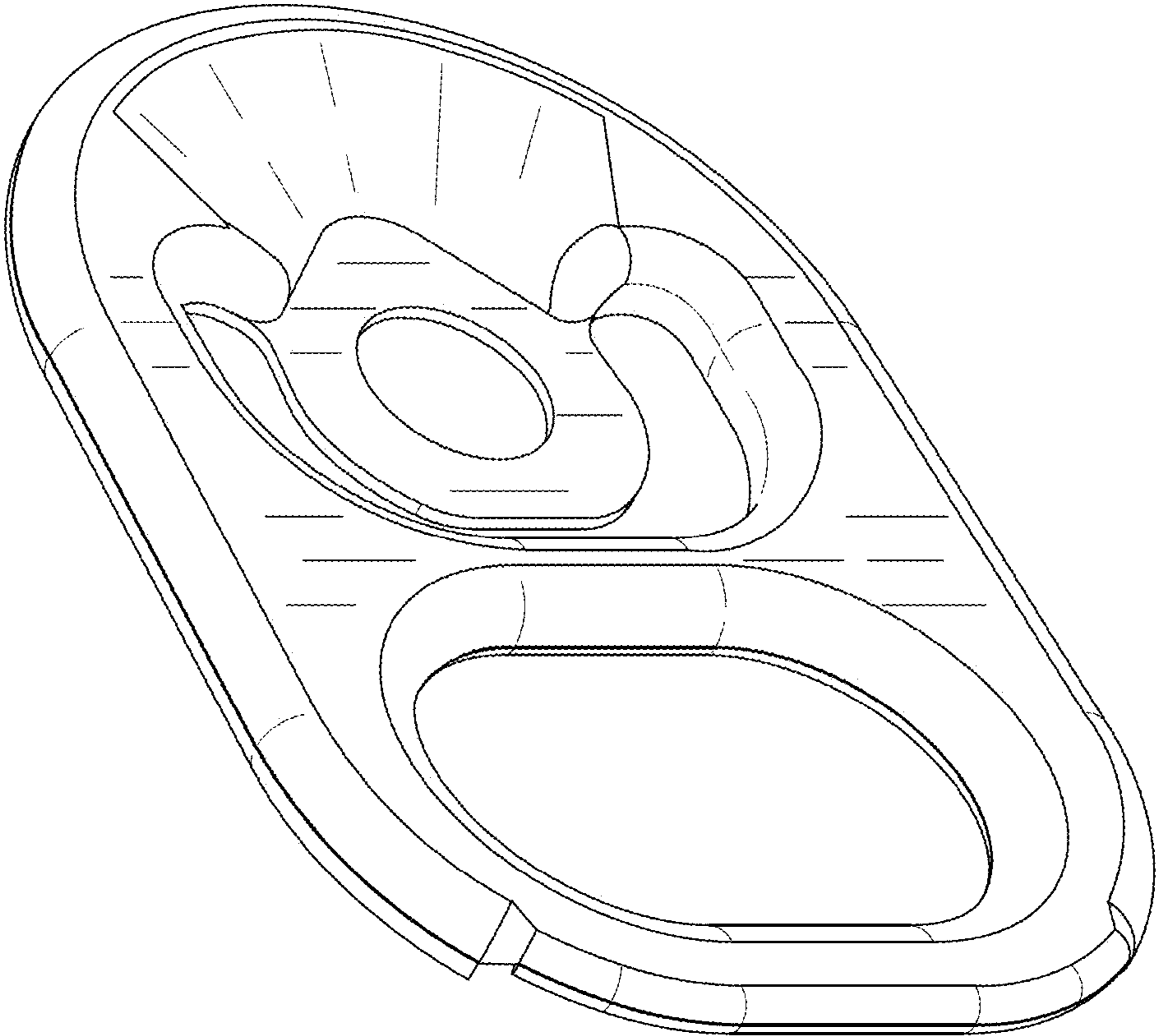
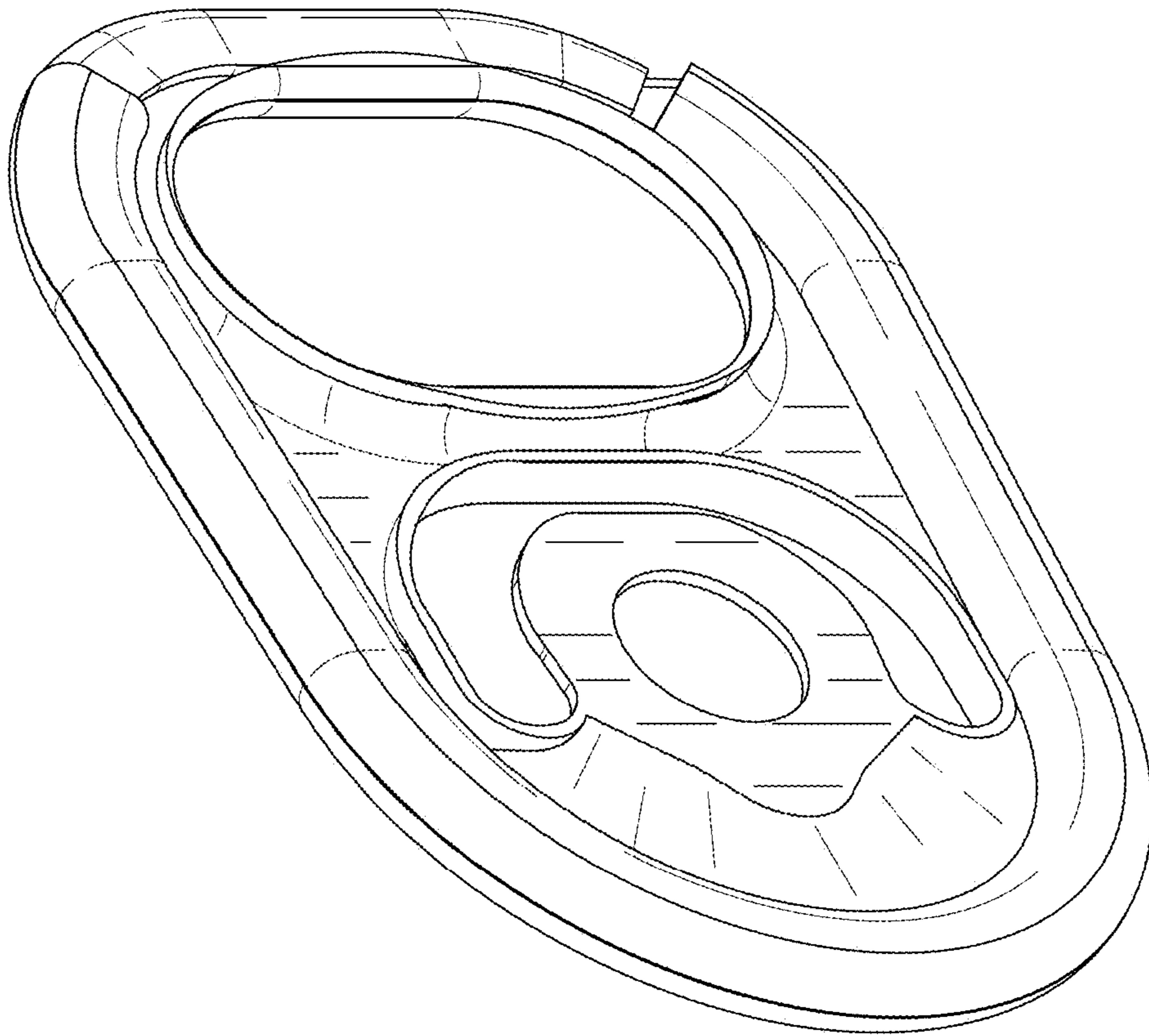
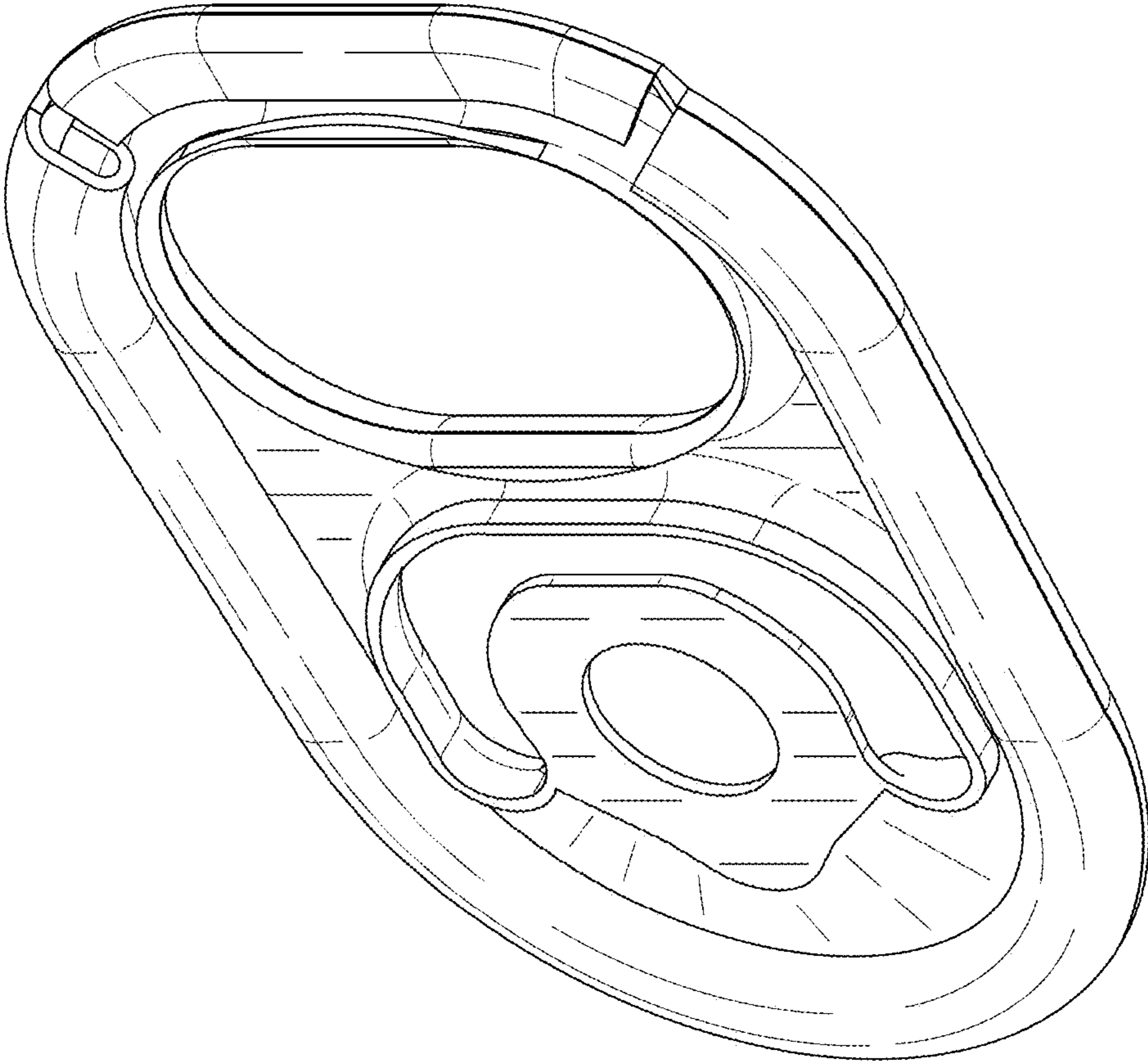


FIG. 2



*FIG. 3*



*FIG. 4*

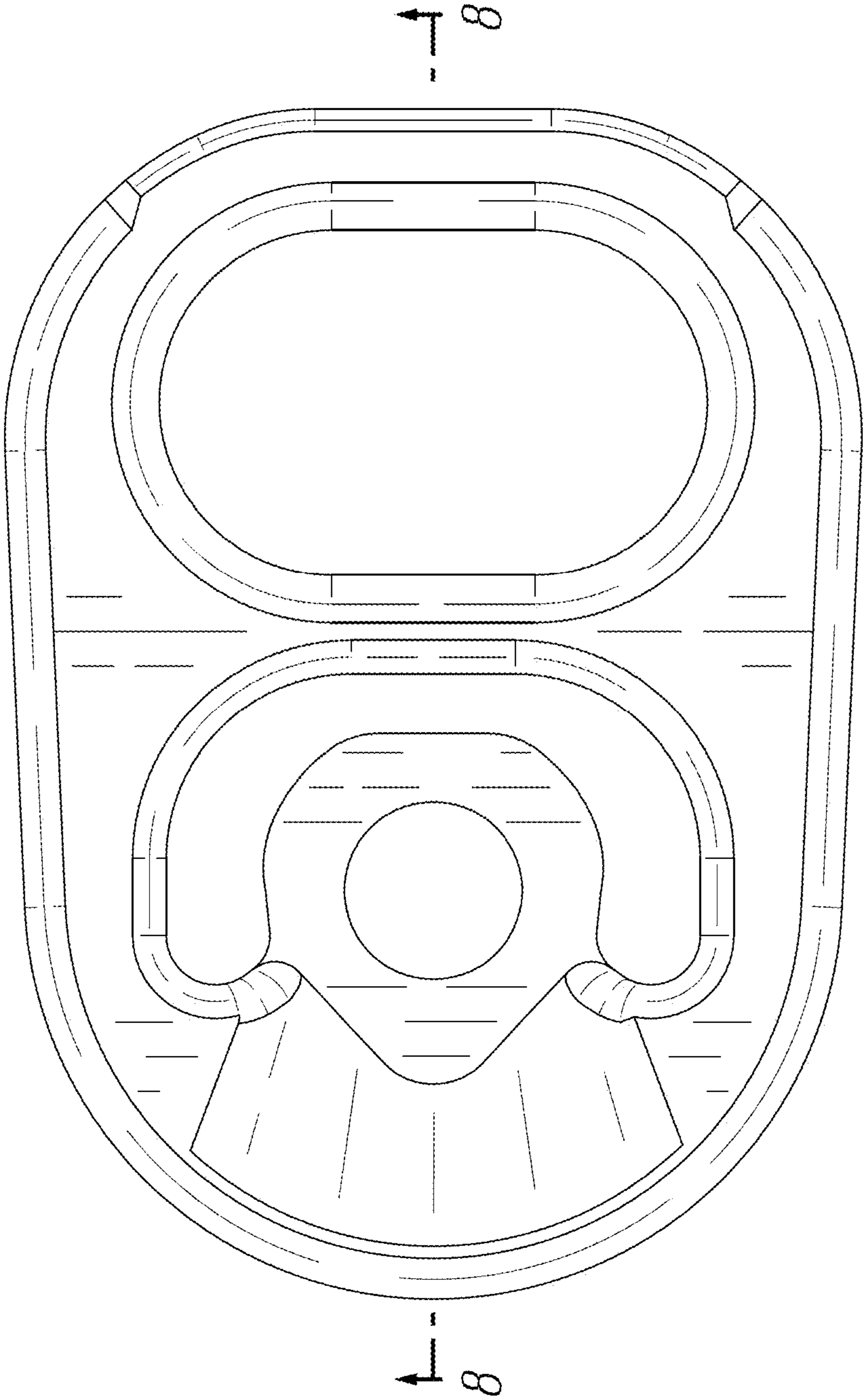


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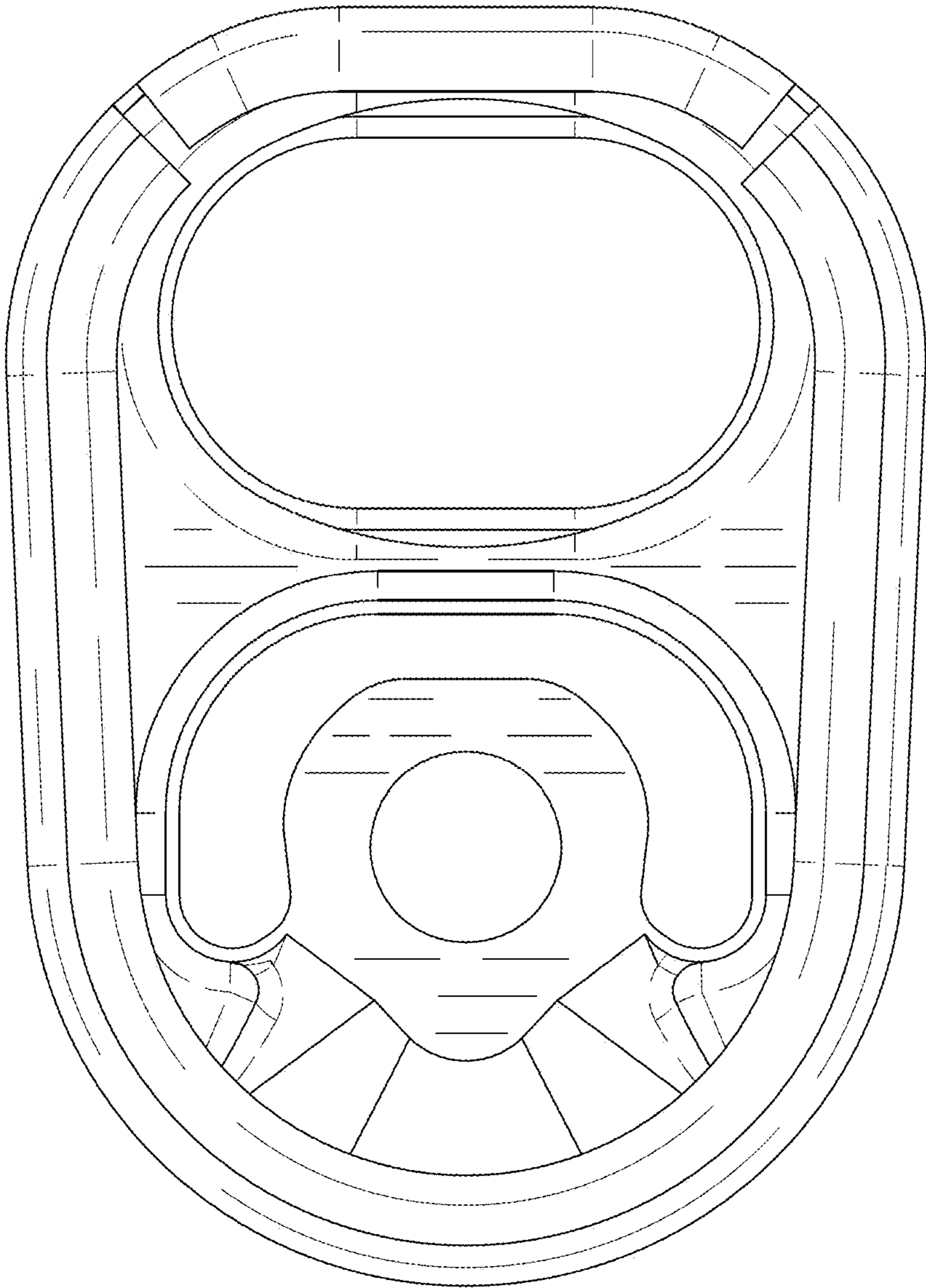


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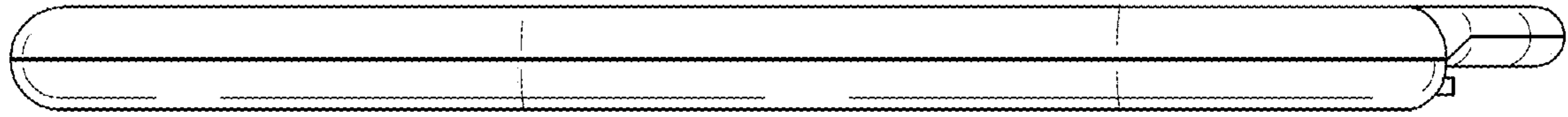


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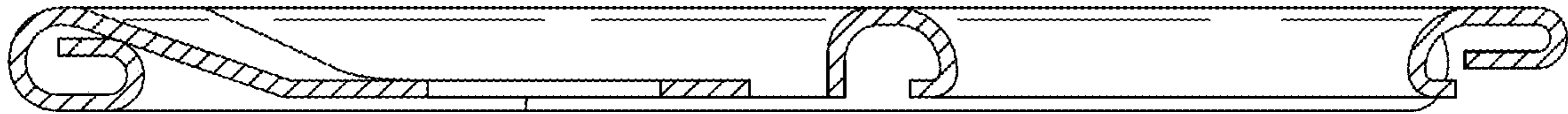


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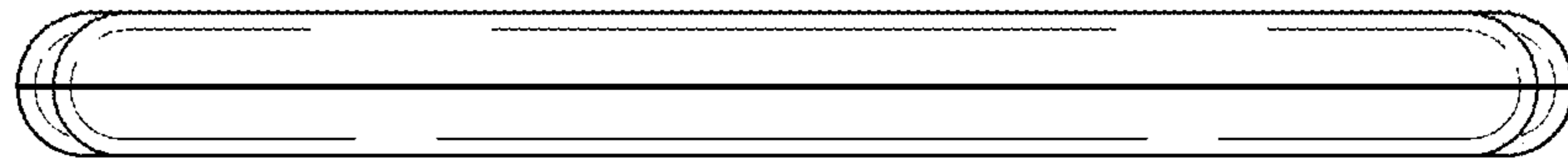


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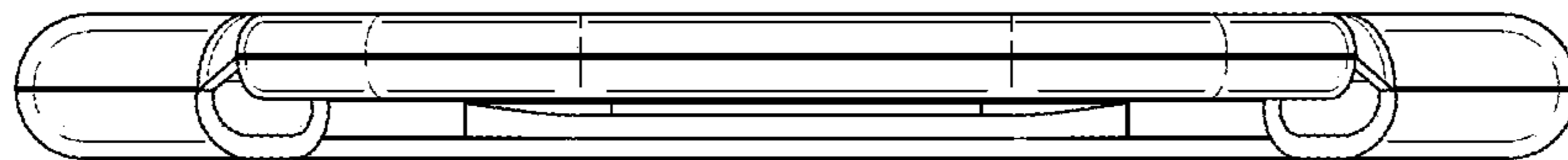


FIG. 10