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(54) **LEVELING CAP FOR TILE LEVELING SYSTEM**

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(57) **CLAIM**
The ornamental design for a leveling cap for a tile leveling system, as shown and described.

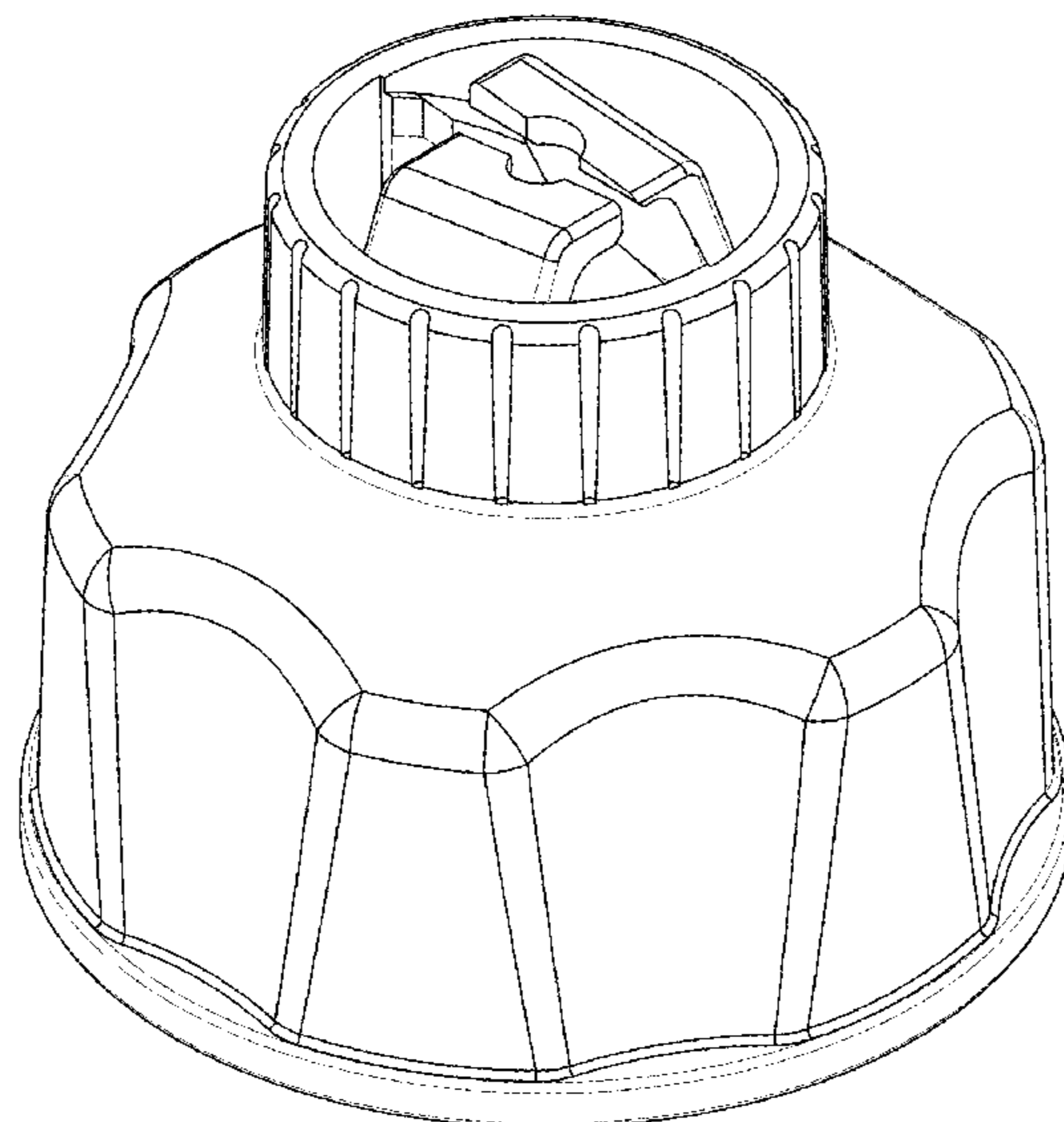
DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective of a leveling cap for a tile leveling system;
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the leveling cap;
FIG. 3 is a right elevational view of the leveling cap;
FIG. 4 is a top plan view of the leveling cap;
FIG. 5 is a rear elevational view of the leveling cap;
FIG. 6 is a left elevational view of the leveling cap; and,
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view of the leveling cap.
The broken lines in the drawings depict parts of the article that form no part of the claimed design.

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FIG. 1

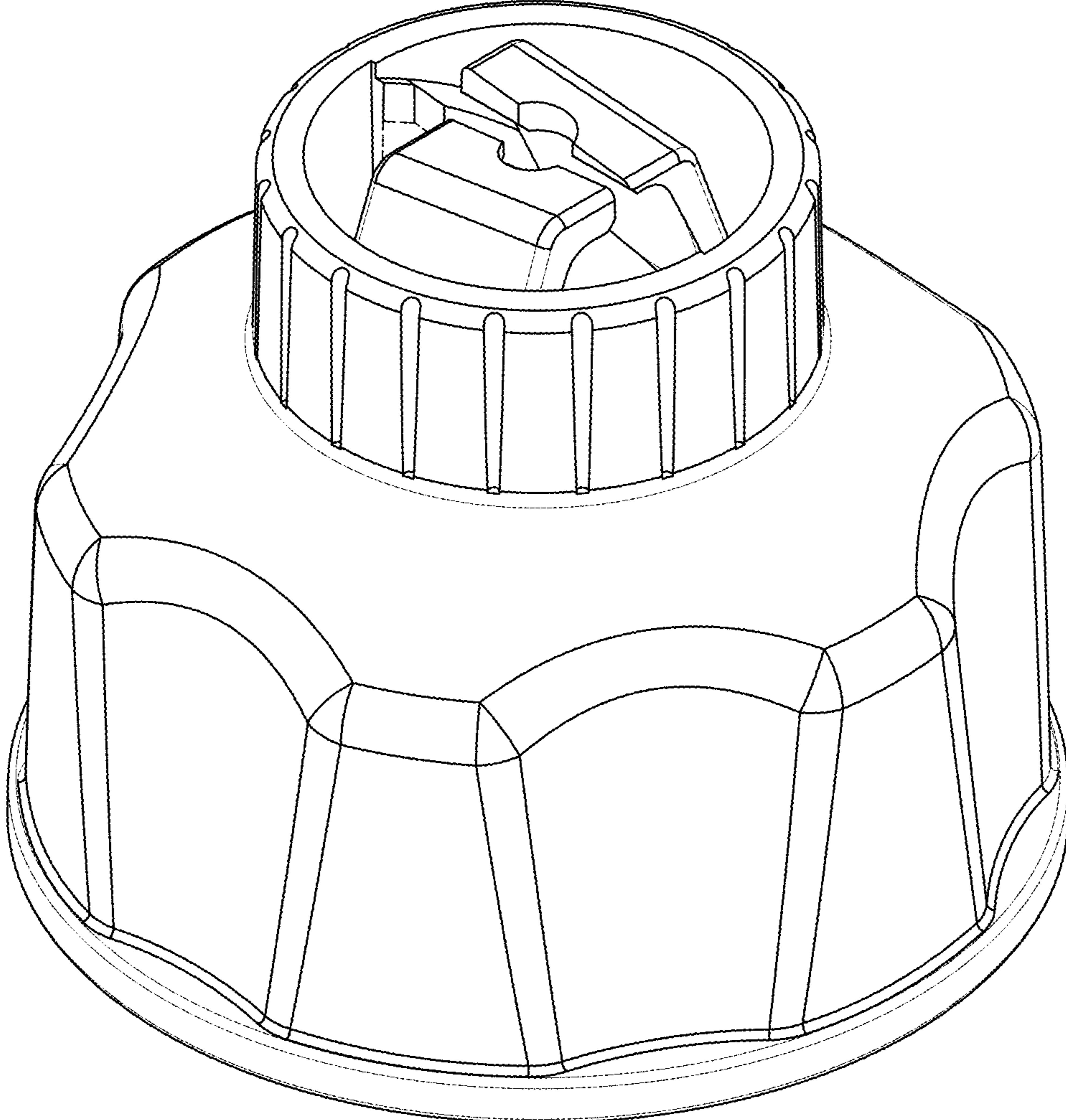


FIG. 2

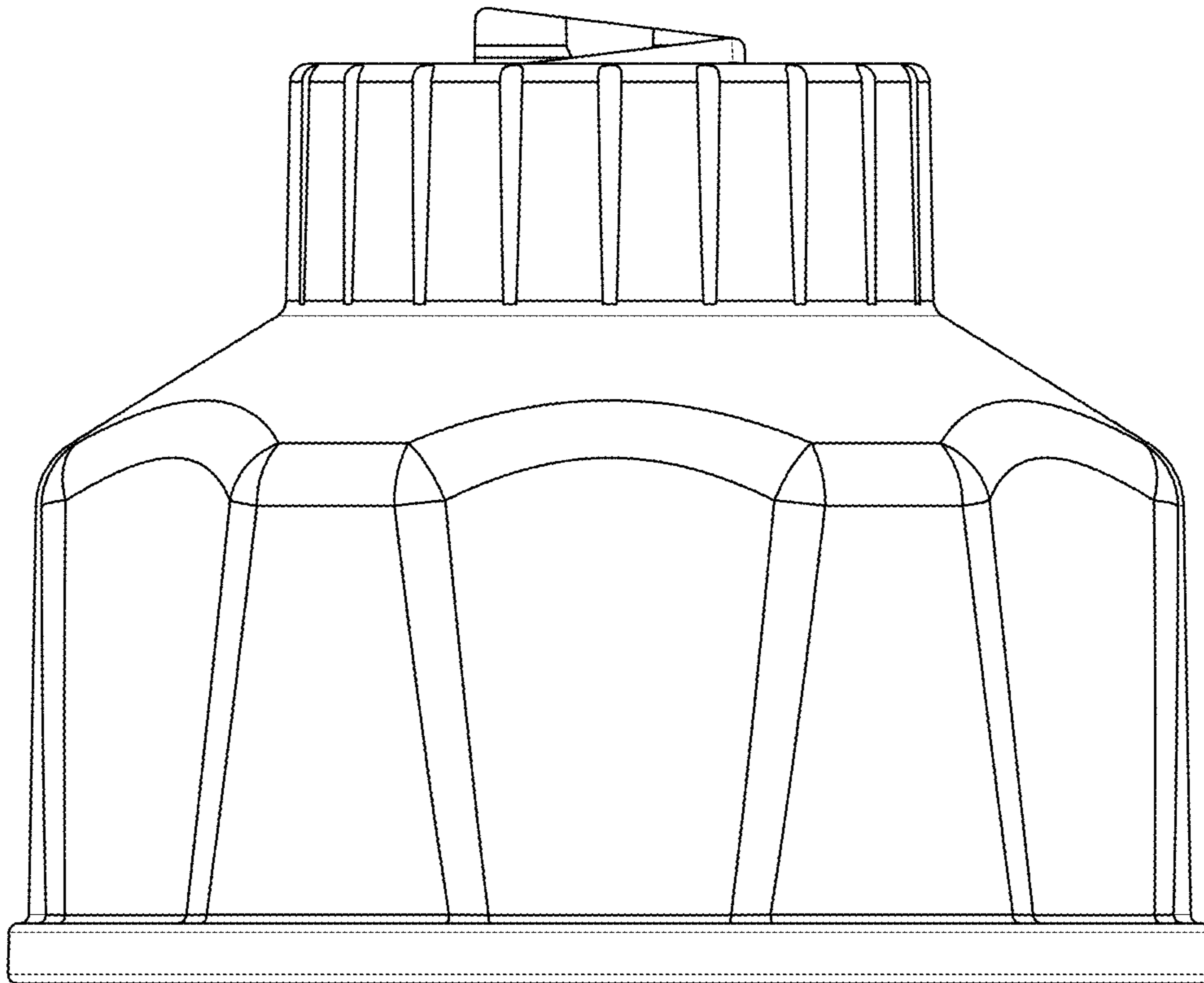


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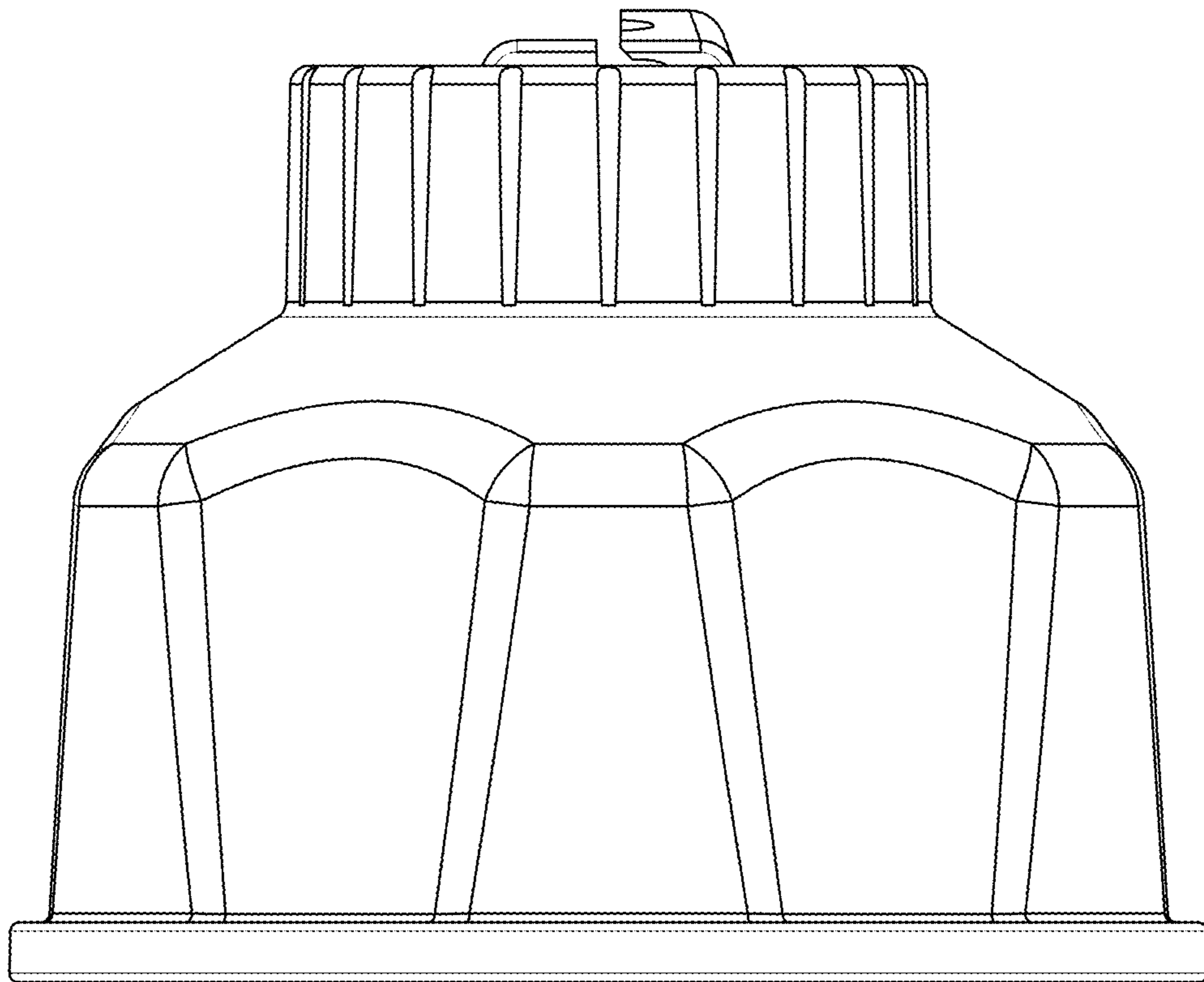


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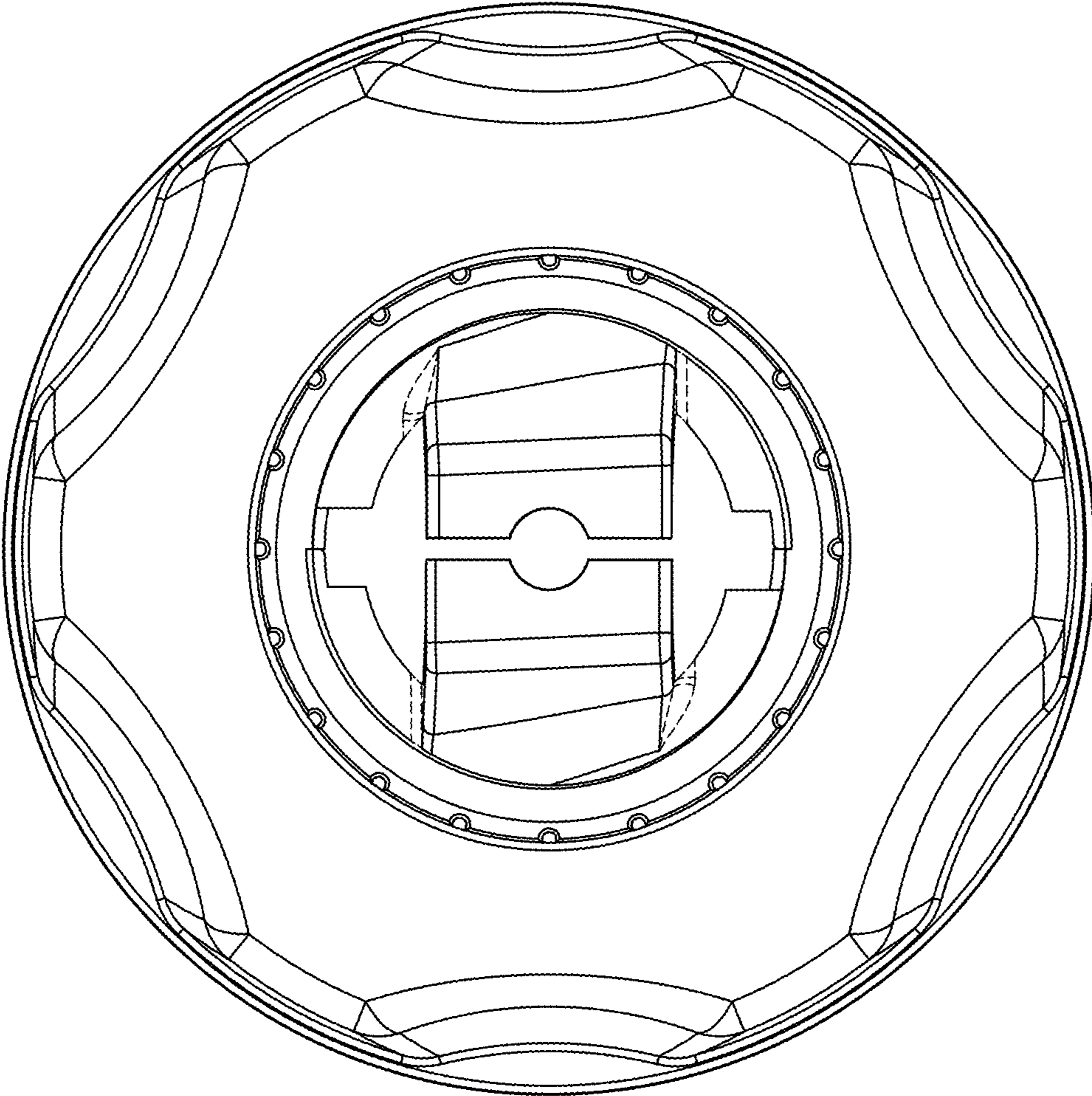


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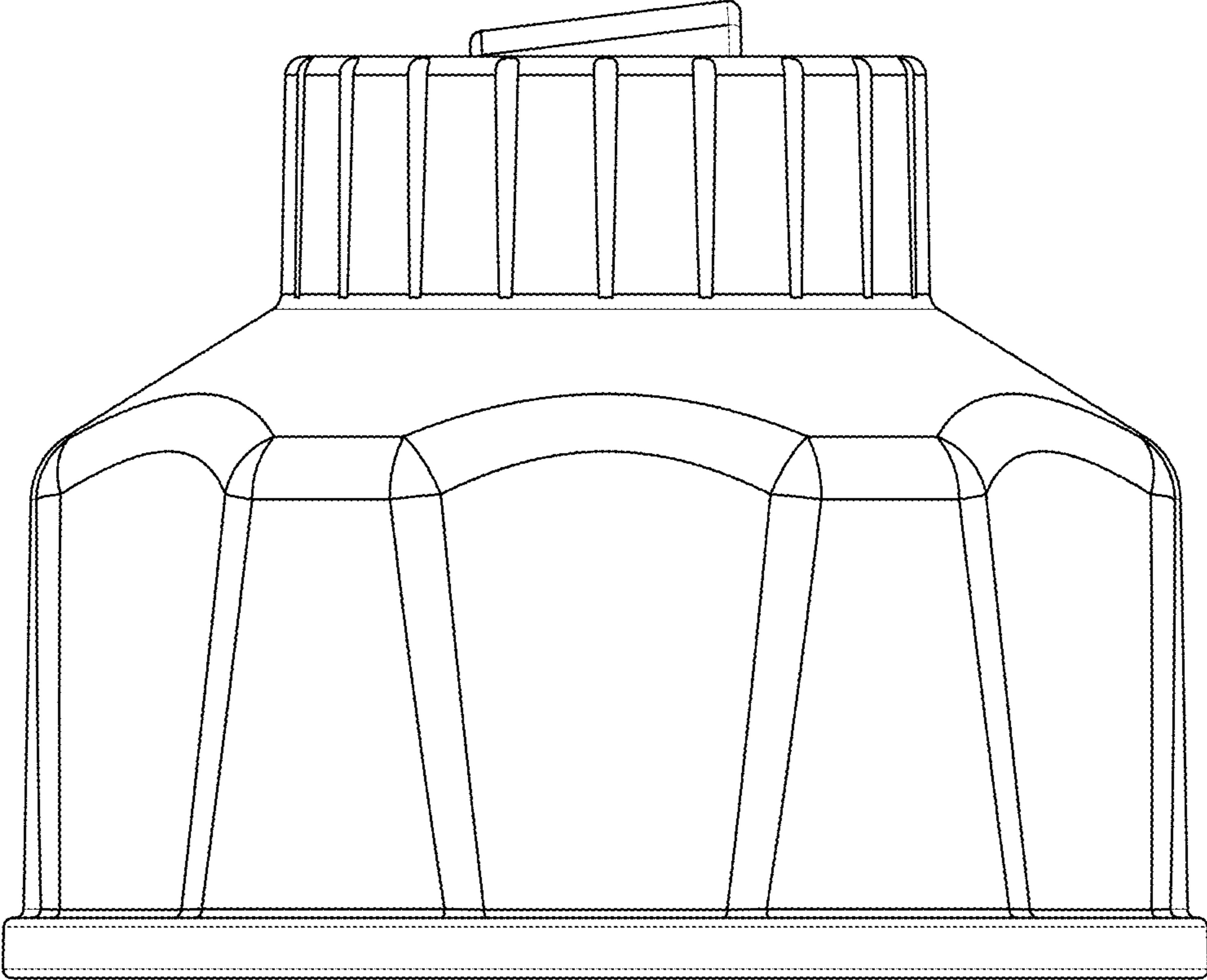


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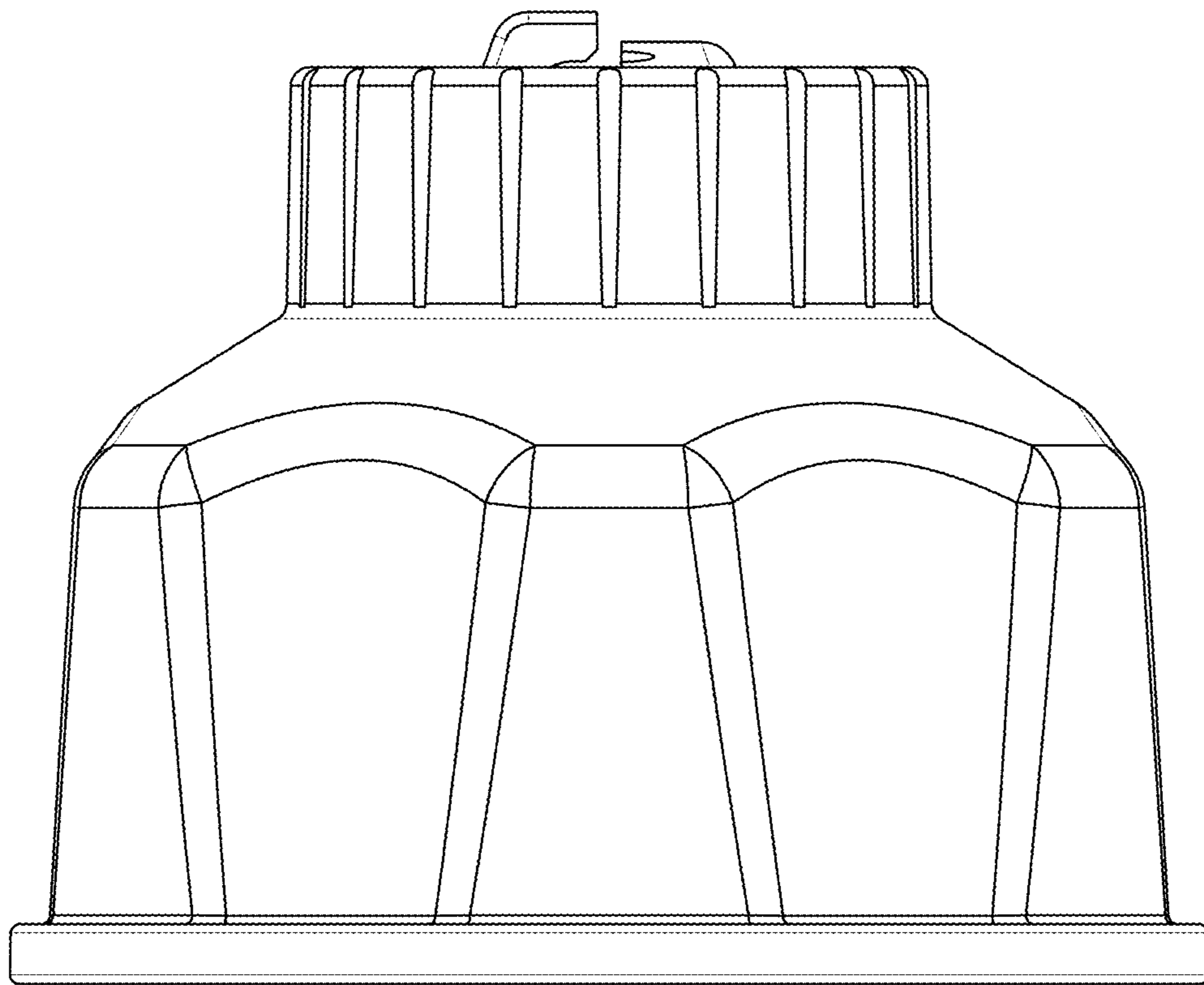


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