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(54) **LINE TRIMMER COMPONENT**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a line trimmer component, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is an environmental exploded perspective view of a line trimmer component;
FIG. 2 is a bottom environmental perspective view of the line trimmer component;
FIG. 3 is a top environmental perspective view of the line trimmer component;
FIG. 4 is a front view of the line trimmer component;
FIG. 5 is a right-side view of the line trimmer component;
FIG. 6 is a bottom view of a line trimmer component; and,
FIG. 7 is a top view of a line trimmer component.

The line trimmer components rendered in broken lines, shown in FIGS. 1-3, illustrates the environment of the claimed design and forms no part thereof. The remaining broken lines in the drawings illustrate portions of the line trimmer component and form no part of the claimed design.

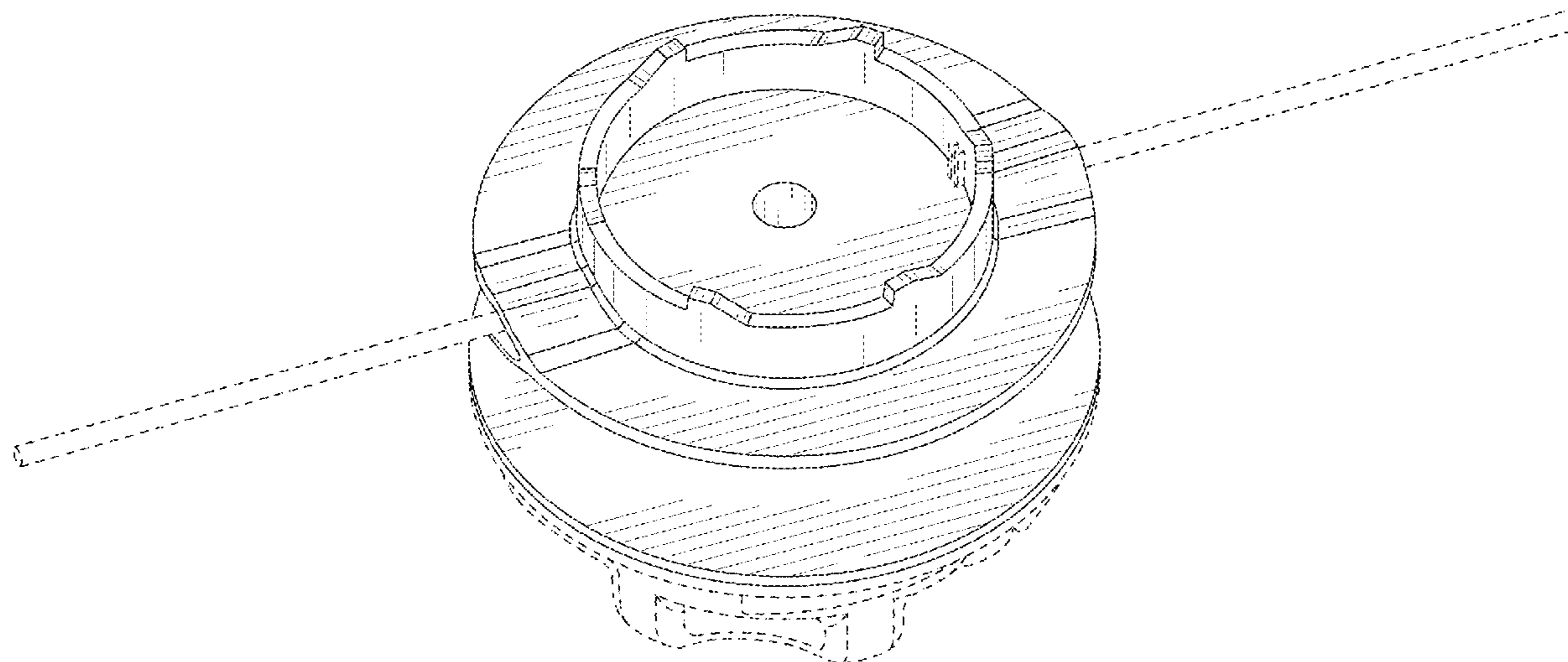
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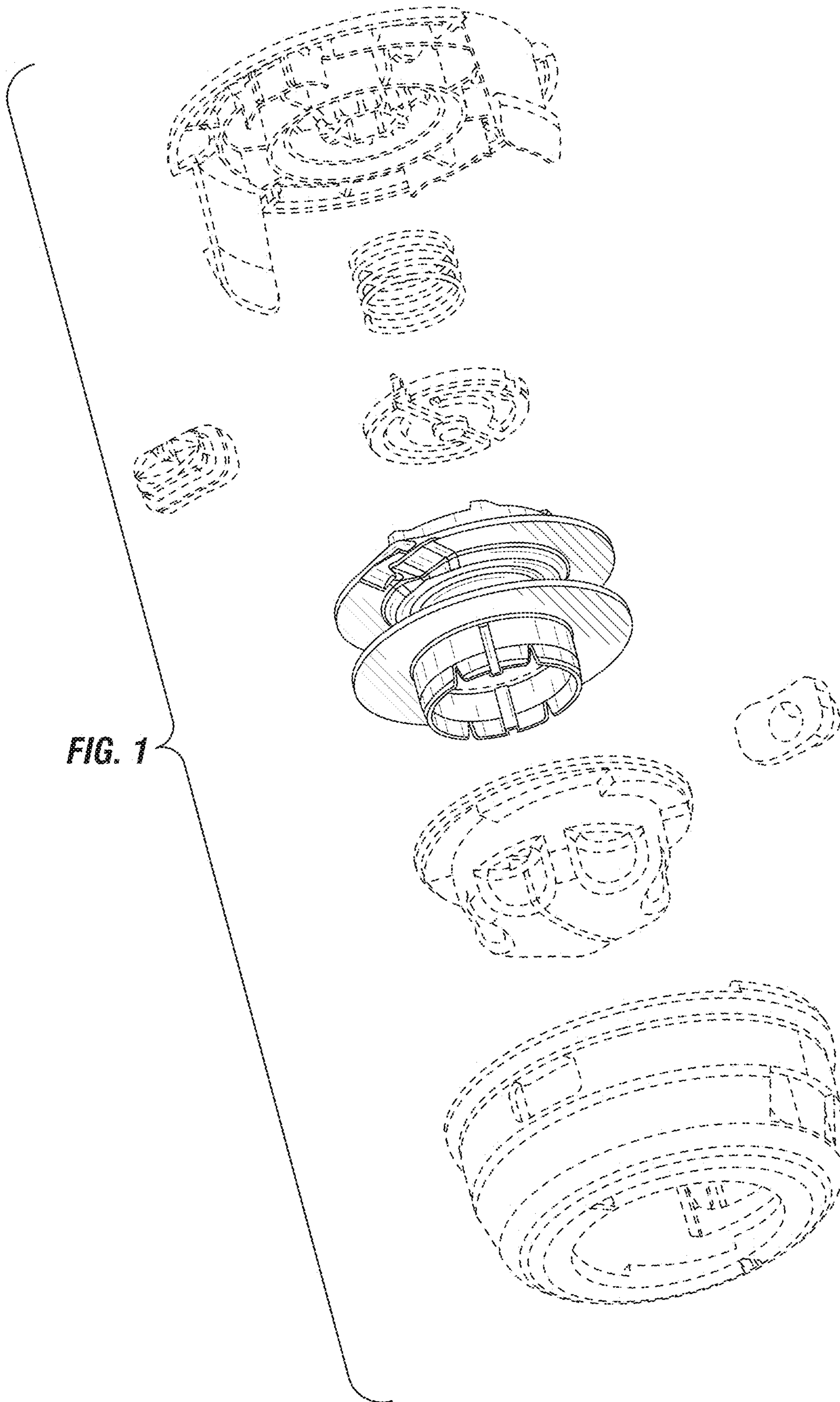


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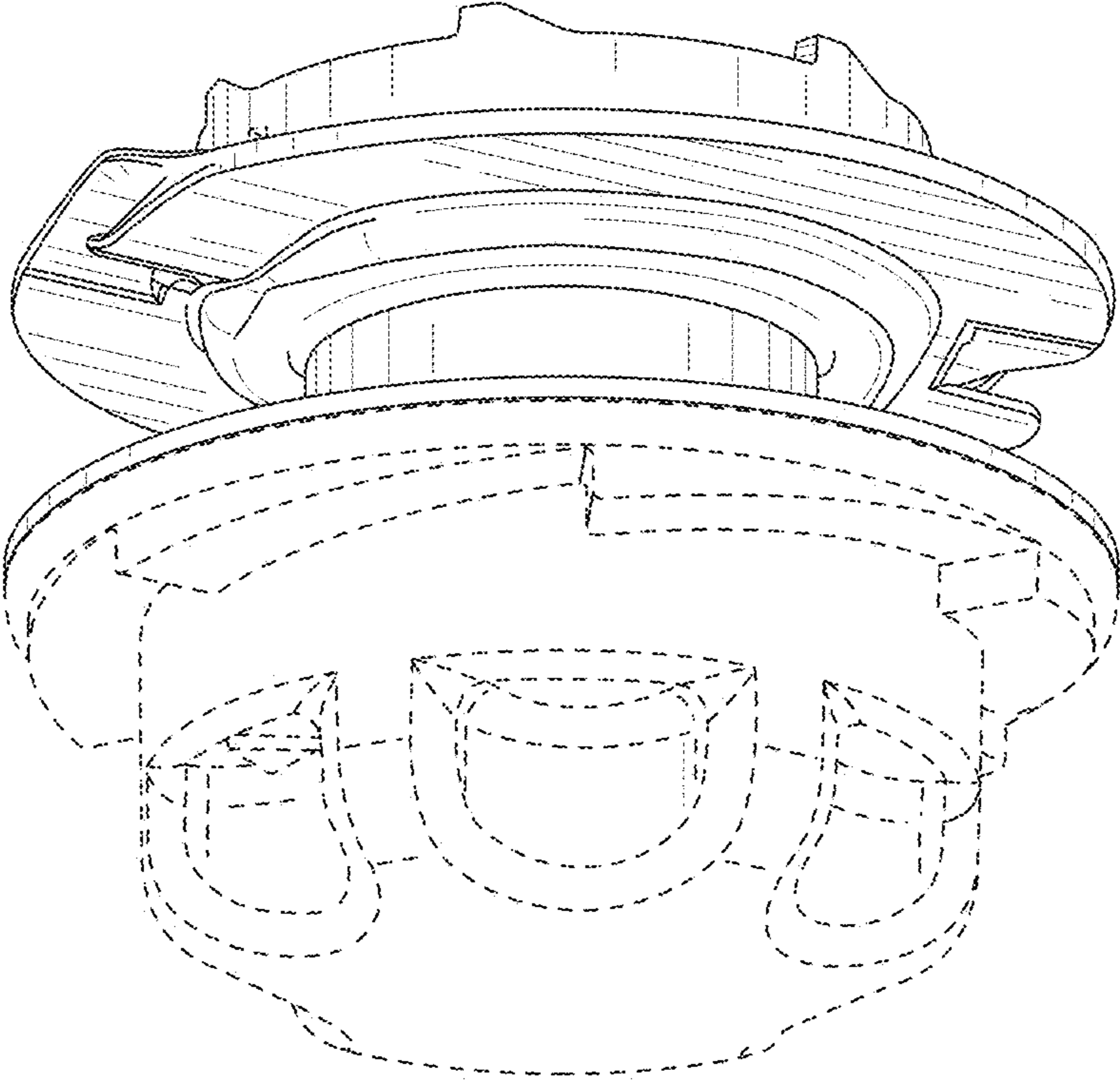


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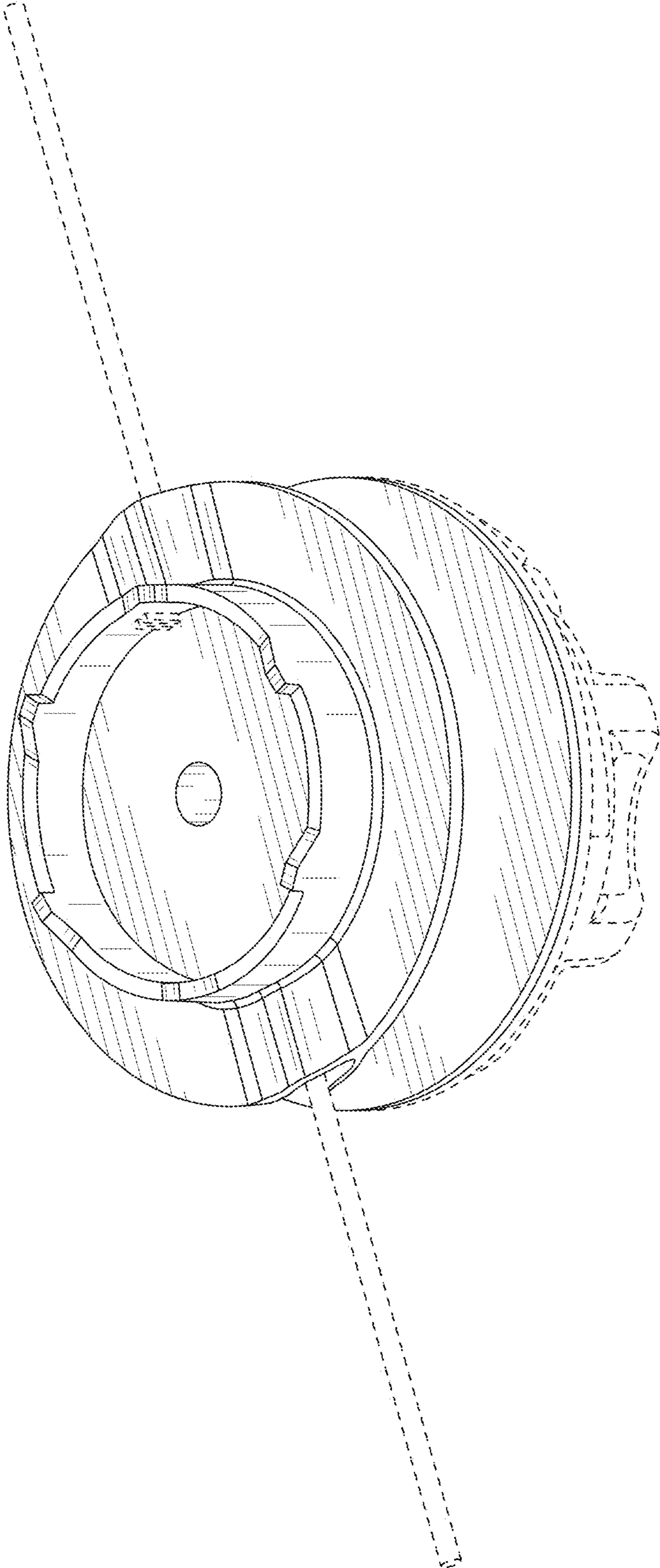


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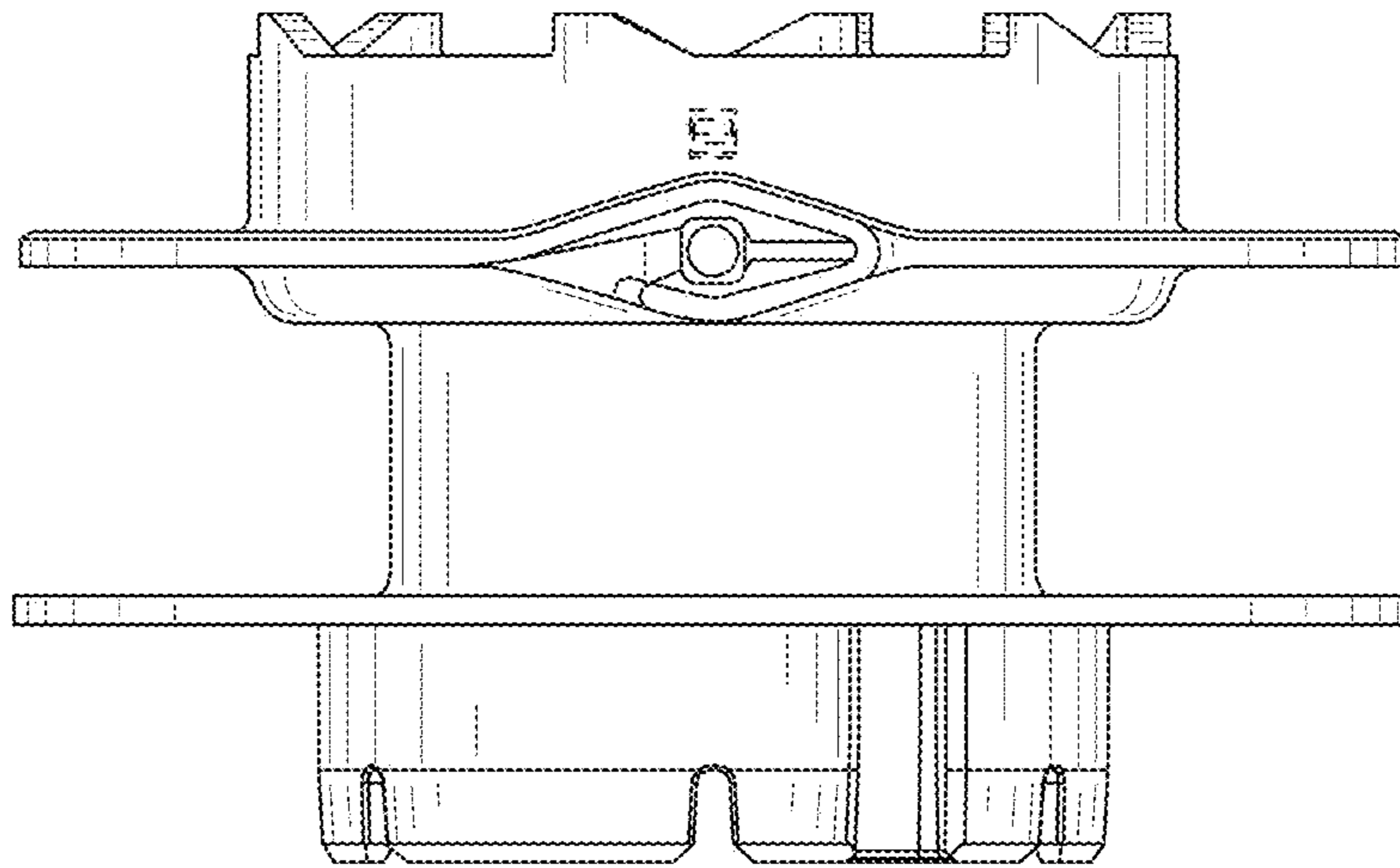


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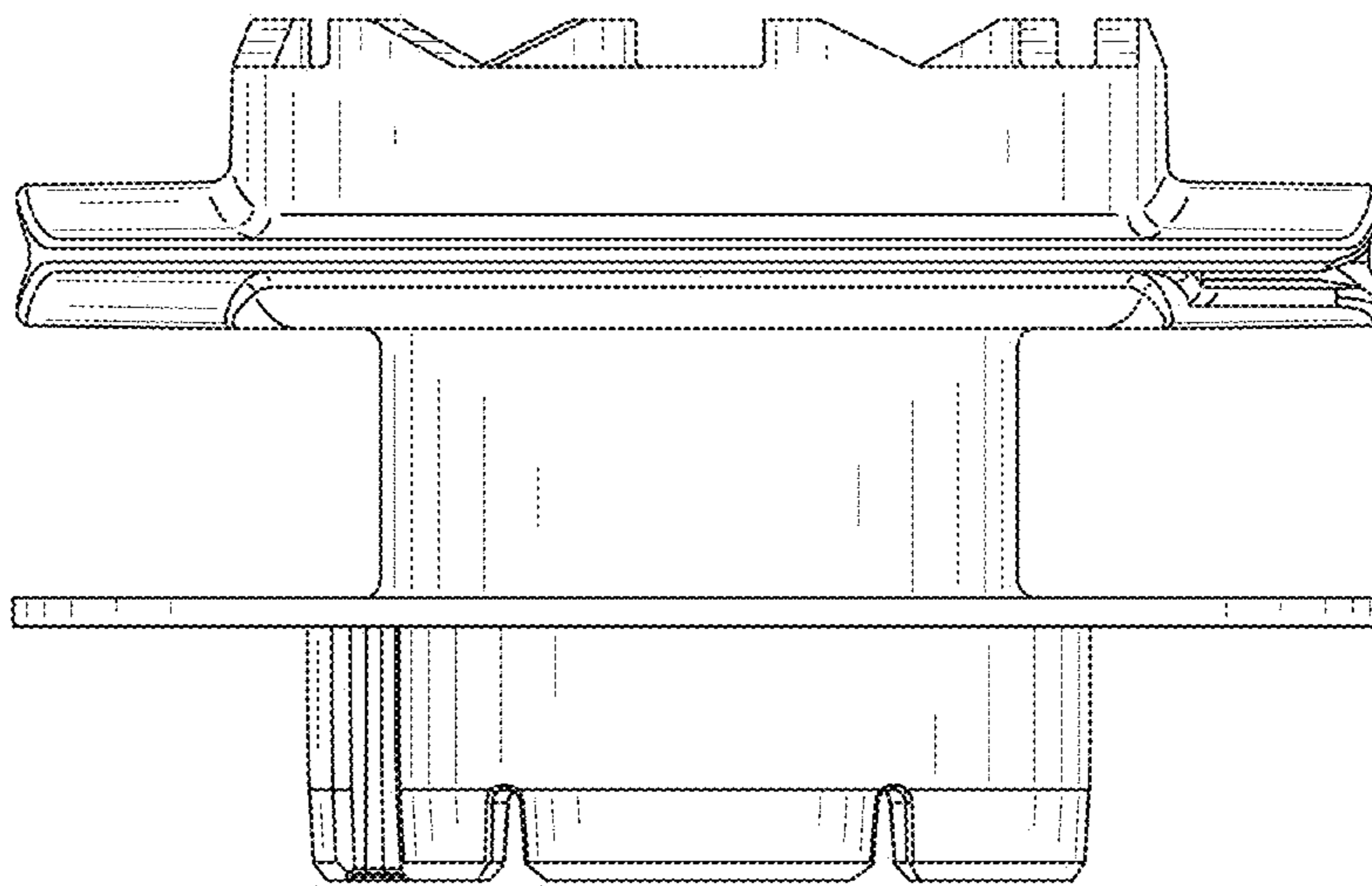


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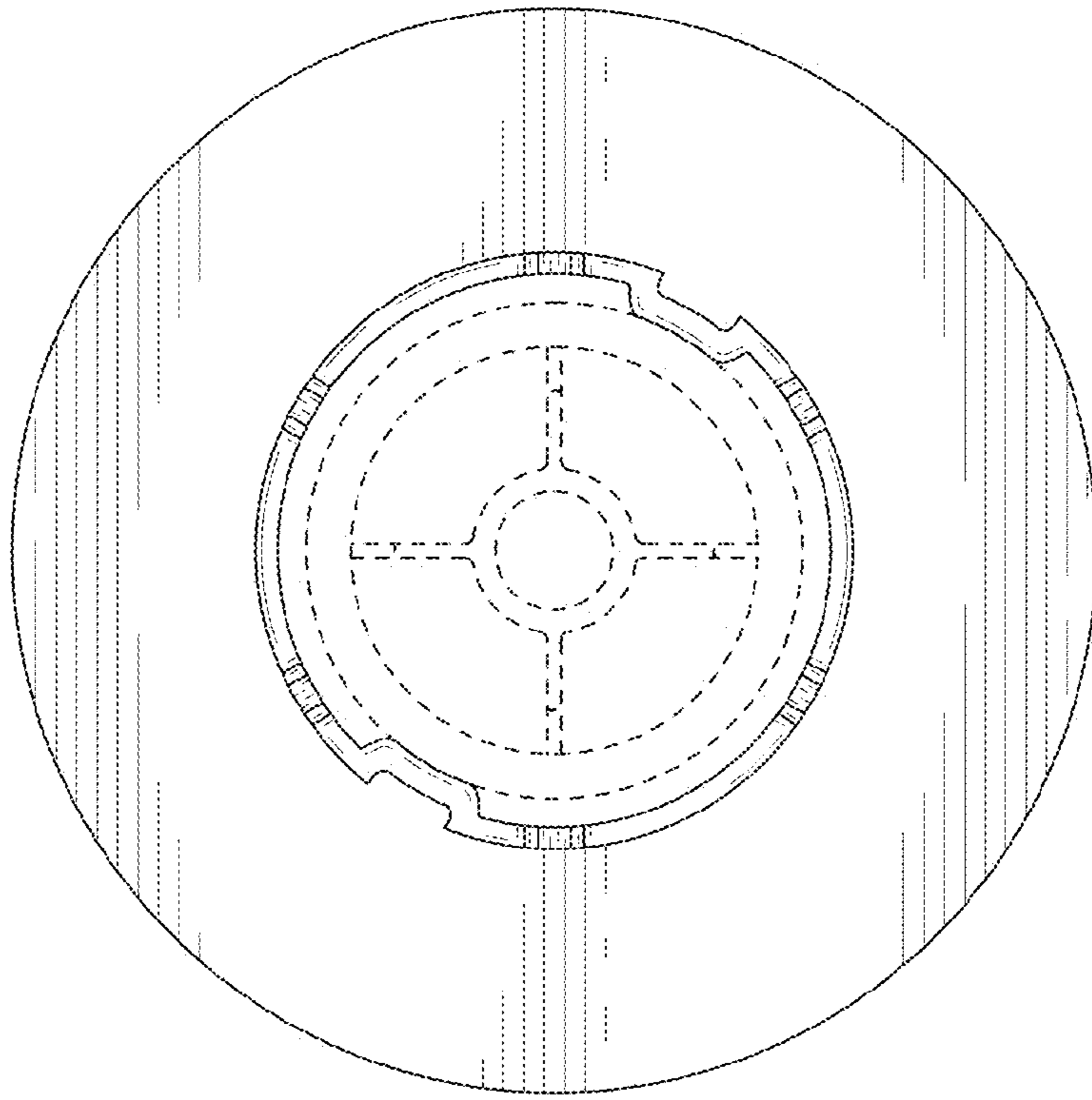


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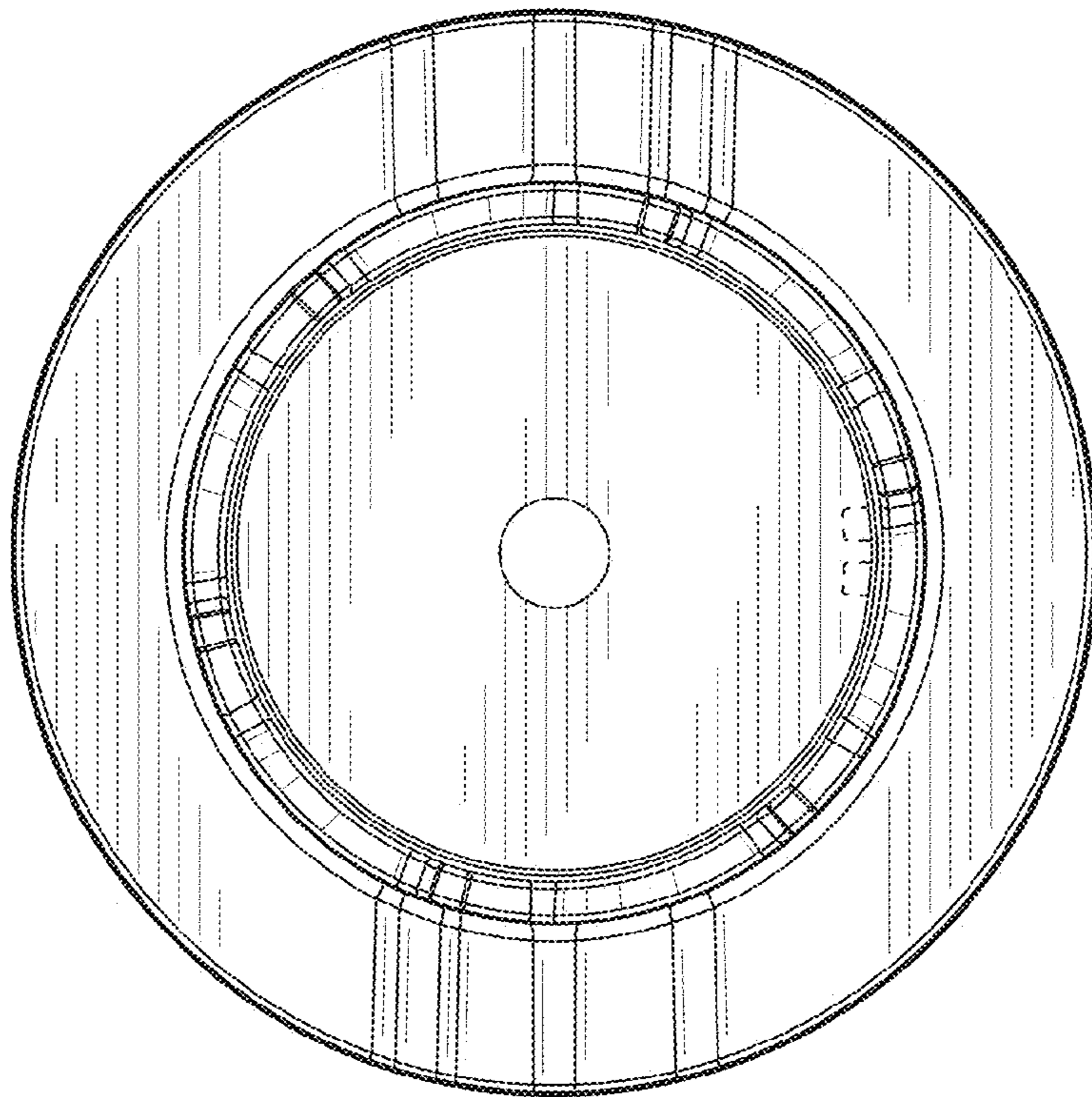


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