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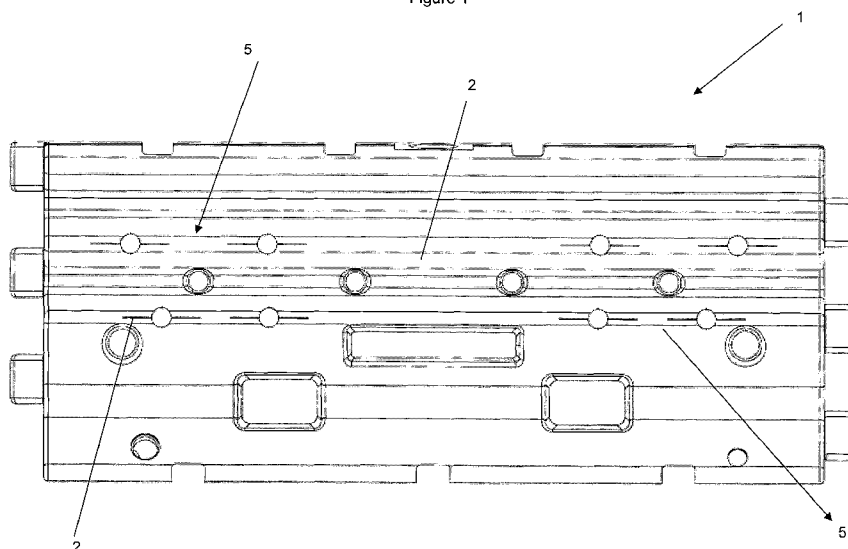
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Figure 1



(57) **Abstract:** An energy absorbing apparatus comprising: - an outer shell having opposed ends and a left and right side wall and a hollow core; and wherein the shell has been adapted to have a plurality of longitudinally spaced apart fold points positioned on the left and right side wall at a height which substantially corresponds to the centre of gravity of a road vehicle; and wherein the fold points facilitate a controlled folding up of the sides and at least part of shell, at or around, the fold points, during an end on impact.