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(54) **BACK BRACE**

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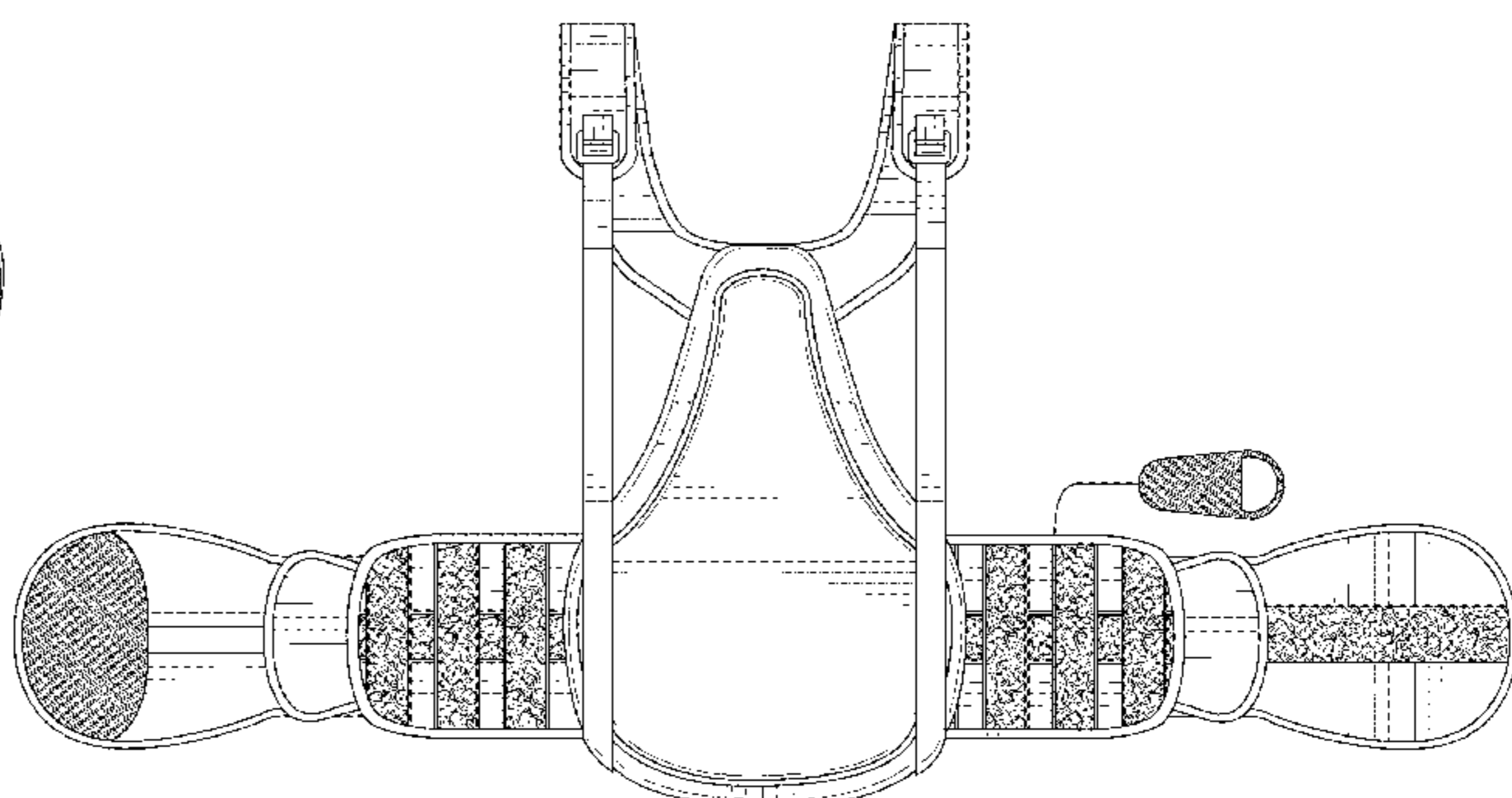
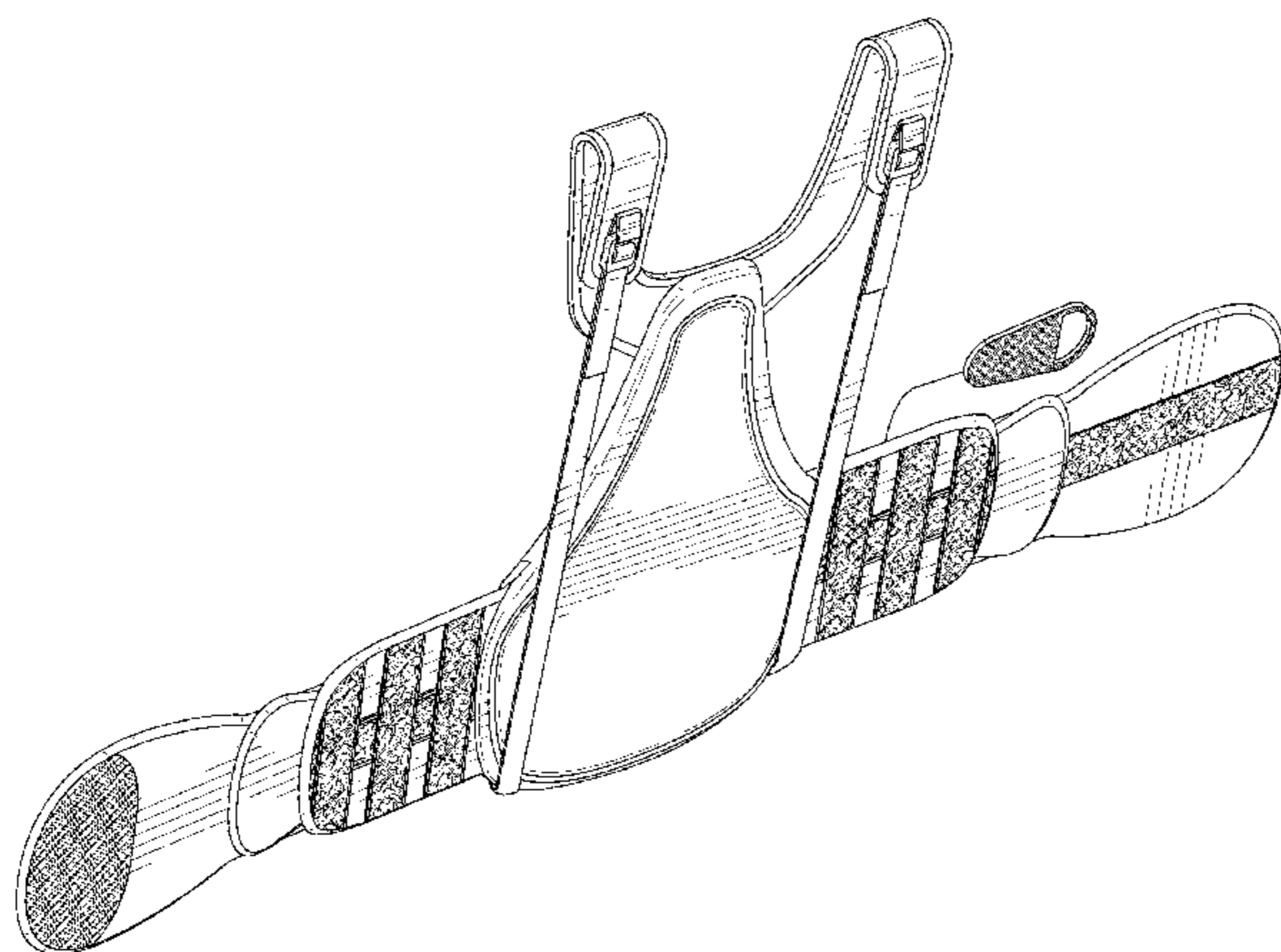
(57) **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a back brace, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a back brace showing the new design;
FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;
FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 5 is a right side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;
FIG. 7 is a bottom plan view thereof;
FIG. 8 is an exploded view thereof;
FIG. 9 is a front perspective view of the back brace with both arms in a shortened position;
FIG. 10 is a rear perspective view with the back flap in an open position; and,
FIG. 11 is a front elevational view of the back brace with the straps in a relaxed position.
The dot-dash broken lines in FIG. 8 show an order of assembly of the exploded view, and form no part of the claimed design.

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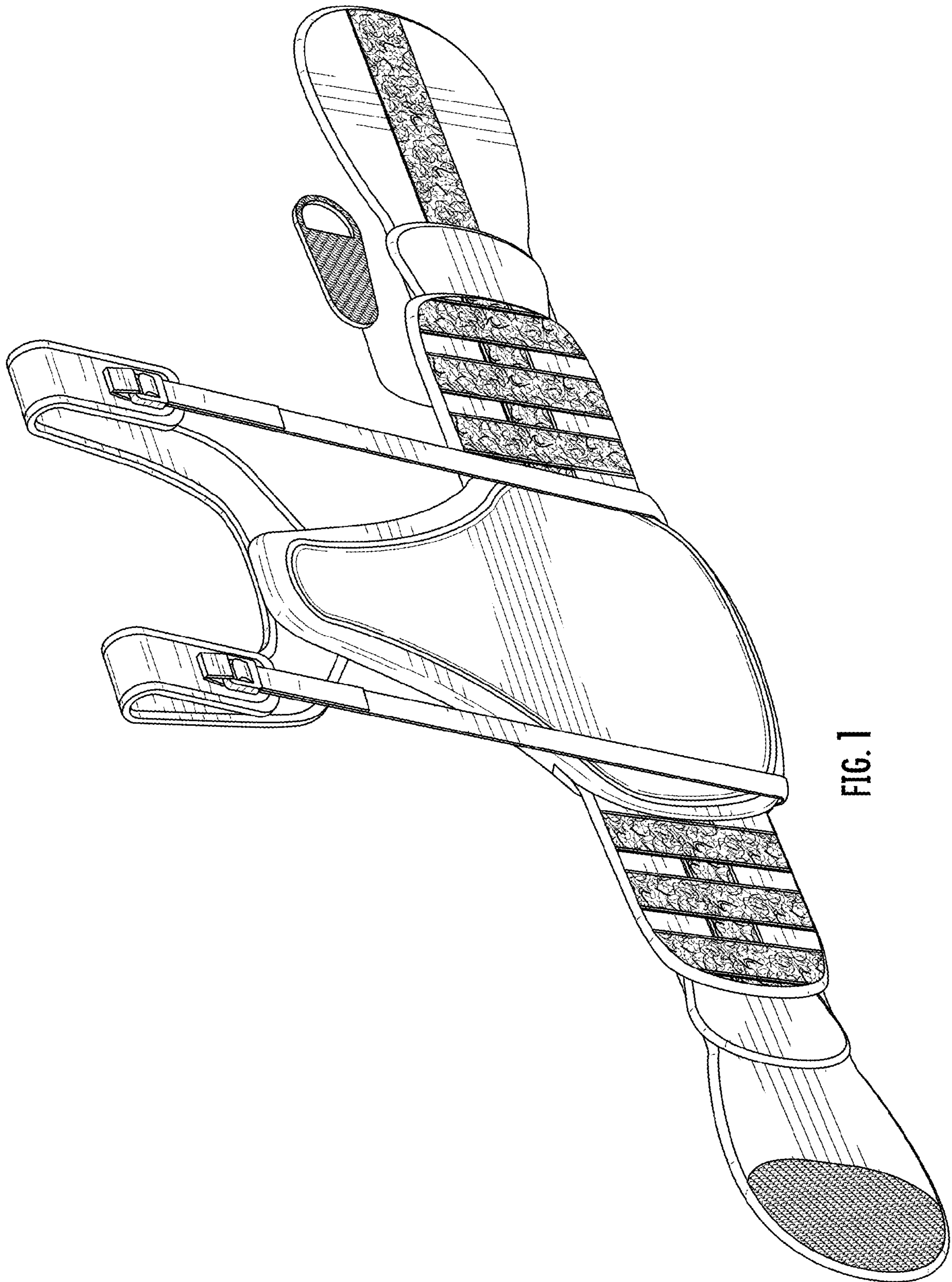


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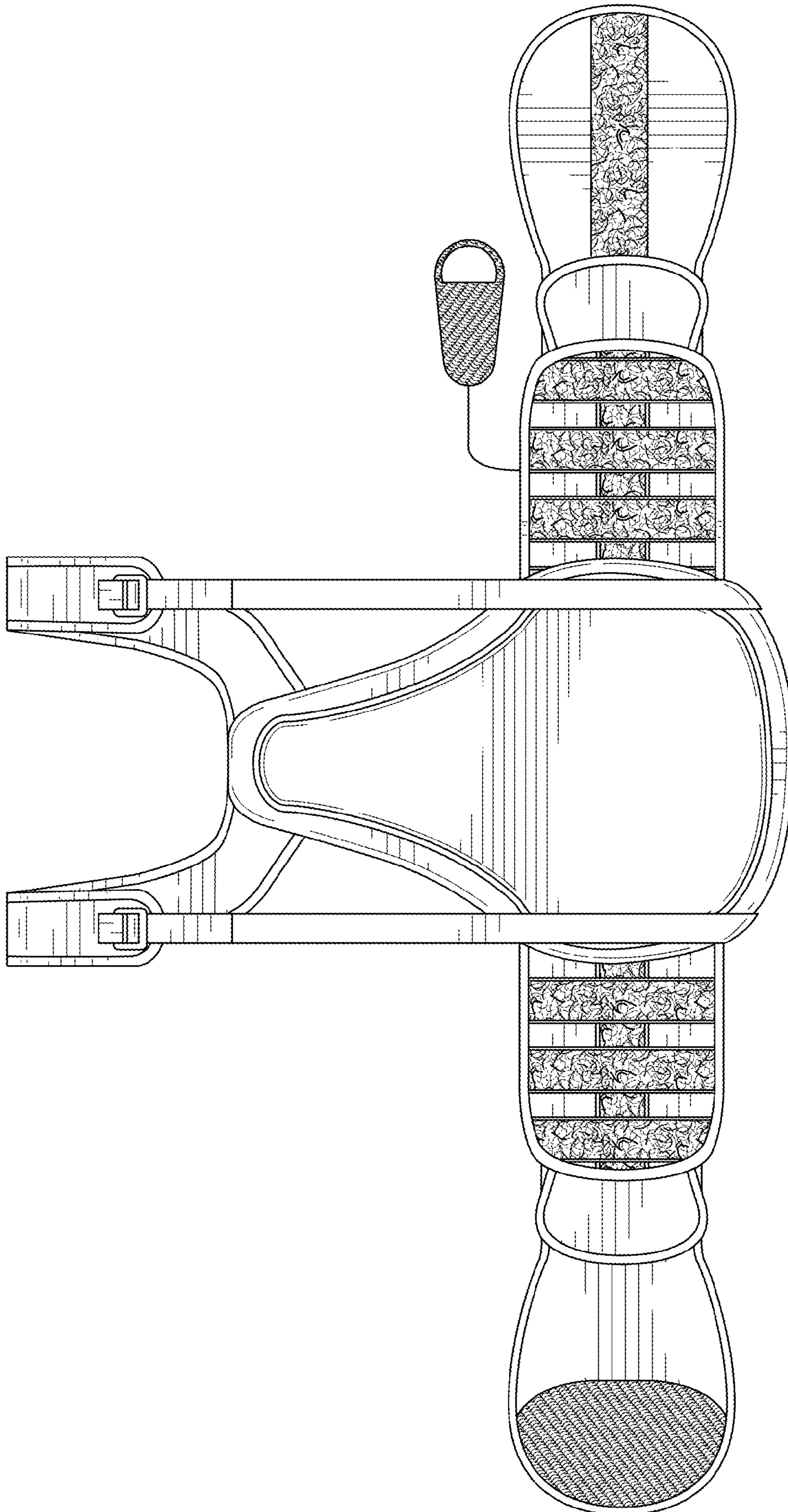


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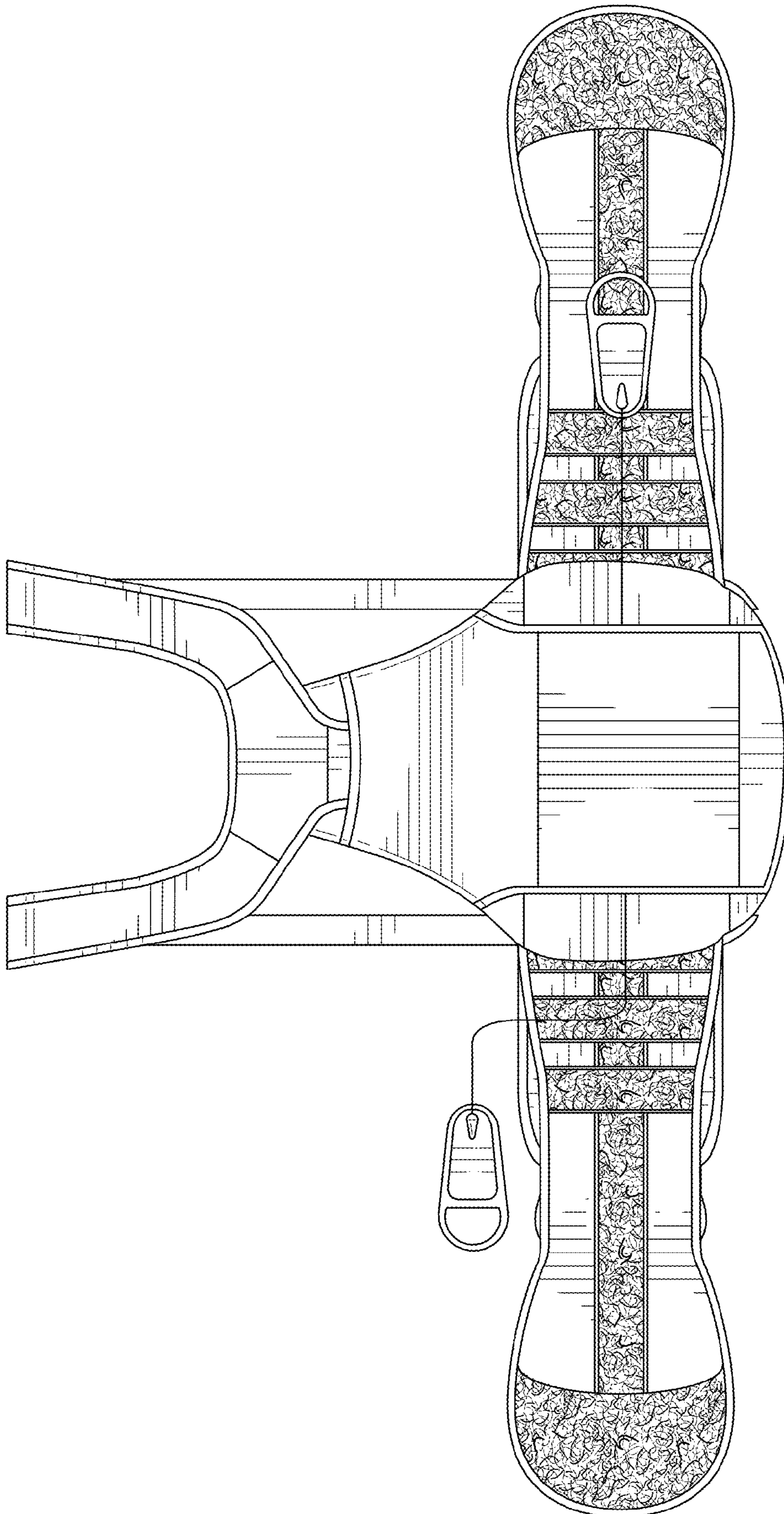


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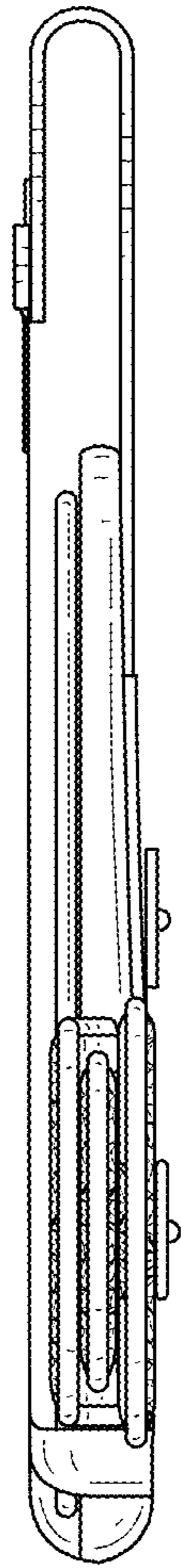


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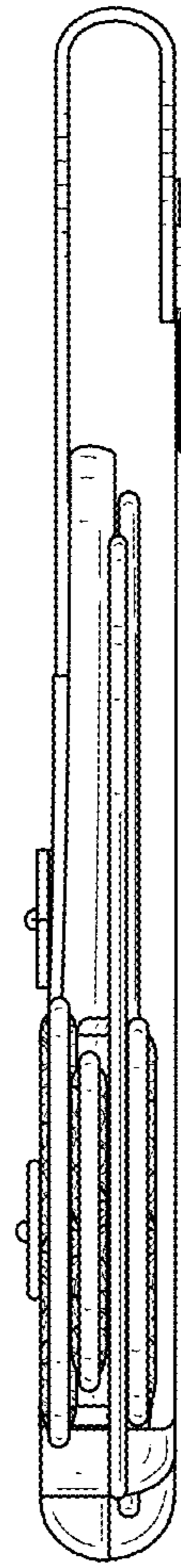


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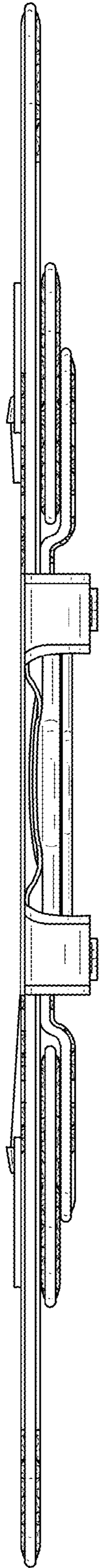


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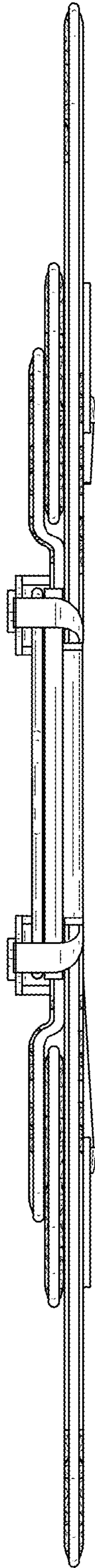


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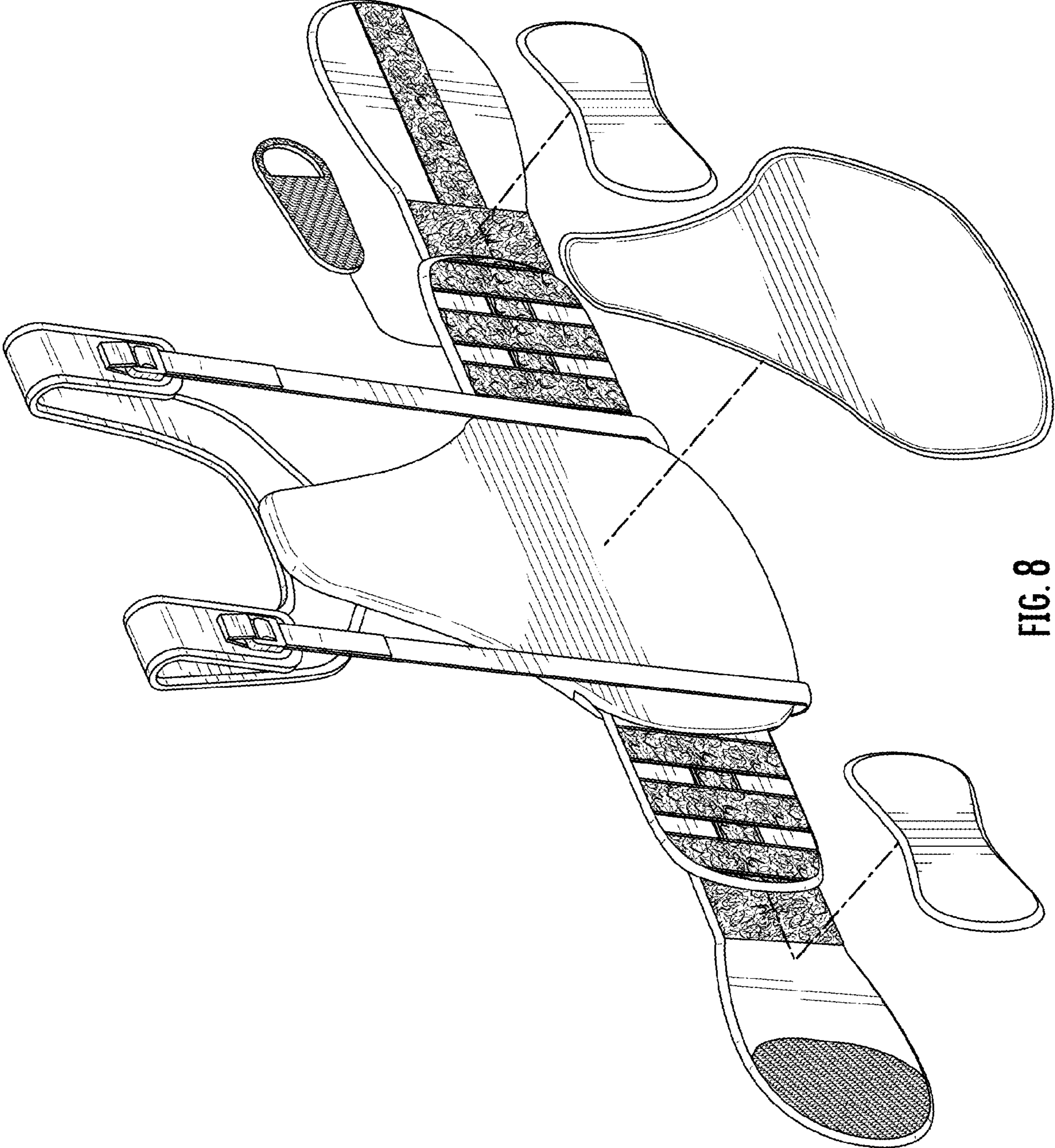


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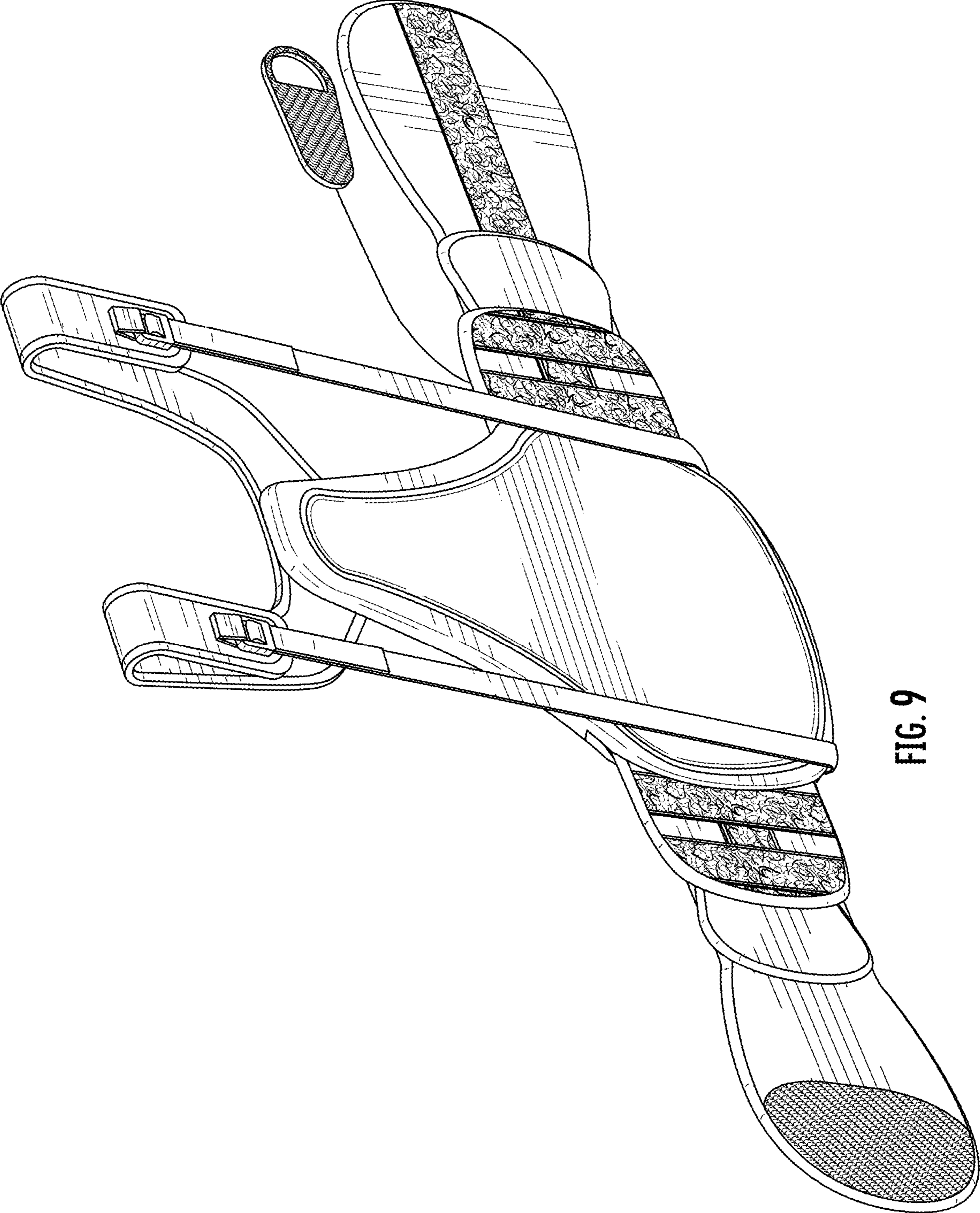


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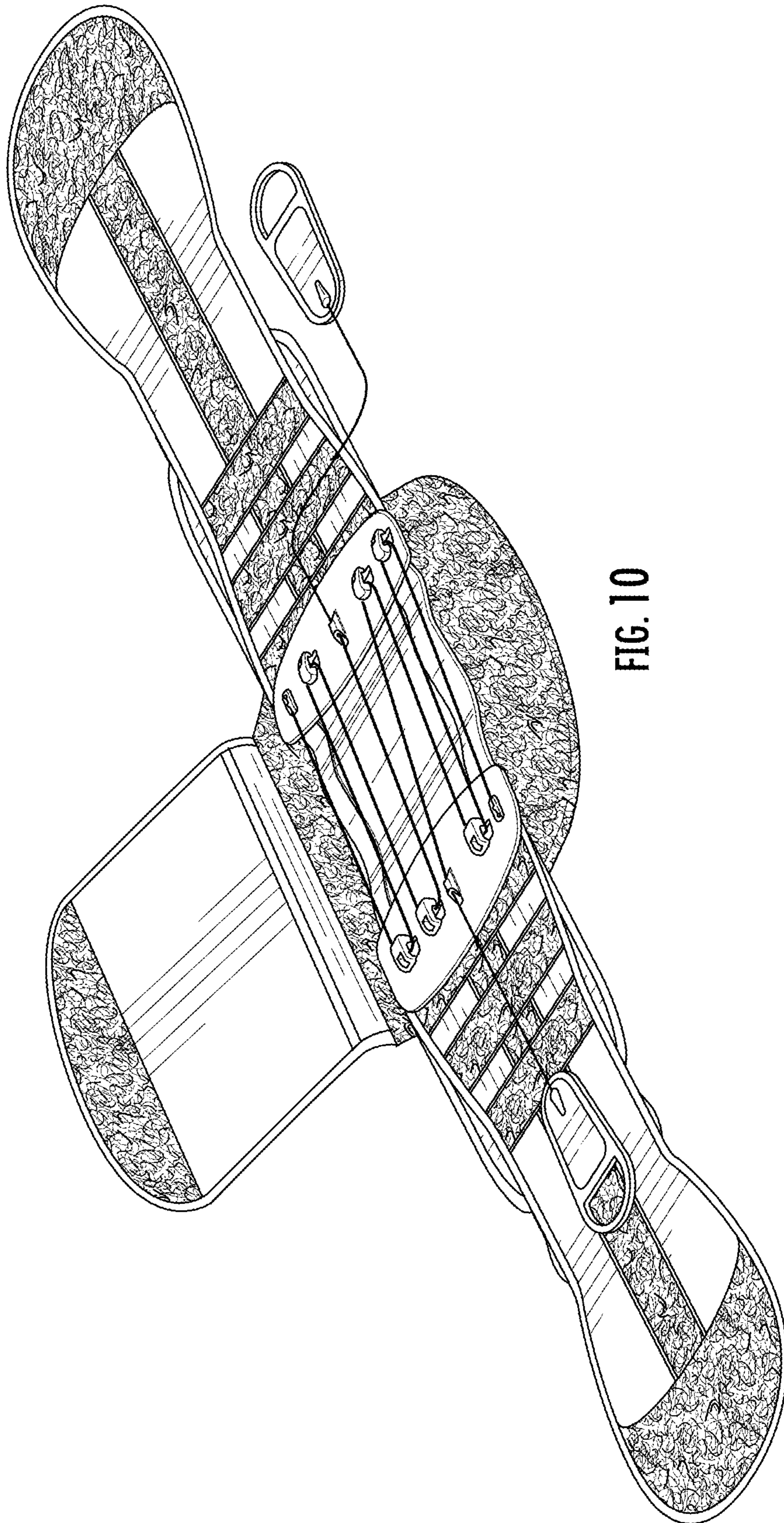


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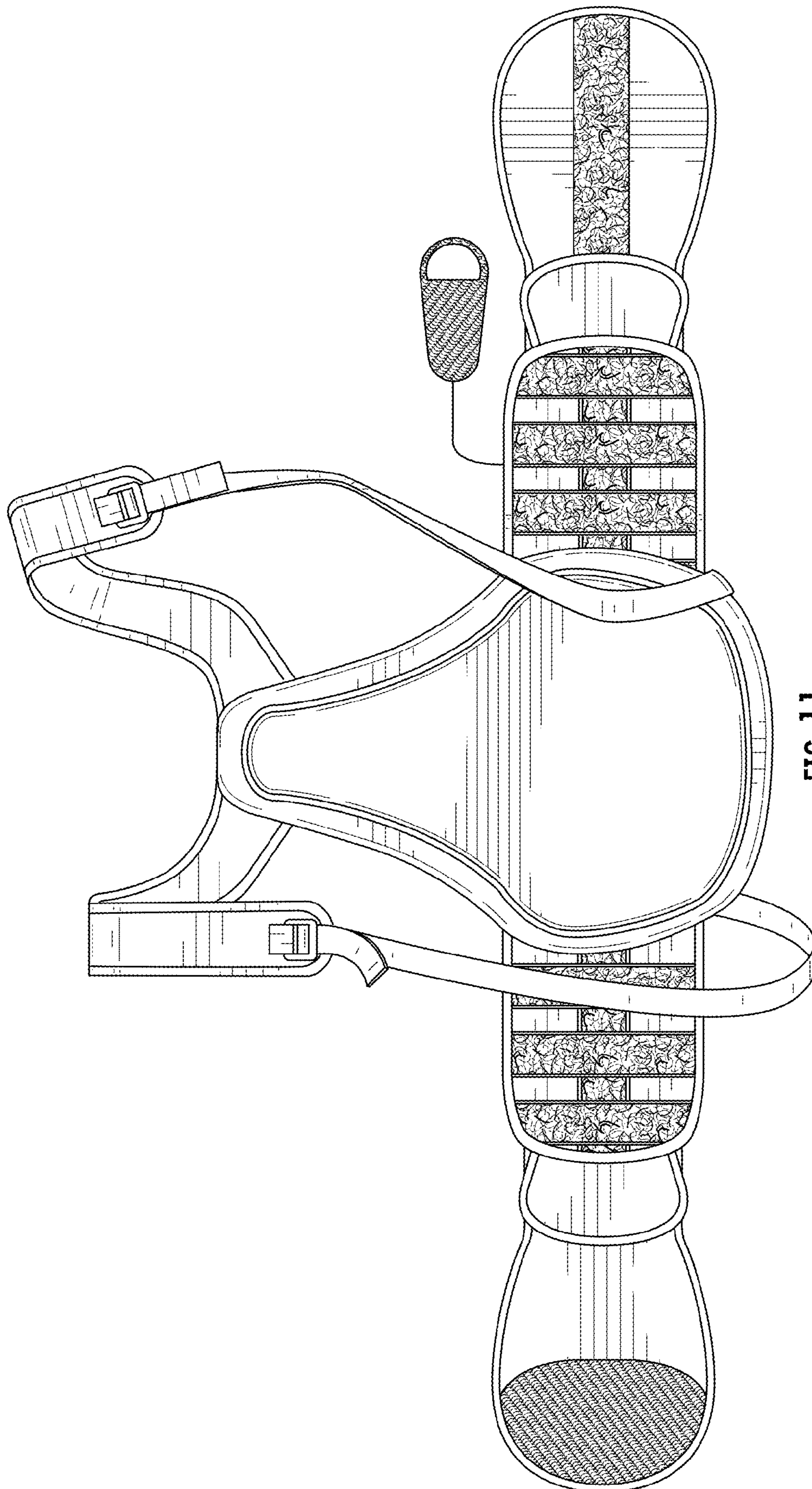


FIG. 11