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(54) **HEARING PROTECTOR**

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The ornamental design for a hearing protector, as shown and described.

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a hearing protector of the present disclosure;  
FIG. 2 is a right side elevation view thereof, with the left side being a mirror image thereof;  
FIG. 3 is a front elevation view thereof, with the rear view being a mirror image thereof;  
FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof; and,  
FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof.  
The portions of the hearing protector in FIGS. 1-5 shown in broken lines are included to show features that form no part of the claimed design.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2

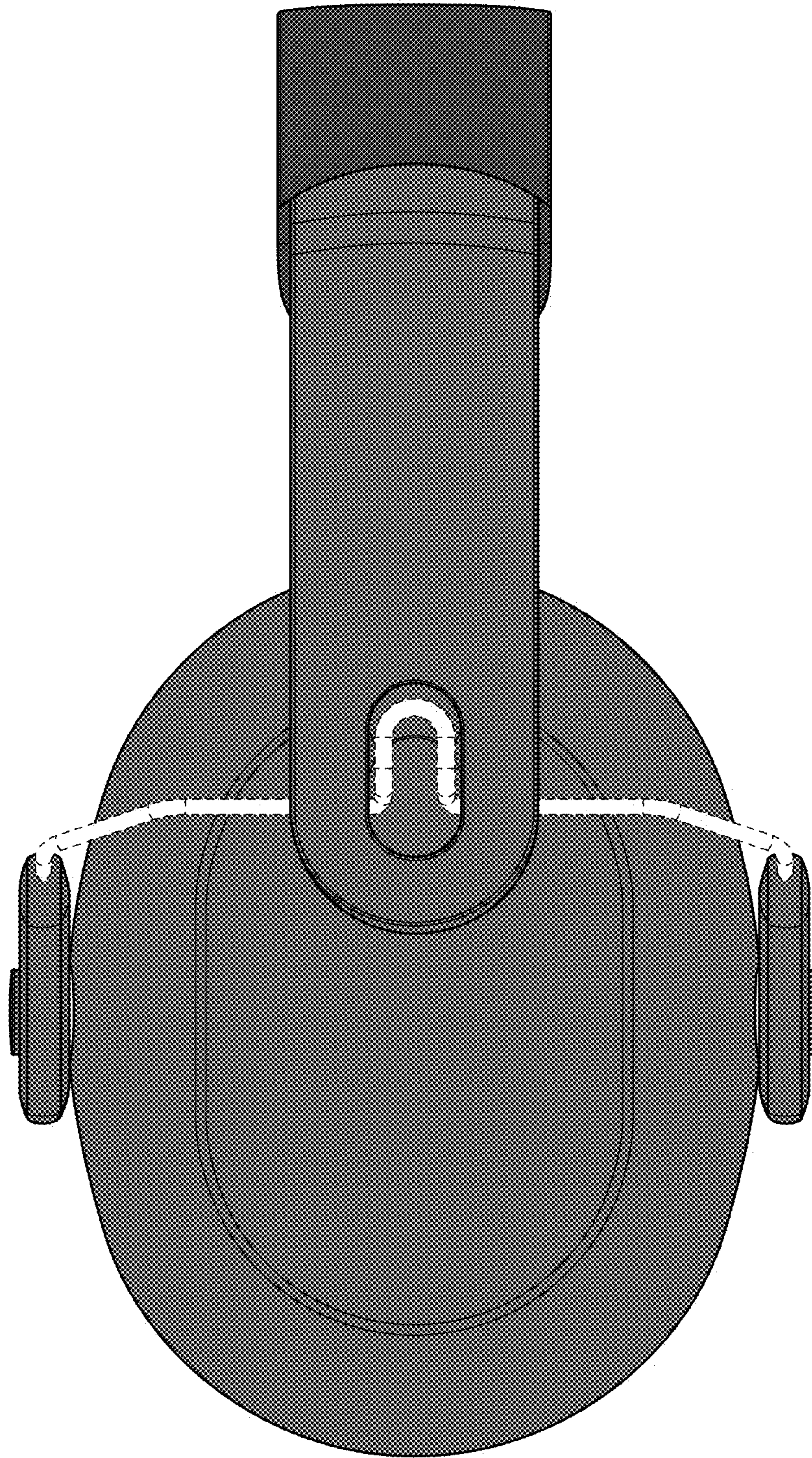


FIG. 3

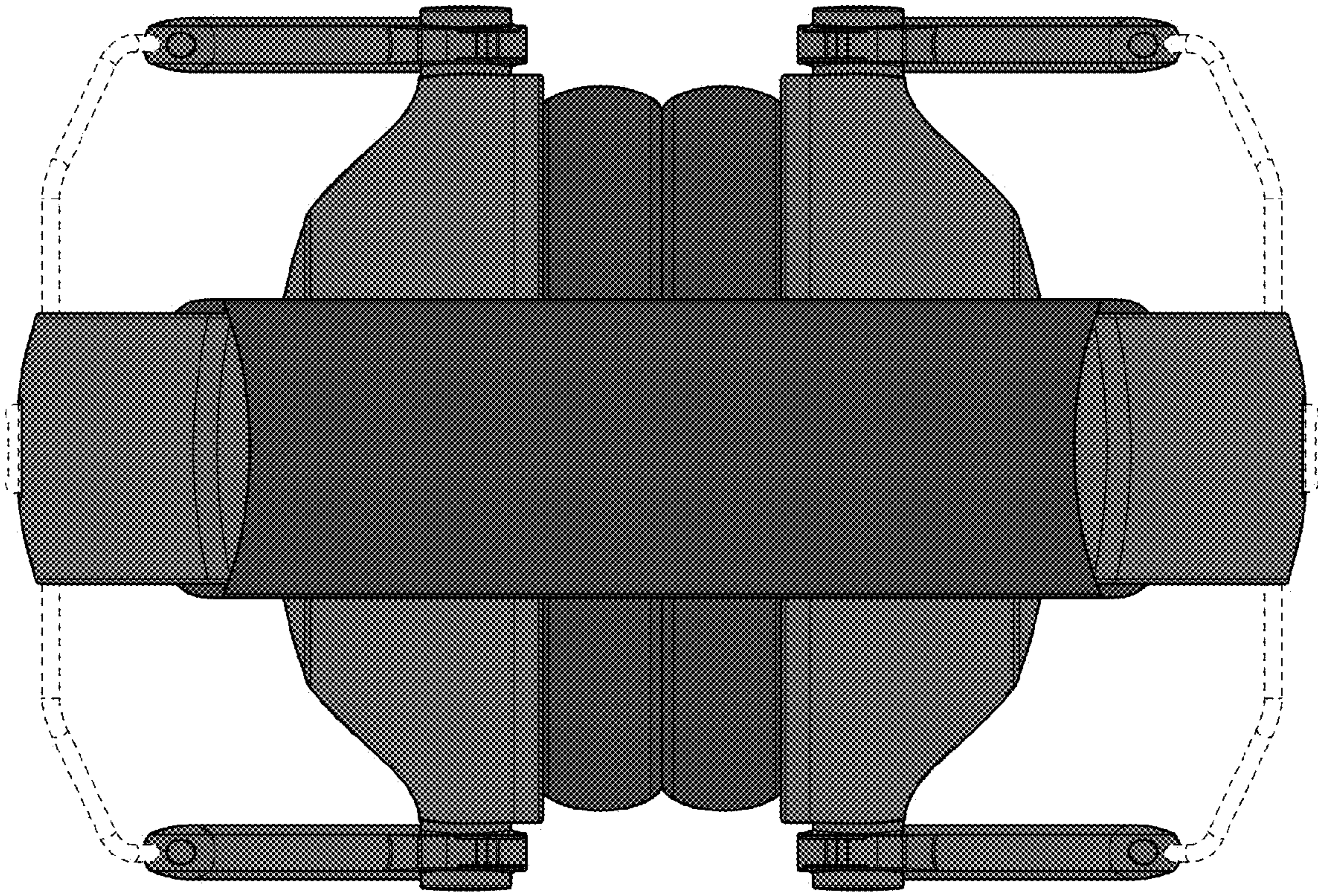


FIG. 4

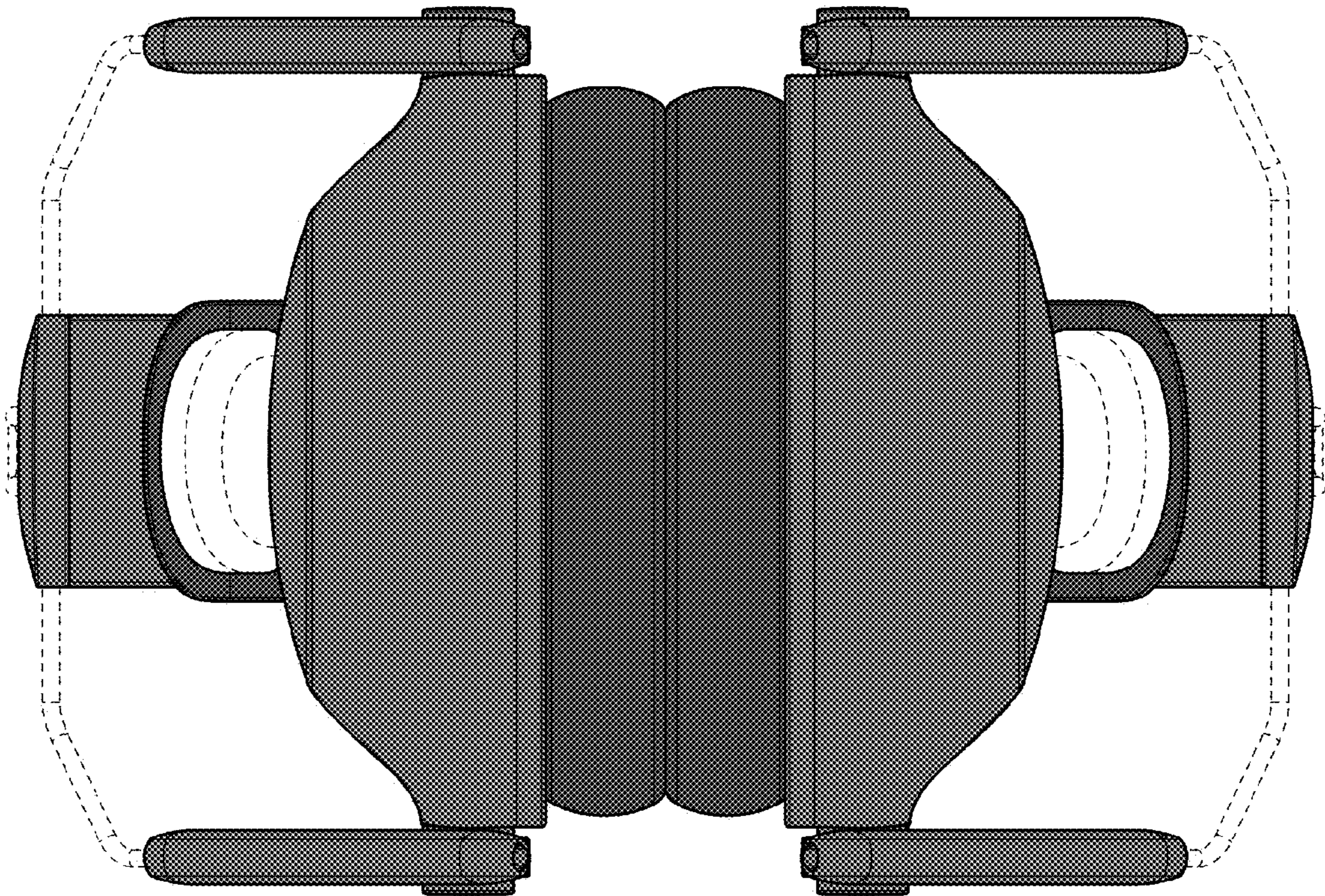


FIG. 5