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(54) **LOAD SECURING BAG FOR A PICKUP TRUCK**

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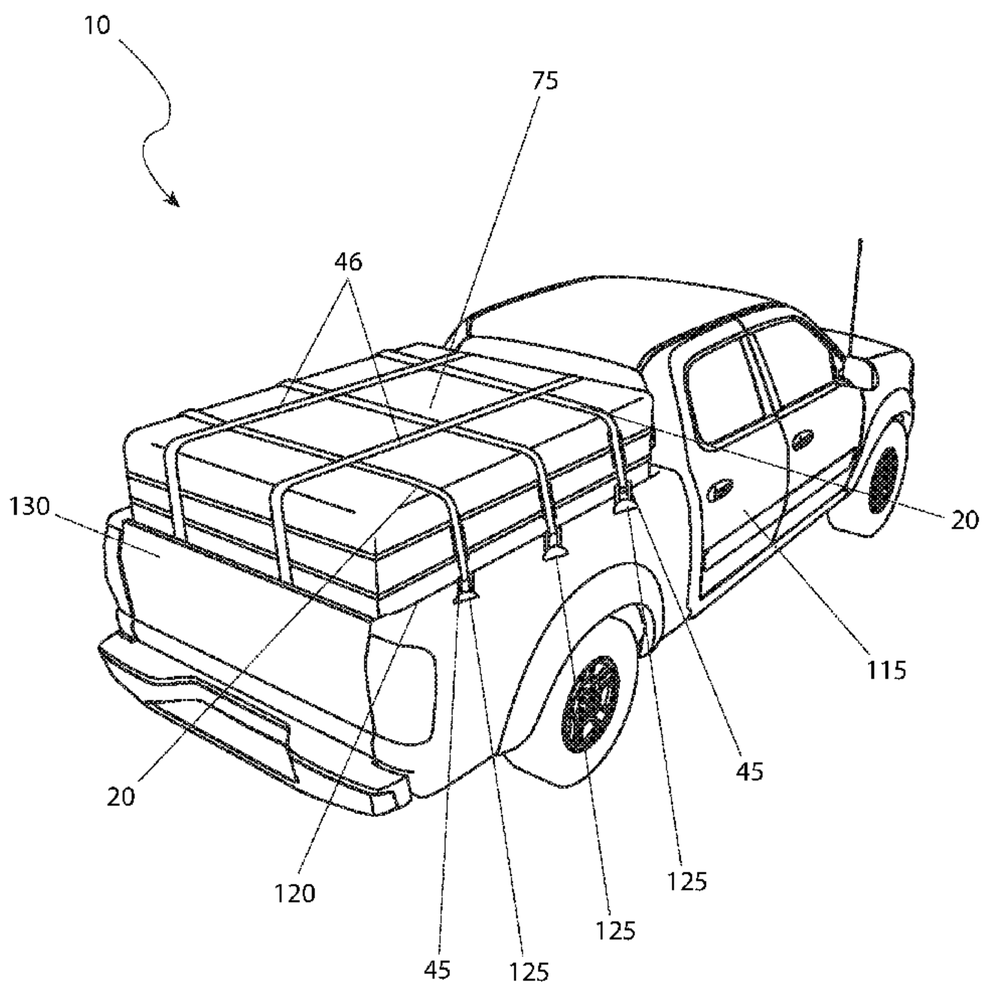
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A load securing bag for a pickup truck comprises a cuboid-shaped bag made of durable weather-resistant material having a single gusset about the side edges of the bag. When not in use, the gusset is secured by a fastening device. There is a plurality of straps which are secured to the bag with each strap having a hook at the distal end of each strap. A bag cover made of nylon webbing also has a plurality of straps having a hook at the distal end of each strap.

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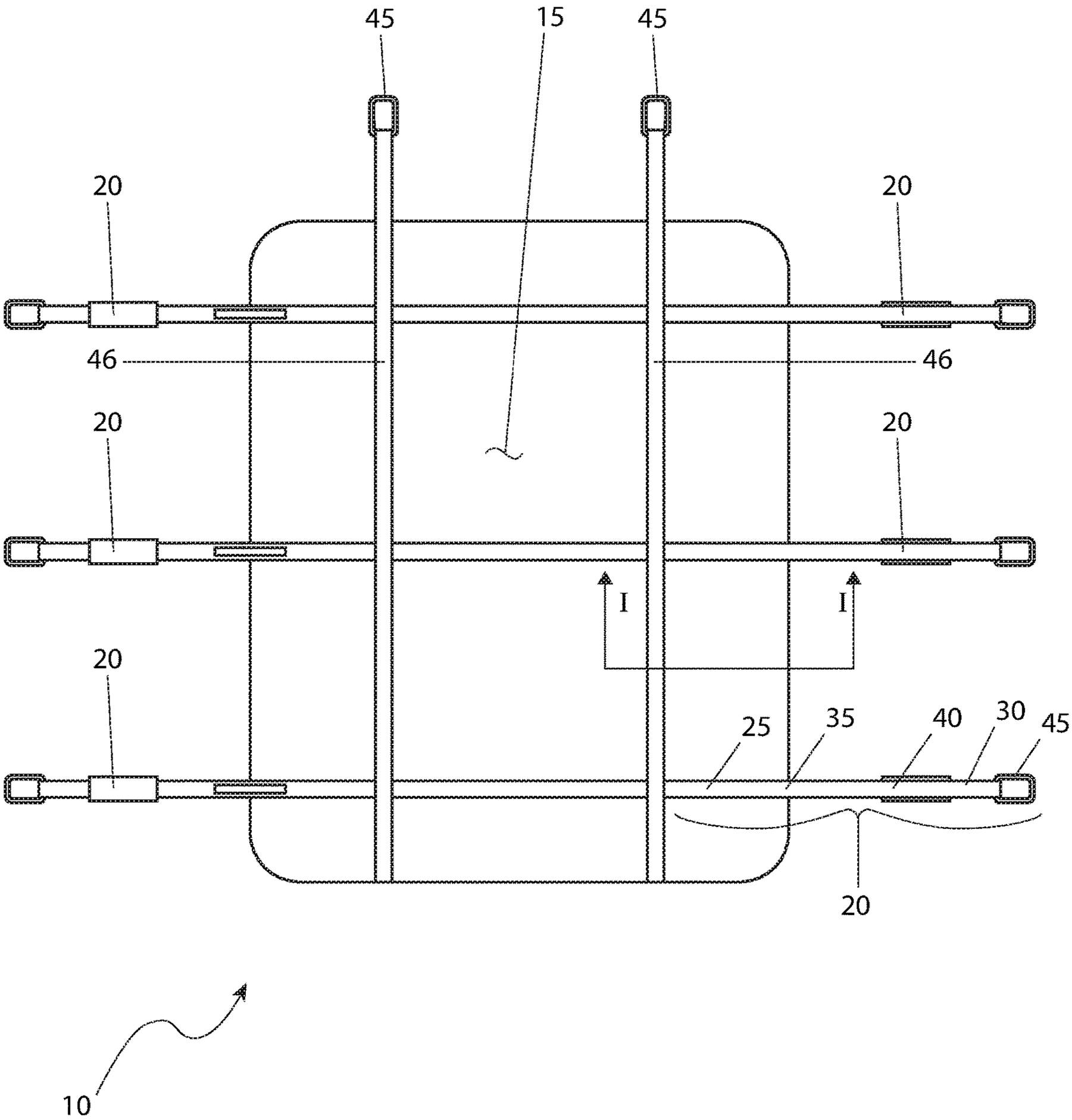


FIG. 1

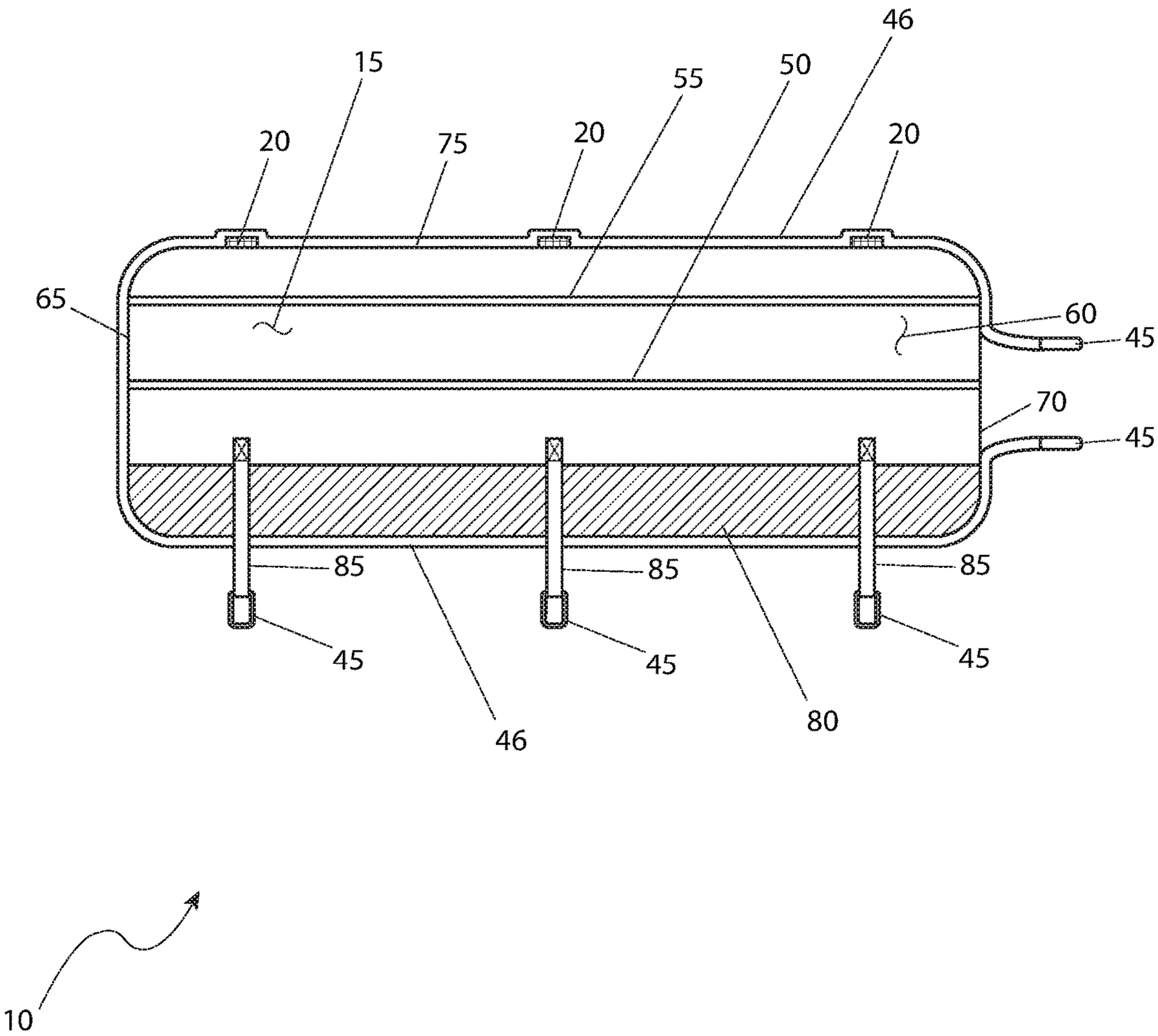


FIG. 2

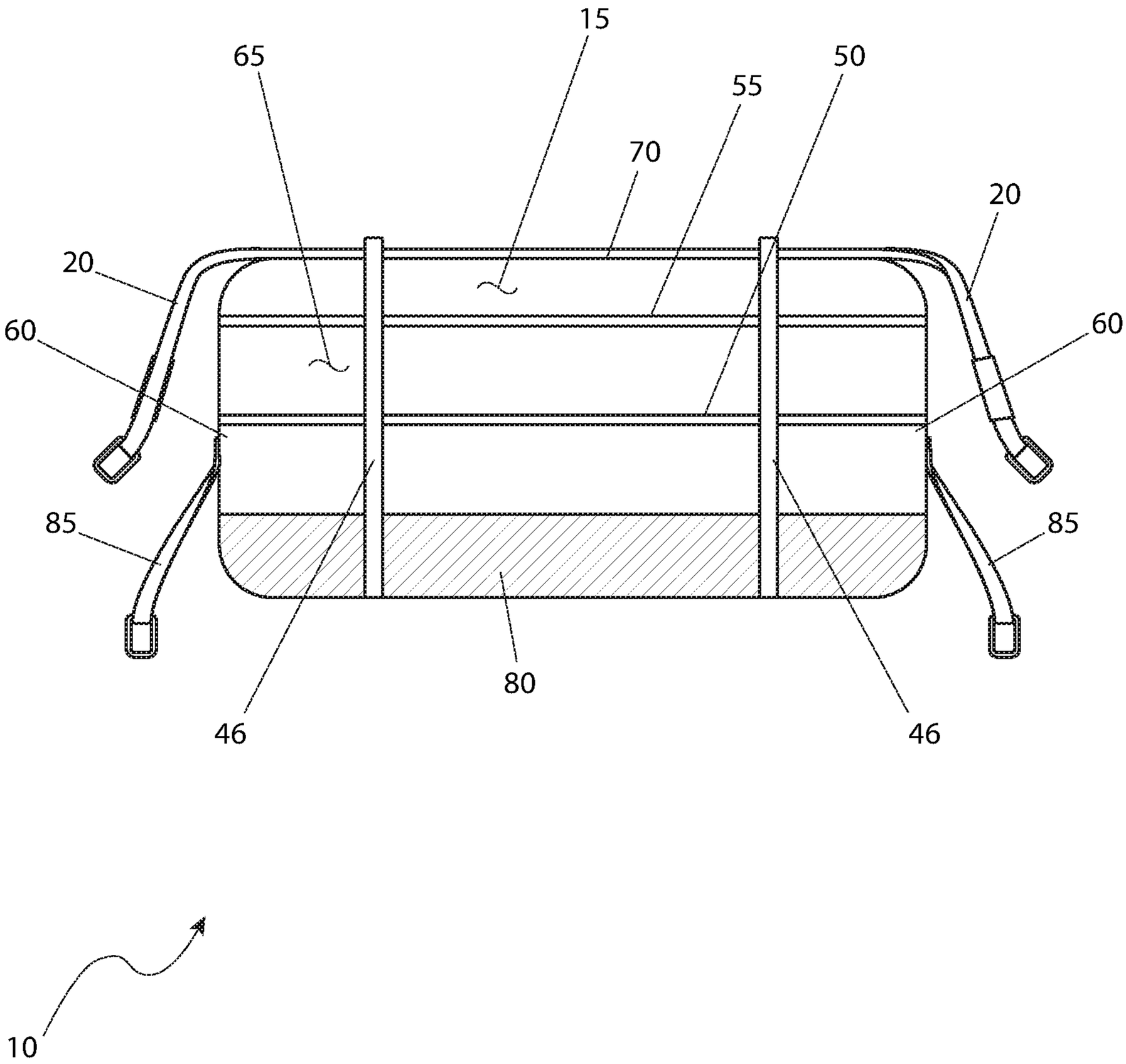


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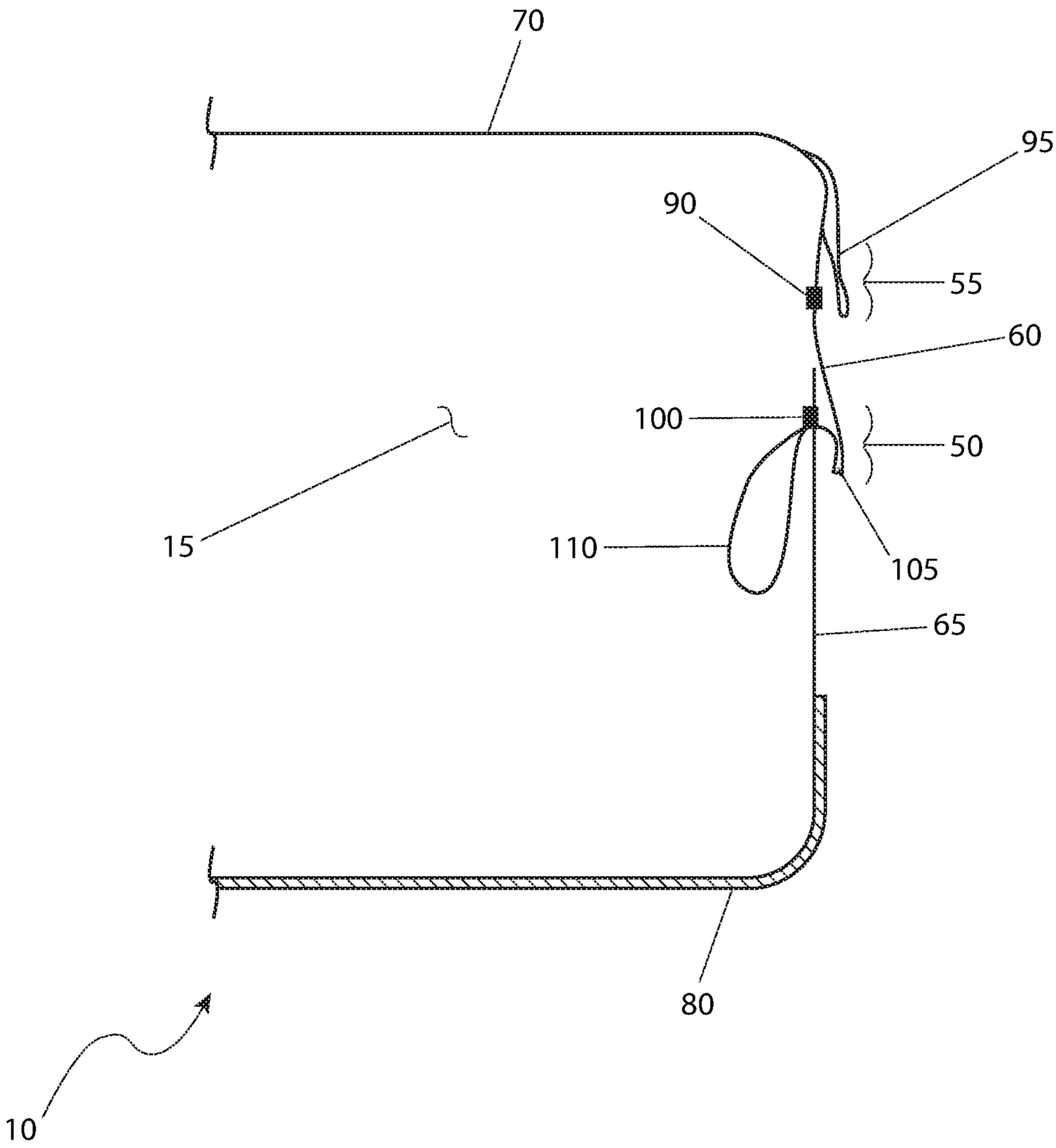


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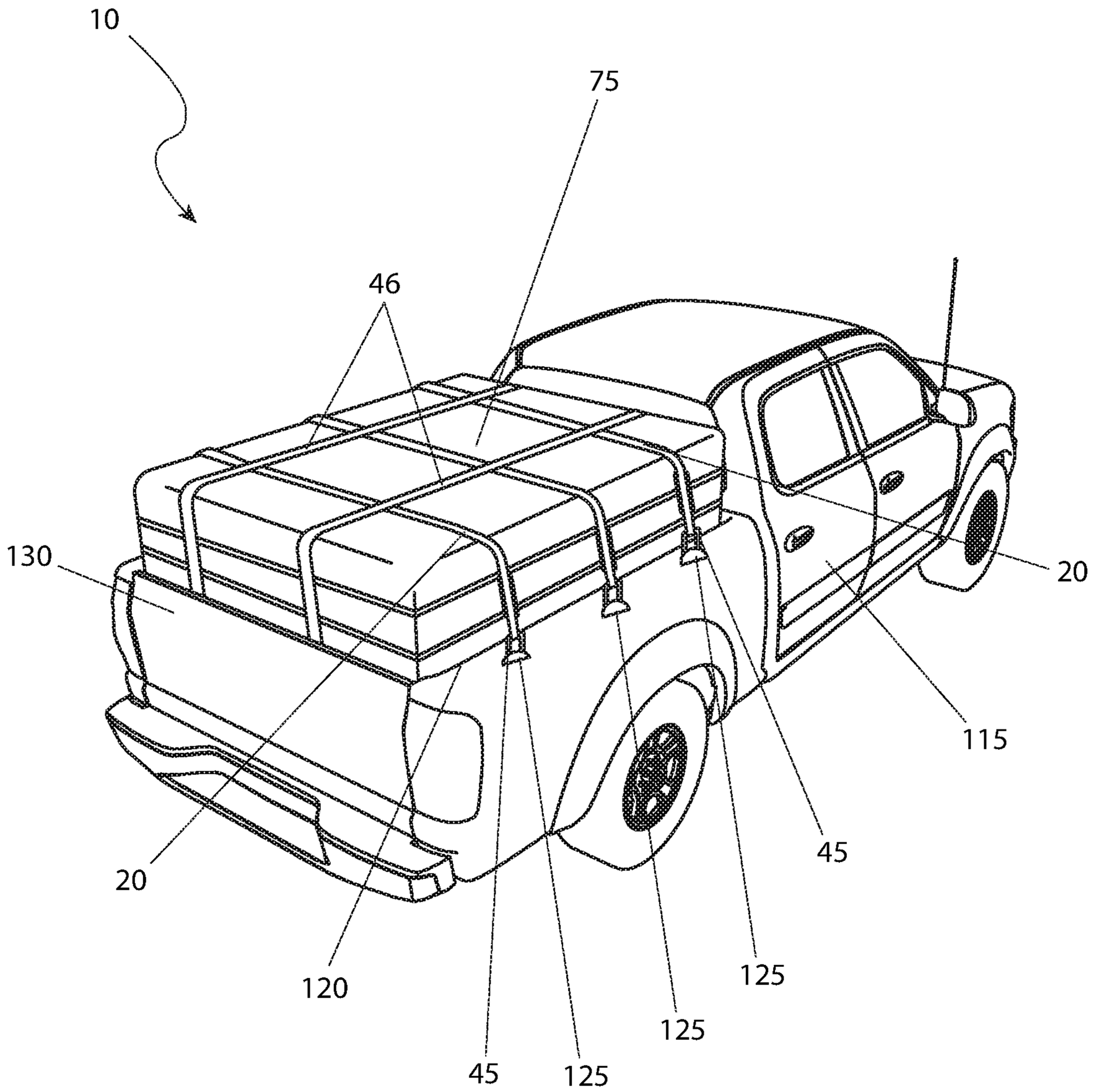


FIG. 5

LOAD SECURING BAG FOR A PICKUP TRUCK

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present invention was first described in and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/467,286, filed Mar. 6, 2017, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates generally to a load securing bag for removable placement within a vehicle.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

With sales at an all-time high, the popularity of the pick-up style truck as an everyday vehicle is wider spread than it ever has been. Their utility and convenience in hauling items coupled with the availability of luxury interiors and extended cab space have made the pickup a popular alternative to other vehicles. Many users add a bed cover or camper shell to their truck to increase security and provide protection from the weather for items stored in the bed. While such items certainly do work, many pickup truck owners do not utilize them due to their aesthetic impact or the fact they render the bed area unusable for other uses such as bulk material hauling, or simply the fact that they cannot afford it.

Accordingly, there exists a need for a means by which storage security and protection for the elements can be provided for items and equipment stored in the bed of a pickup truck without the use of a bed cover or camper shell. The development of the load securing bag fulfills this need.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The inventor has recognized the aforementioned issues and inherent problems and observed that there is a lack in the prior art for a load securing bag for removable placement within a vehicle.

It is therefore an object of the invention to provide a bag defining an interior comprising a top, bottom, a first side, a second side, a third side and a fourth side. The bag also comprises a first upper transverse retention strap which is secured to the top having a first upper transverse retention strap first end which in turn has a first spring loaded attachment hook at a first distal end, a first length adjustment mechanism adjacent the first spring loaded attachment hook and a first fastener adjacent the first length adjustment mechanism.

The first upper transverse retention strap also has a first upper transverse retention strap second end comprising a second spring loaded attachment hook at a second distal end, a second length adjustment mechanism adjacent the second spring loaded attachment hook and a second fastener which is adjacent the second length adjustment mechanism. This first end and second configuration is respectively the same with respect to a second upper transverse retention strap which is secured to the top and is adjacent the first upper transvers retention strap and a third upper transverse retention strap which is secured to the top and is adjacent the second upper transverse retention strap.

The bag also comprises a first upper longitudinal strap which is secured to the top and perpendicularly secured across the first transverse retention strap, the second transverse retention strap and the third transverse retention strap. The first upper longitudinal strap has a first upper longitudinal strap first end which also has spring loaded attachment hook and a first upper longitudinal strap second end which is secured to an edge of the top. The is also a second upper longitudinal strap secured to the top, adjacent the first upper longitudinal strap and perpendicularly secured across the first transverse retention strap, the second transverse retentions strap and the third transverse retention strap. The second upper longitudinal strap first end and second end are respectively configured in a manner similar to the first upper longitudinal strap.

The bag also comprises an opening which has an opening fastener disposed upon at least one (1) side of the bag. The opening is configured to removably retain an article of luggage inside. The bag is also configured to be removably secured within a truck bed by the securement of each the first spring loaded attachment hooks to a corresponding tie down anchor disposed about the truck bed.

The opening fastening means may also comprise a first zipper. The bottom of the bag may comprise a waterproof coating which may be rubber and may extend from the bottom of the bag to no less than four inches (4 in.) onto the outer surface of the first, second, third side and the fourth side. A gusset may be configured and disposed about the first, second, third side and the fourth side and may have a gusset fastener. The gusset may be disposed adjacent the first zipper and may possess a second zipper. The opening may be disposed on the first and second side of the bag. A lid may also be provided which is configured to be removably secured to the top of the bag.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The advantages and features of the present invention will become better understood with reference to the following more detailed description and claims taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which like elements are identified with like symbols, and in which:

FIG. **1** is a top view of the weatherproof cargo bag for pickup trucks, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. **2** is a side view of the weatherproof cargo bag for pickup trucks, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. **3** is an end view of the weatherproof cargo bag for pickup trucks **10**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. **4** is a sectional view of the weatherproof cargo bag for pickup trucks **10**, as seen along a line I-I, as shown in FIG. **1**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention; and,

FIG. **5** is a perspective view of the weatherproof cargo bag for pickup trucks **10**, shown in a utilized state on a pickup truck **115**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

DESCRIPTIVE KEY

10 weatherproof cargo bag
15 bag-like structure
20 upper transverse retention strap
25 upper strap section
30 lower strap section
35 hook-and-loop fastener
40 length adjustment mechanism
45 spring-loaded attachment hook

46 upper longitudinal strap
50 gusset closure
55 opening zipper
60 side surface
65 lower end
70 upper end
75 lid surface
80 waterproofing material
85 lower retention strap
90 first zipper
95 first rain flap
100 second zipper
105 second rain flap
110 gusset material
115 pickup truck
120 pickup truck bed
125 tie down point
130 tailgate
135 storage bag

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

The best mode for carrying out the invention is presented in terms of its preferred embodiment, herein depicted within FIGS. **1** through **5**. However, the invention is not limited to the described embodiment, and a person skilled in the art will appreciate that many other embodiments of the invention are possible without deviating from the basic concept of the invention and that any such work around will also fall under scope of this invention. It is envisioned that other styles and configurations of the present invention can be easily incorporated into the teachings of the present invention, and only one (1) particular configuration shall be shown and described for purposes of clarity and disclosure and not by way of limitation of scope.

The terms "a" and "an" herein do not denote a limitation of quantity, but rather denote the presence of at least one (1) of the referenced items.

Referring now to FIG. **1**, a top view of the weatherproof cargo bag **10**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, is disclosed. The weatherproof cargo bag **10** (herein described as the "device") **10**, includes a bag-like structure **15** that is placed within the bed area **120** of an open pickup truck **115**. The bag-like structure **15** provides complete coverage and environmental protection on all six (6) sides. The bag-like structure **15** would be made of a durable material such as nylon, canvas, Tyvek®, or the like. The particular use of any material(s) is not intended to be a limiting factor of the present invention. The overall size of the device **10** can vary per application, vehicle, or the like.

However, a common width is envisioned as four feet (4 ft.) wide, with a common depth of eight feet (8 ft.). The overall height will be described in greater detail herein below. The top of the device **10** is provided with six (6) upper transverse retention straps **20** that are commonly connected into three (3) strap pairs. Each upper transverse retention straps **20** is comprised of an upper strap section **25**, a lower strap section **30**, a hook-and-loop fastener **35**, a length adjustment mechanism **40**, and a spring-loaded attachment hook **45**. The upper strap section **25** is attached to the bag-like structure **15** via heavy duty stitching, rivets, or other commonly known attachment method. The upper strap section **25** may also comprise a complete net arrangement over the top of the bag-like structure **15**, similar in appearance to a cargo net that is not physically attached to the bag-like structure **15**. Additionally, the top of the device **10** is provided with two (2) upper longitudinal straps **46** that are not physically fastened to the top of the device **10** (only physically fastened on bottom to allow for opening of device **10**).

The upper longitudinal straps **46** further secure any contained load, particularly if the tailgate of the truck is left in down position. The upper longitudinal straps **46** are also provided with spring-loaded attachment hooks **45** as well. The particular use of any type of upper transverse retention straps **20** or upper longitudinal straps **46** are not intended to be a limiting factor of the present invention. The length adjustment mechanism **40** serves to adjust the length of the lower strap section **30** in relation to the upper strap section **25**, so that the bag-like structure **15** and contents therein can be satisfactorily secured in the bed of a pickup truck **120**. Any excess lower strap section **30** because of tightening will be secured by the hook-and-loop fastener **35**, such as Velcro®. The spring-loaded attachment hook **45** such as a spring hook, clasp, or carabiner, is used to secure the upper transverse retention straps **20**, and thus the device **10**, to the structure of the pickup truck such as a tie-down point. The captive arrangement of the spring-loaded attachment hook **45** prevents inadvertent dislodgement.

Referring next to FIG. **2**, a side view of the device **10**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention is depicted. This view partially show three (3) upper transverse retention straps **20** due to illustrative limitations. The overall height of the bag-like structure **15** can once again vary per specific application but a typical version would be approximately two feet (2 ft.) tall. However, a gusset closure **50** provides for additional height (envisioned to be approximately eighteen inches (18 in.)) and will be described in greater detail herein below. The gusset closure **50** extends for the entire perimeter of the bag-like structure **15**. An opening zipper **55** is provided immediately above the gusset closure **50** and extends on both side surface **60** (one (1) of which is shown in FIG. **2**) and the lower end **65** (located near the tailgate when placed in a pickup truck bed). The opening zipper **55** does not provide coverage for the upper end **70** (located near the passenger cab area when placed in a pickup truck bed), since total removal of lid surface **75** is not necessary to provide complete access to the interior of the bag-like structure **15**.

The lower portion of the bag-like structure **15**, envisioned to be approximately four inches (4 in.) is provided with a waterproofing material **80** such as rubber coating or the like which is applied in a dipping or coating process. The waterproofing material **80** provides protection against rain, snow, and other moisture issues especially in driving rains where water may accumulate in the bed of the pickup truck. A total of six (6) lower retention straps **85** (of which three (3) are shown due to illustrative limitations) are provided in groups of three (3) on each side surface **60**. Also visible in this figure is one (1) of the two (2) upper longitudinal straps **46** complete with the spring-loaded attachment hooks **45** which are attached to any available retention point within the bed of the pickup truck. As aforementioned described, the upper longitudinal straps **46** are physically fastened to the waterproofing material **80** via heavy duty stitching, rivets, or other commonly known attachment method. The lower retention straps **85** and the upper longitudinal straps **46** are envisioned to be a fixed length and attach to various tie down points at the lower edge of the pickup truck bed. Each lower retention straps **85** is also provided with a spring-loaded attachment hook **45** which functions in a similar manner to that used with the upper strap section **25** as aforementioned described in FIG. **1**.

Referring now to FIG. **3**, an end view of the device **10**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention is shown. This end view is the apparent view of the device **10** when viewed from the tailgate area of the pickup truck bed with the tailgate in a down position. The waterproofing material **80** is apparent about the total lower surface of the bag-like structure **15**. The upper transverse retention straps **20** (two (2) of the total six (6) are shown due to illustrative limitations) are attached to the upper end **70**. The lower retention straps **85** (two (2) of the total six (6) are shown (due to illustrative limitations) are attached to the side surface **60**. One (1) of the three (3) upper strap section **25** are visible (due to illustrative limitations) as well as both of the upper longitudinal straps **46**. Finally, the gusset closure **50** and the opening zipper **55** are readily visible as well.

Referring next to FIG. **4**, a sectional view of the device **10**, as seen along a line I-I, as shown in FIG. **1**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention is disclosed. The side surface **60**, upper end **70**, and the waterproofing material **80** are readily seen in this disclosure. The opening zipper **55** includes a first zipper **90** and a first rain flap **95**. The first zipper **90** allows for access into the interior of the bag-like structure **15** as aforementioned described. The first rain flap **95** prevents ready entrance of water from rain through the first zipper **90** under normal usage. The gusset closure **50** consists of a second zipper **100**, a second rain flap **105** and gusset material **110**. When the second zipper **100** is opened, the gusset material **110** envisioned to be approximately twelve to eighteen inches (12-18 in.) in total length is deployed to allow for an overall higher height of the device **10**. This increase in height is envisioned to allow for storage and transport of larger objects such as mattresses, box springs, and the like. It is also envisioned that the second zipper **100** could be partially opened to allow for only one side of the device **10** to have a higher height. As before, the second rain flap **105** prevents entrance of water from rain through the second zipper **100** under normal usage.

Referring finally to FIG. **5**, a perspective view of the device **10**, shown in a utilized state on a pickup truck **115**, according to the preferred embodiment of the present invention is depicted. The device **10** is placed into a pickup truck bed **120** of the pickup truck **115**. The spring-loaded attachment hook **45** of the upper transverse retention straps **20** (three (3) of the total six (6) are shown due to illustrative limitations) are attached to tie down points **125** that are customarily available in the pickup truck bed **120**. The placement of the lid surface **75** still allows for vision through the rear window of the pickup truck **115**.

The device **10** as shown in FIG. **5** does not take advantage of the additional internal storage space afforded by the gusset material **110** (as shown in FIG. **4**). The increase in overall height of the device **10** afforded by use of the gusset material **110** (as shown in FIG. **4**) would likely block rearward vision through the rear window of the pickup truck **115** if deployed. Additional securement of the device **10** may be afforded by use of the lower strap section **30** (not shown in this figure due to illustrative limitations) as well as the upper longitudinal straps **46**. The upper longitudinal straps **46** are viewed as particularly beneficial should the tailgate **130** be in an open or down position in lieu of the closed or up position as shown. Such a decision on use of the lower strap section **30** (as shown in FIG. **2** and FIG. **3**) as well as the upper longitudinal straps **46** would be made based upon size, configuration, and weight of material contained within the device **10** as well as distance and terrain to be travelled. It should be noted that the tailgate **130** of the pickup truck **115** may be in an either up or down position depending on use of configuration of the device **10**. While in an upright position the tailgate **130** aids in retention of the device **10** within the pickup truck bed **120** while in motion. While in a down position, the pickup truck bed **120** affords use of a larger device **10** to the successful transport of longer objects and items. When not in use, the device **10** would be collapsed, folded, and stored within a storage bag **135** and placed within a secure location inside of the pickup truck **115**.

The preferred embodiment of the present invention can be utilized by the common user in a simple and effortless manner with little or no training. It is envisioned that the device **10** would be constructed in general accordance with FIG. **1** through FIG. **5**. Various factors to be considered before manufacture or procurement of a device **10** include size of pickup truck bed **120**, items to be carried in the device **10**, road conditions and the like.

Upon successful procurement of the device **10**, it is removed from its storage bag **135** and placed in the pickup truck bed **120**. It is unfolded and arranged so that the upper end **70** is positioned near the cab of the pickup truck **115**. The lower strap section **30** (six (6) total) are attached to lower tie points in the pickup truck bed **120** as needed. The lower portion of the upper longitudinal straps **46** would be attached to lower tie points in the pickup truck bed **120** as needed as well. The lid surface **75** is opened by unzipping the first zipper **90** and the lid surface **75** is placed up on the roof of the truck cab. Should additional storage space inside of the device **10** be needed, the second zipper **100** is unzipped to take advantage of the gusset material **110**. At this point in time, the device **10** is ready for loading.

Once the device **10** is loaded, the lid surface **75** is replaced and secured by closing the first zipper **90**. Next, the upper transverse retention straps **20** (six (6) total) are secured to the tie down points **125** and tightened by use of the length adjustment mechanism **40**. Any loose lower strap section **30** is secured by the hook-and-loop fastener **35**. The upper portion of the upper longitudinal straps **46** would be connected to any additional tie down retention points as well. It is recommended, but not necessary, that the tailgate **130** be closed to further secure the load. At this point in time, the pickup truck **115** can be moved to transport the device **10** as well as its contained items.

Upon arrival at the destination, the above process is reversed to remove the stored materials from the device **10** as well as to allow for removal of the device **10** from the pickup truck bed **120** of the pickup truck **115**. The device **10** may then be folded and stored within its storage bag **135** until needed again in a cyclical manner.

The foregoing descriptions of specific embodiments of the present invention have been presented for purposes of illustration and description. They are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise forms disclosed, and obviously many modifications and variations are possible in light of the above teaching. The embodiments were chosen and described in order to best explain the principles of the invention and its practical application, to thereby enable others skilled in the art to best utilize the invention and various embodiments with various modifications as are suited to the particular use contemplated.

What is claimed is:

1. A bag defining an interior comprising:

a top;

a bottom;

a first side;

a second side;

a third side;
a fourth side;
a first upper transverse retention strap secured to said top comprising:
a first upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:
a first spring loaded attachment hook at a first distal end;
a first length adjustment mechanism adjacent said first spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a first fastener adjacent said first length adjustment mechanism;
a first upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:
a second spring loaded attachment hook at a second distal end;
a second length adjustment mechanism adjacent said second spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a second fastener adjacent said second length adjustment mechanism;
a second upper transverse retention strap secured to said top adjacent said first upper transverse retention strap comprising:
a second upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:
a third spring loaded attachment hook at a third distal end;
a third length adjustment mechanism adjacent said third spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a third fastener adjacent said third length adjustment mechanism;
a second upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:
a fourth spring loaded attachment hook at a fourth distal end;
a fourth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said fourth spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a fourth fastener adjacent said fourth length adjustment mechanism;
a third upper transverse retention strap secured to said top, adjacent said second upper transverse retention strap comprising:
a third upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:
a fifth spring loaded attachment hook at a fifth distal end;
a fifth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said fifth spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a fifth fastener adjacent said fifth length adjustment mechanism;
a third upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:
a sixth spring loaded attachment hook at a sixth distal end;
a sixth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said sixth spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a sixth fastener adjacent said sixth length adjustment mechanism;
a first upper longitudinal strap secured to said top and perpendicularly secured across said first transverse retention strap, said second transverse retention strap and said third transverse retention strap comprising:
a first upper longitudinal strap first end comprising a seventh spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a first upper longitudinal strap second end secured to an edge of said top;
a second upper longitudinal strap secured to said top, adjacent said first upper longitudinal strap and perpendicularly secured across said first transverse retention strap, said second transverse retention strap and said third transverse retention strap comprising:
a second upper longitudinal strap first end comprising an eighth spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a second upper longitudinal strap second end secured to an edge of said top adjacent said first upper longitudinal strap second end;
an opening having an opening fastener disposed upon at least one side of said bag;
wherein said opening is configured to removably retain an article of luggage therein; and,
wherein said bag is configured to be removeably secured within a truck bed by securement of each of said first spring loaded attachment hook, second spring loaded attachment hook, third spring loaded attachment hook, fourth spring loaded attachment hook, fifth spring loaded attachment hook, sixth spring loaded attachment hook, seventh spring loaded attachment hook and eighth spring loaded attachment hook to a corresponding tie down anchor disposed about said truck bed.

2. The bag of claim **1**, wherein said opening fastener comprises a first zipper.

3. The bag of claim **1**, wherein said bottom comprises a waterproof coating.

4. The bag of claim **3**, wherein said coating comprises rubber.

5. The bag of claim **4**, wherein said coating extends from said bottom to no less than four inches onto an outer surface of said first side, said second side, said third side and said fourth side.

6. The bag of claim **1**, comprising a gusset configured and disposed about said first side, said second side, said third side and said fourth side and having a gusset fastener.

7. The bag of claim **6**, wherein said gusset is disposed adjacent a first zipper of said opening fastener.

8. The bag of claim **6**, wherein said gusset fastener comprises a second zipper.

9. The bag of claim **1**, wherein said opening is disposed on said first side and said second side.

10. The bag of claim **1**, comprising a lid capable of being removably secured upon said top.

11. A bag defining an interior comprising:
a top;
a bottom;
a first side;
a second side;
a third side;
a fourth side;
a first upper transverse retention strap secured to said top comprising:
a first upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:
a first spring loaded attachment hook at a first distal end;
a first length adjustment mechanism adjacent said first spring loaded attachment hook; and,
a first fastener adjacent said first length adjustment mechanism;
a first upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:
a second spring loaded attachment hook at a second distal end;
a second length adjustment mechanism adjacent said second spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a second fastener adjacent said second length adjustment mechanism;

a second upper transverse retention strap secured to said top adjacent said first upper transverse retention strap comprising:

a second upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:

a third spring loaded attachment hook at a third distal end;

a third length adjustment mechanism adjacent said third spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a third fastener adjacent said third length adjustment mechanism;

a second upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:

a fourth spring loaded attachment hook at a fourth distal end;

a fourth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said fourth spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a fourth fastener adjacent said fourth length adjustment mechanism;

a third upper transverse retention strap secured to said top, adjacent said second upper transverse retention strap comprising:

a third upper transverse retention strap first end comprising:

a fifth spring loaded attachment hook at a fifth distal end;

a fifth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said fifth spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a fifth fastener adjacent said fifth length adjustment mechanism;

a third upper transverse retention strap second end comprising:

a sixth spring loaded attachment hook at a sixth distal end;

a sixth length adjustment mechanism adjacent said sixth spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a sixth fastener adjacent said sixth length adjustment mechanism;

a first upper longitudinal strap secured to said top and perpendicularly secured across said first transverse retention strap, said second transverse retention strap and said third transverse retention strap comprising:

a first upper longitudinal strap first end comprising a seventh spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a first upper longitudinal strap second end secured to an edge of said top;

a second upper longitudinal strap secured to said top, adjacent said first upper longitudinal strap and perpendicularly secured across said first transverse retention strap, said second transverse retention strap and said third transverse retention strap comprising:

a second upper longitudinal strap first end comprising an eighth spring loaded attachment hook; and,

a second upper longitudinal strap second end secured to an edge of said top adjacent said first upper longitudinal strap second end;

an opening having an opening fastener disposed upon at least one side of said bag; and,

a rain shield secured behind said opening opposite said opening fastener;

wherein said opening is configured to removably retain an article of luggage therein; and,

wherein said bag is configured to be removeably secured within a truck bed by securement of each of said first spring loaded attachment hook, second spring loaded attachment hook, third spring loaded attachment hook, fourth spring loaded attachment hook, fifth spring loaded attachment hook, sixth spring loaded attachment hook, seventh spring loaded attachment hook and eighth spring loaded attachment hook to a corresponding tie down anchor disposed about said truck bed.

12. The bag of claim **11**, wherein said opening fastener comprises a first zipper.

13. The bag of claim **11**, wherein said bottom comprises a waterproof coating.

14. The bag of claim **13**, wherein said coating comprises rubber.

15. The bag of claim **14**, wherein said coating extends from said bottom to no less than four inches onto an outer surface of said first side, said second side, said third side and said fourth side.

16. The bag of claim **11**, comprising a gusset configured and disposed about said first side, said second side, said third side and said fourth side and having a gusset fastener.

17. The bag of claim **16**, wherein said gusset is disposed adjacent a first zipper of said opening fastener.

18. The bag of claim **16**, wherein said gusset fastener comprises a second zipper.

19. The bag of claim **11**, wherein said opening is disposed on said first side and said second side.

20. The bag of claim **11**, comprising a lid capable of being removably secured upon said top.

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