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(54) **ROTARY COMPRESSOR HAVING
COMMUNICATION PATH HOLE OVERLAP
WITH DISCHARGE CHAMBER CONCAVE
PORTION**

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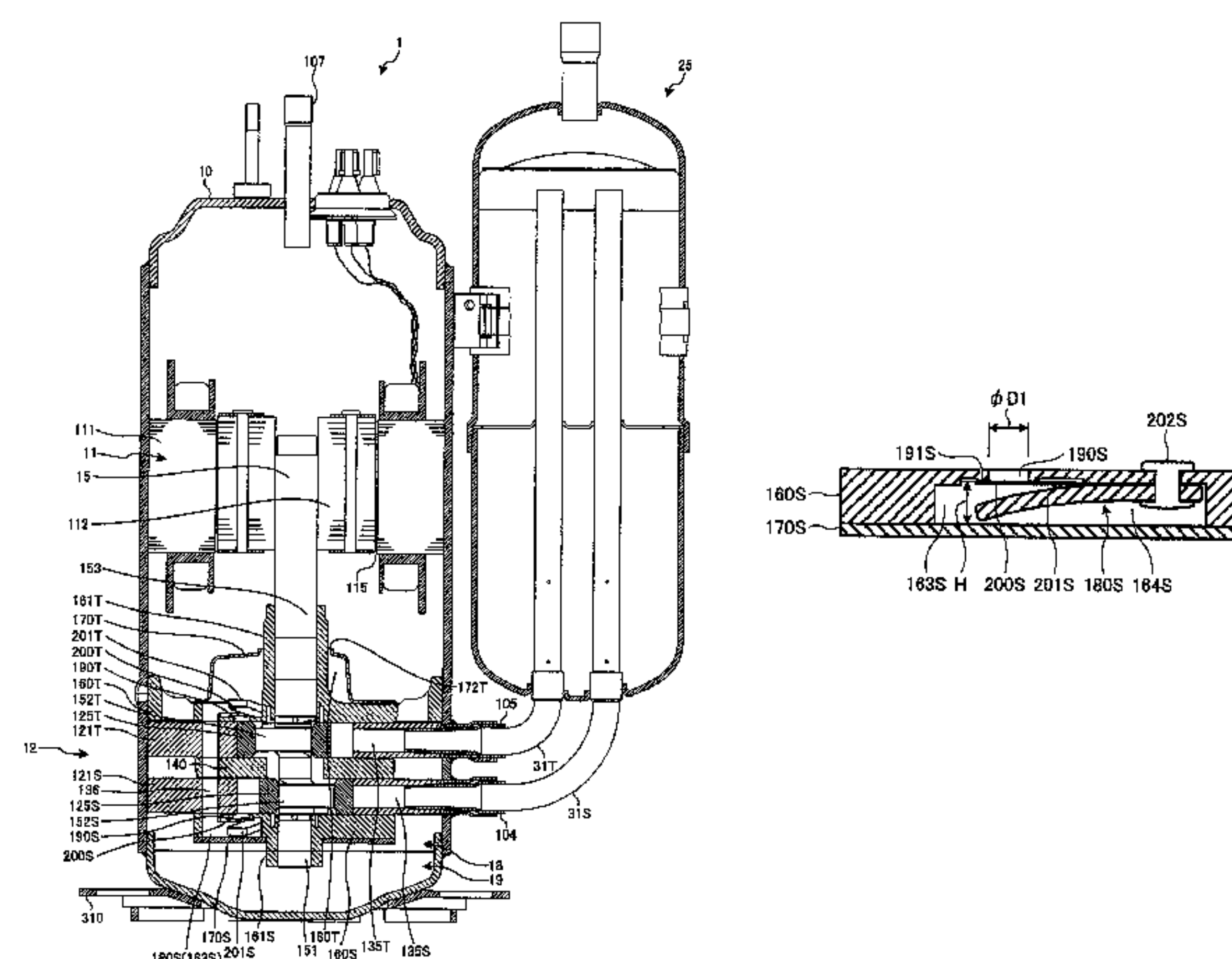
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

In a rotary compressor, a lower end plate cover is formed in
a flat plate shape, a lower discharge chamber concave
portion is formed in a lower end plate to overlap a lower
discharge hole side of a lower discharge valve accommo-
dation concave portion, and the lower discharge chamber
concave portion is formed in a fan-like range between a
diametrical line passing through a center of a sub-bearing

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unit and a midpoint of a line segment connecting a center of the lower discharge hole and a center of a lower rivet to each other and a diametrical line opened by a pitch angle 90° in a direction of the lower discharge hole about the center of the sub-bearing unit. At least a portion of a refrigerant path hole overlaps the lower discharge chamber concave portion and is disposed at a position communicating with the lower discharge chamber concave portion.

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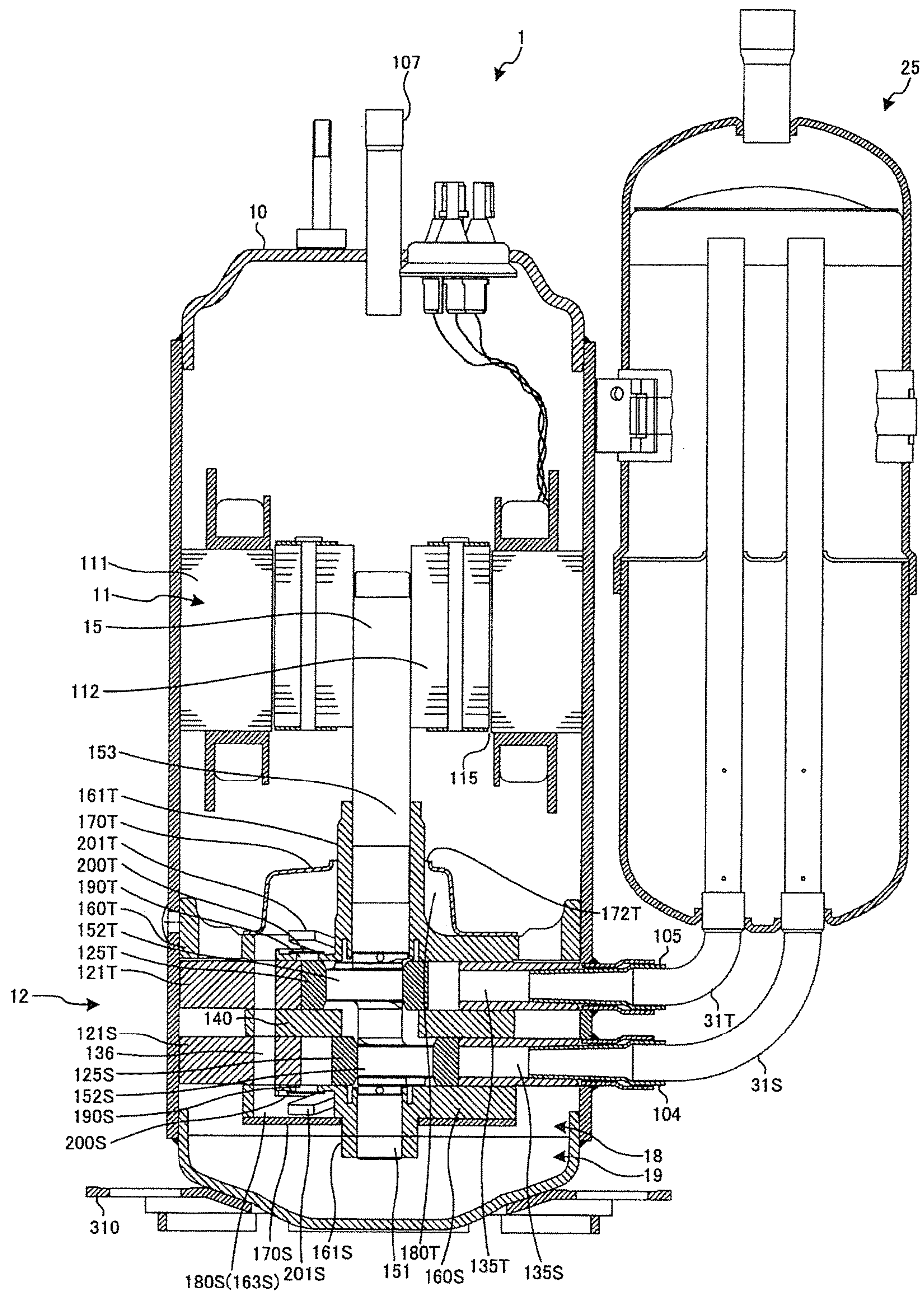
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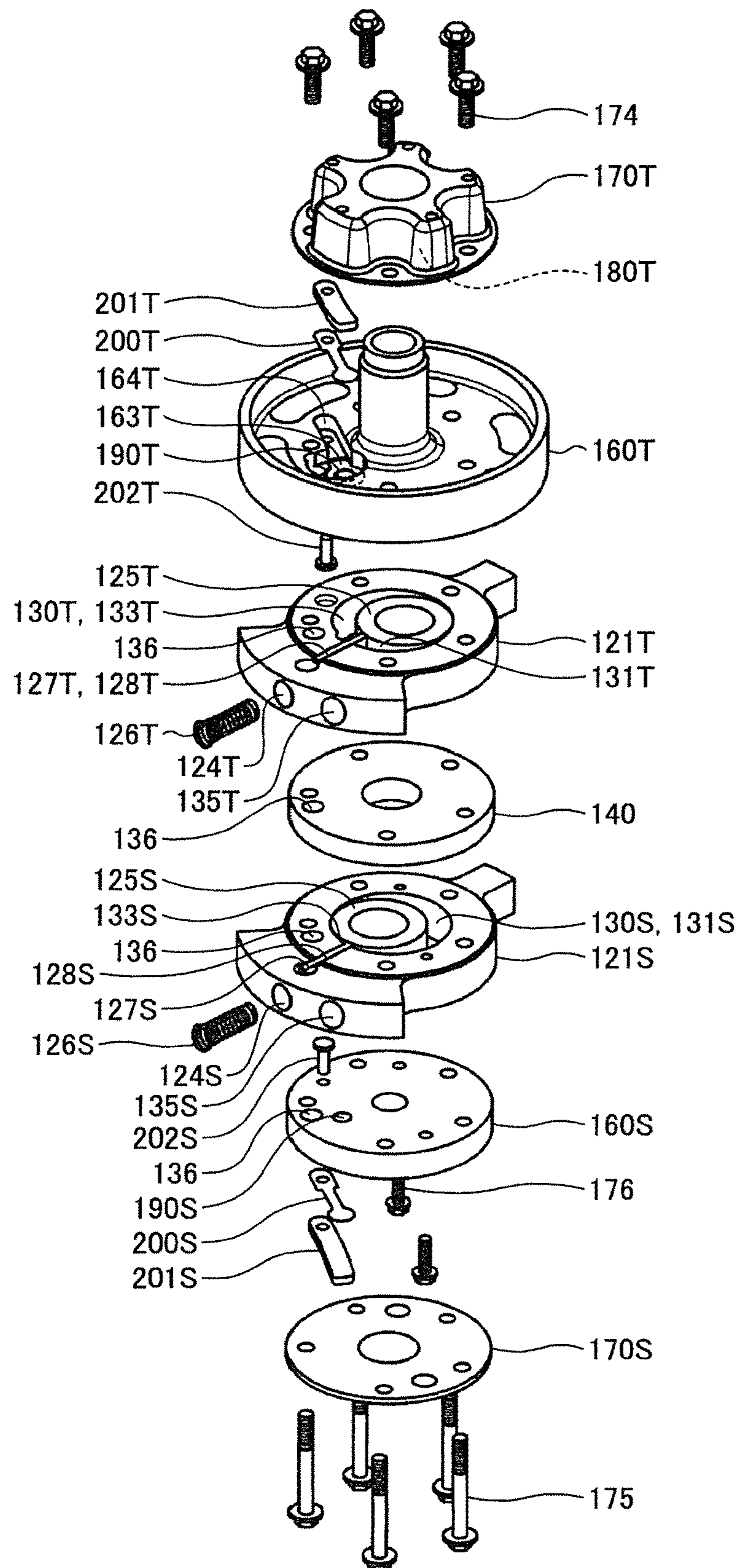
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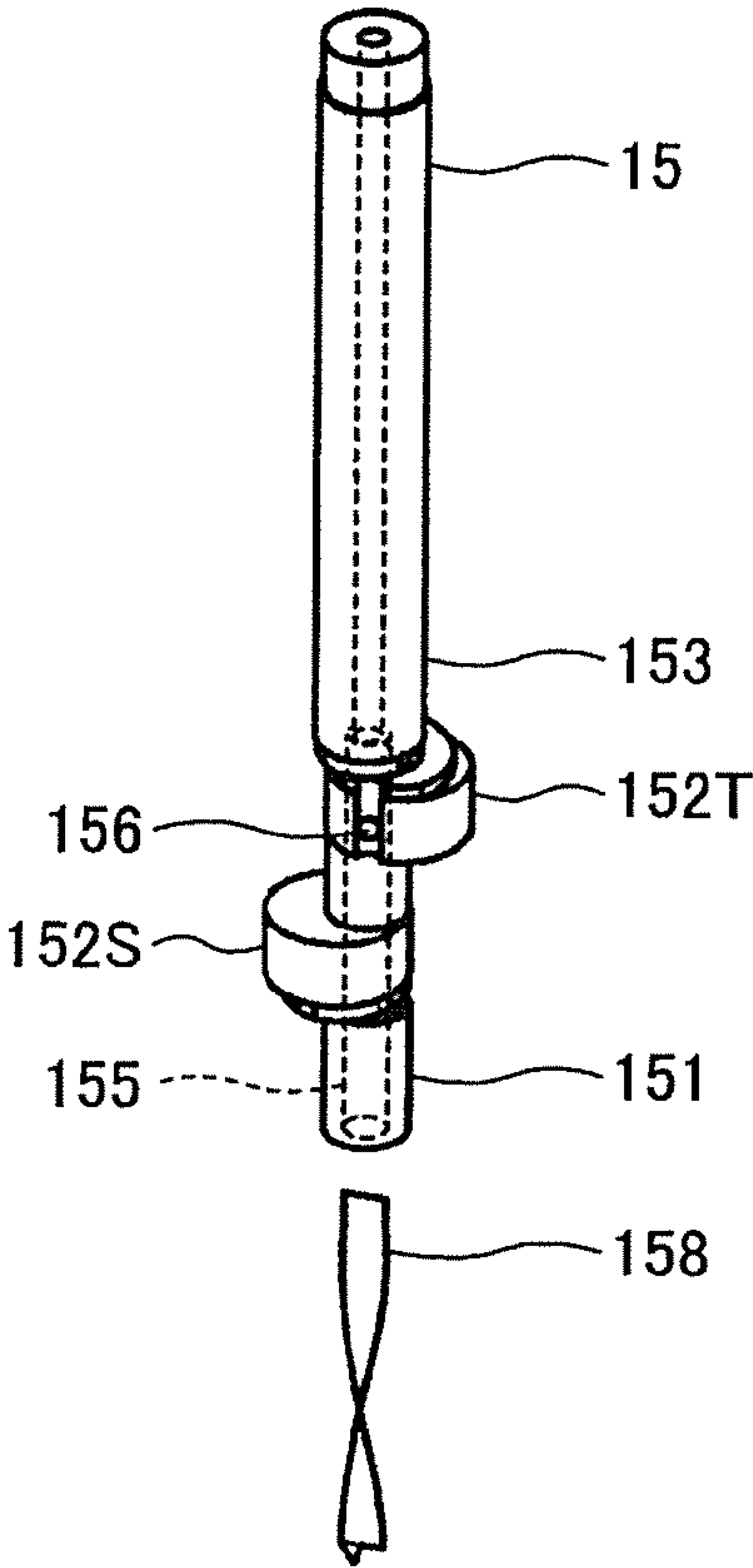
[FIG. 1]



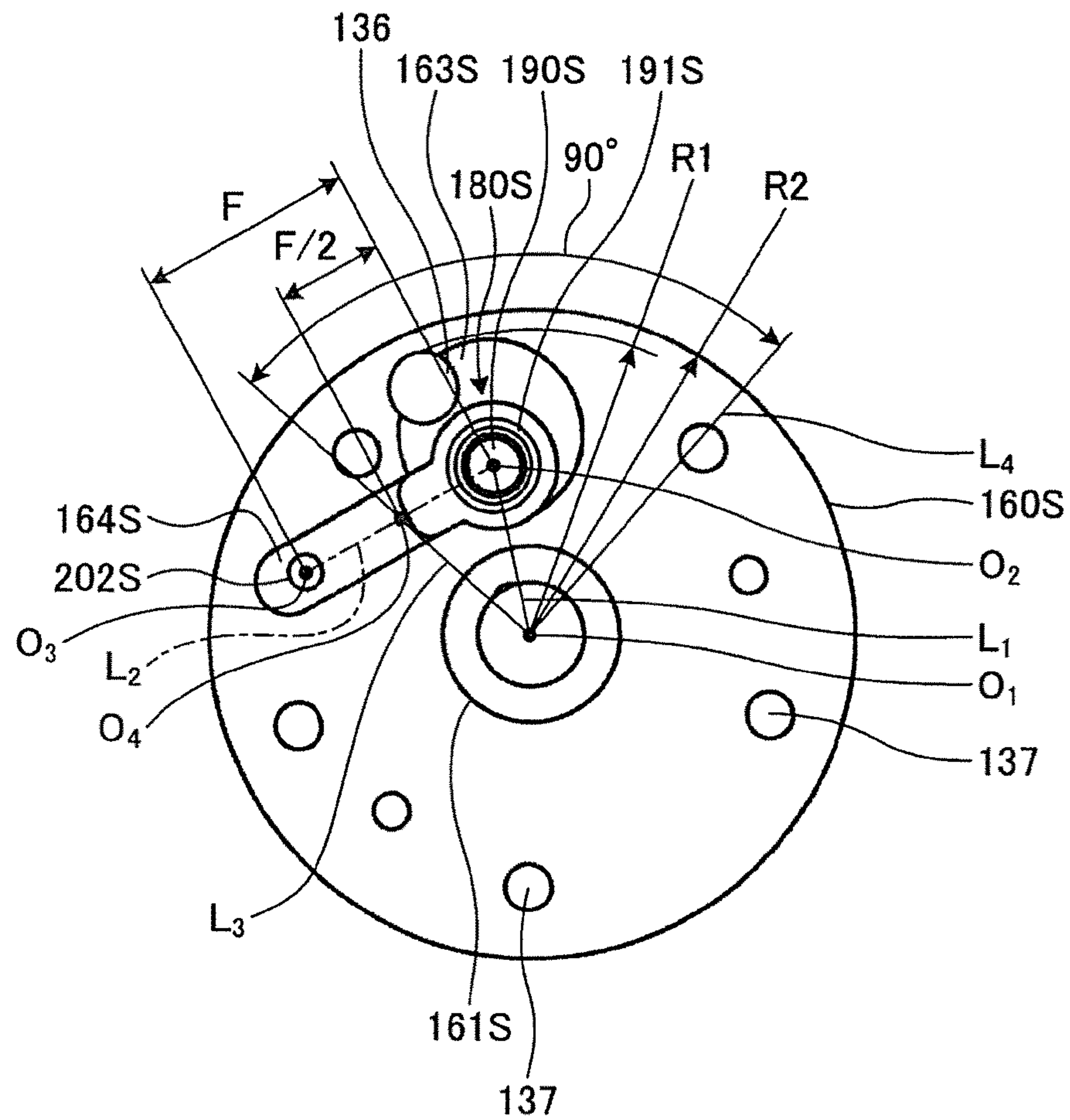
[FIG. 2]



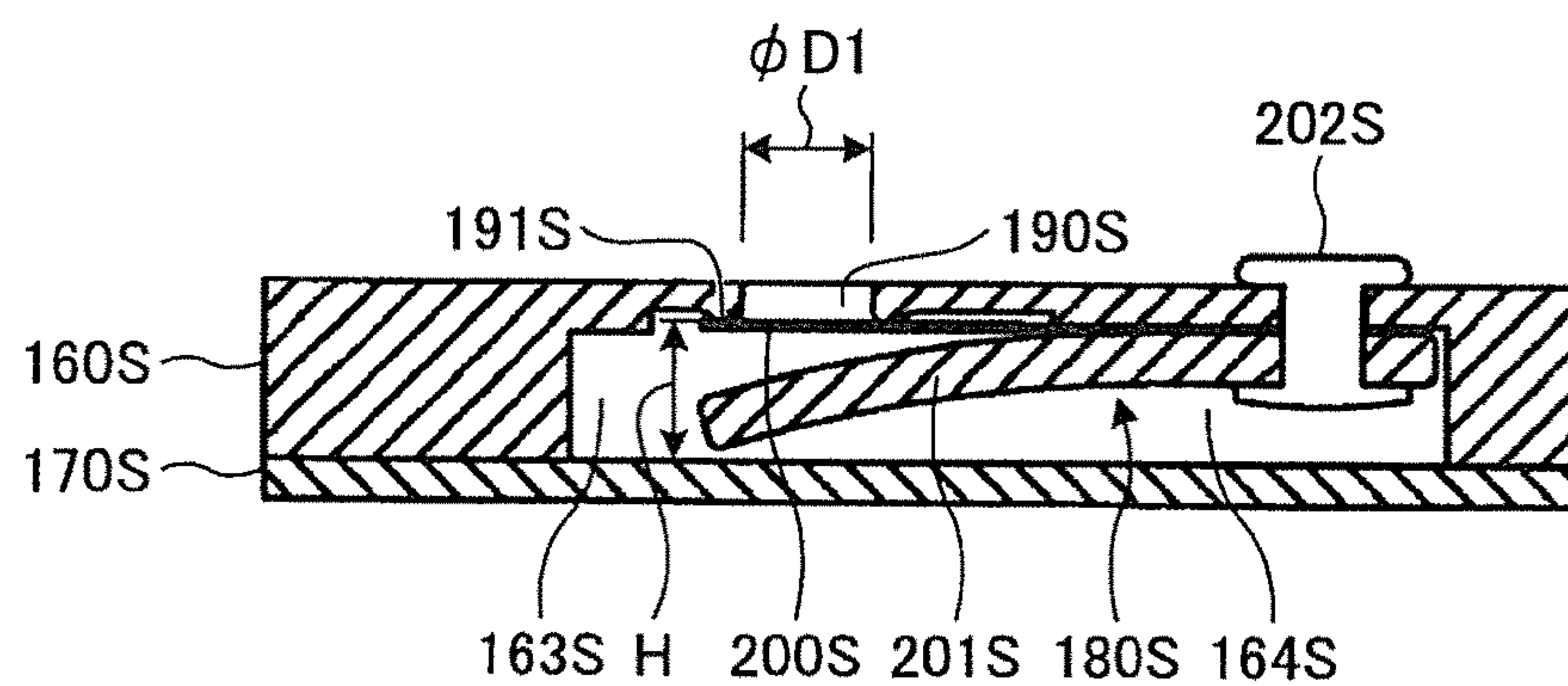
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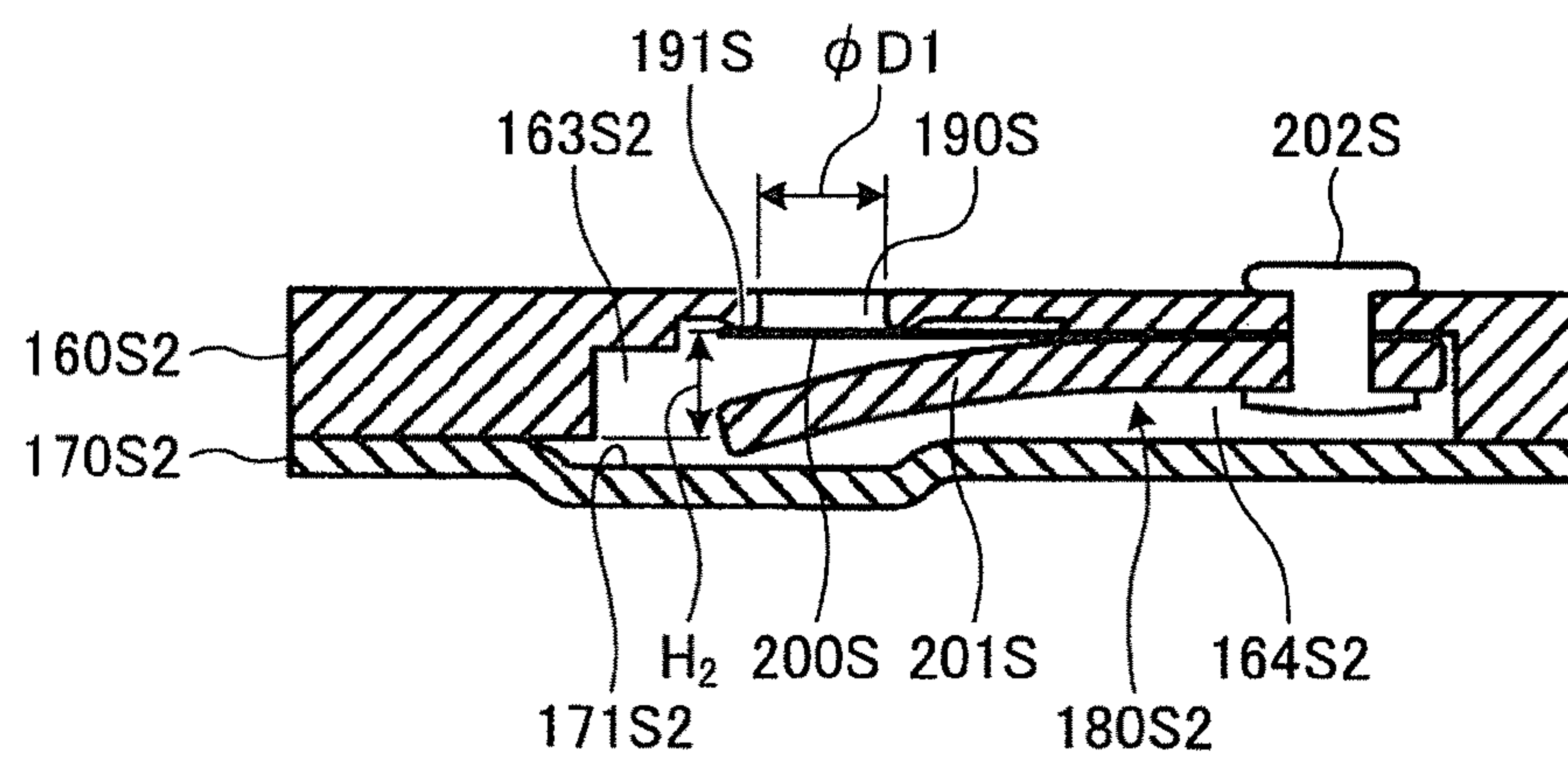
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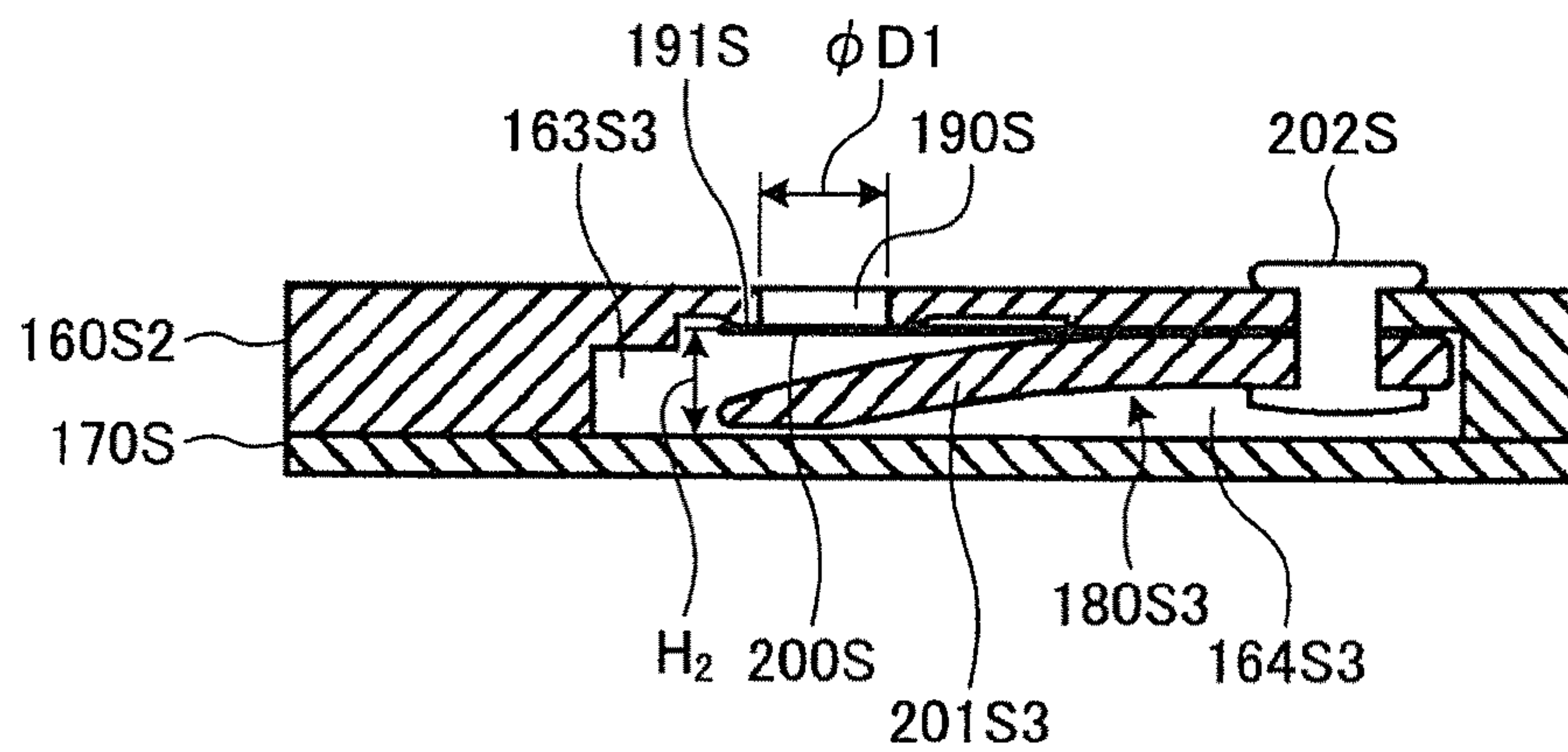
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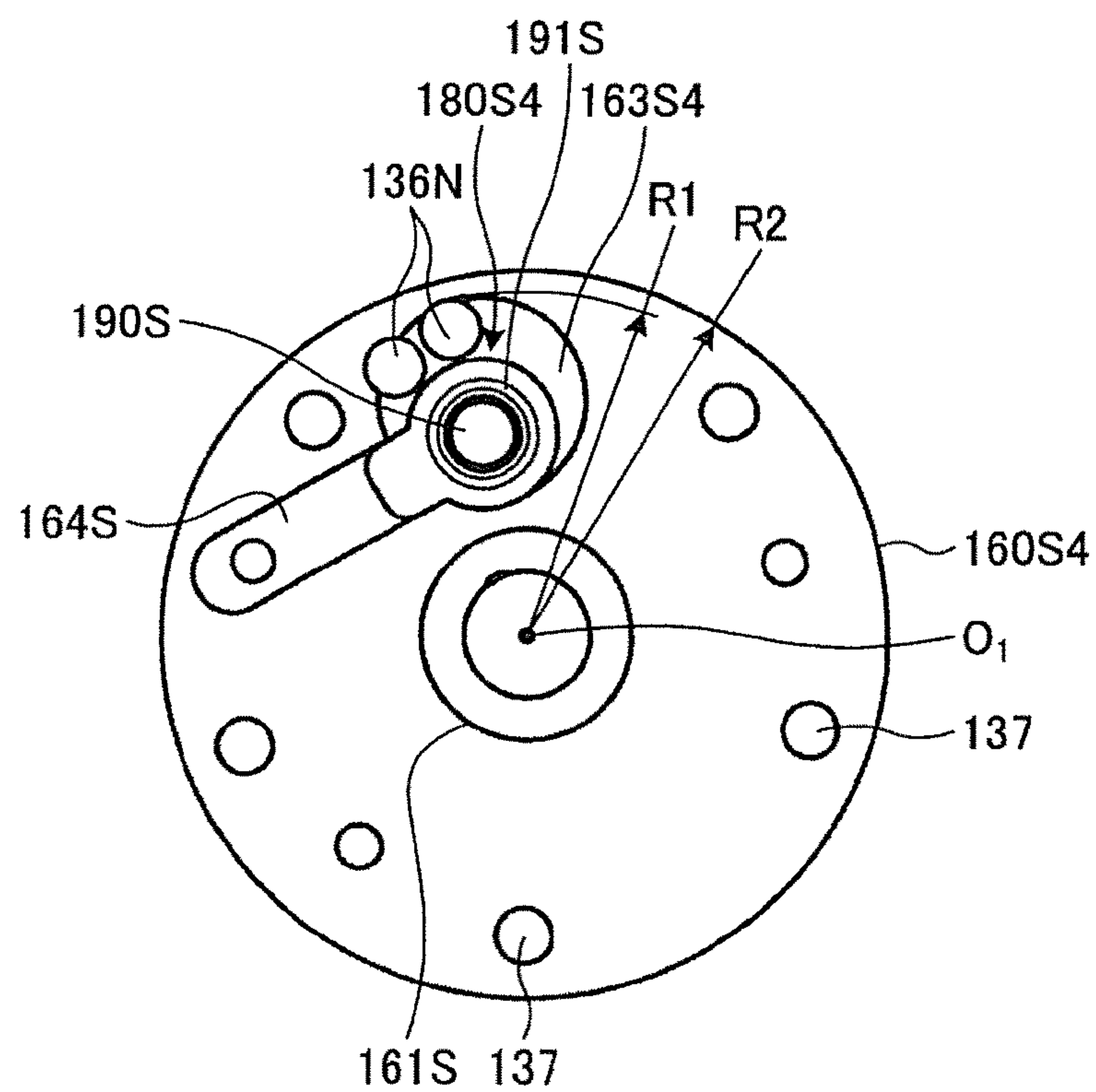
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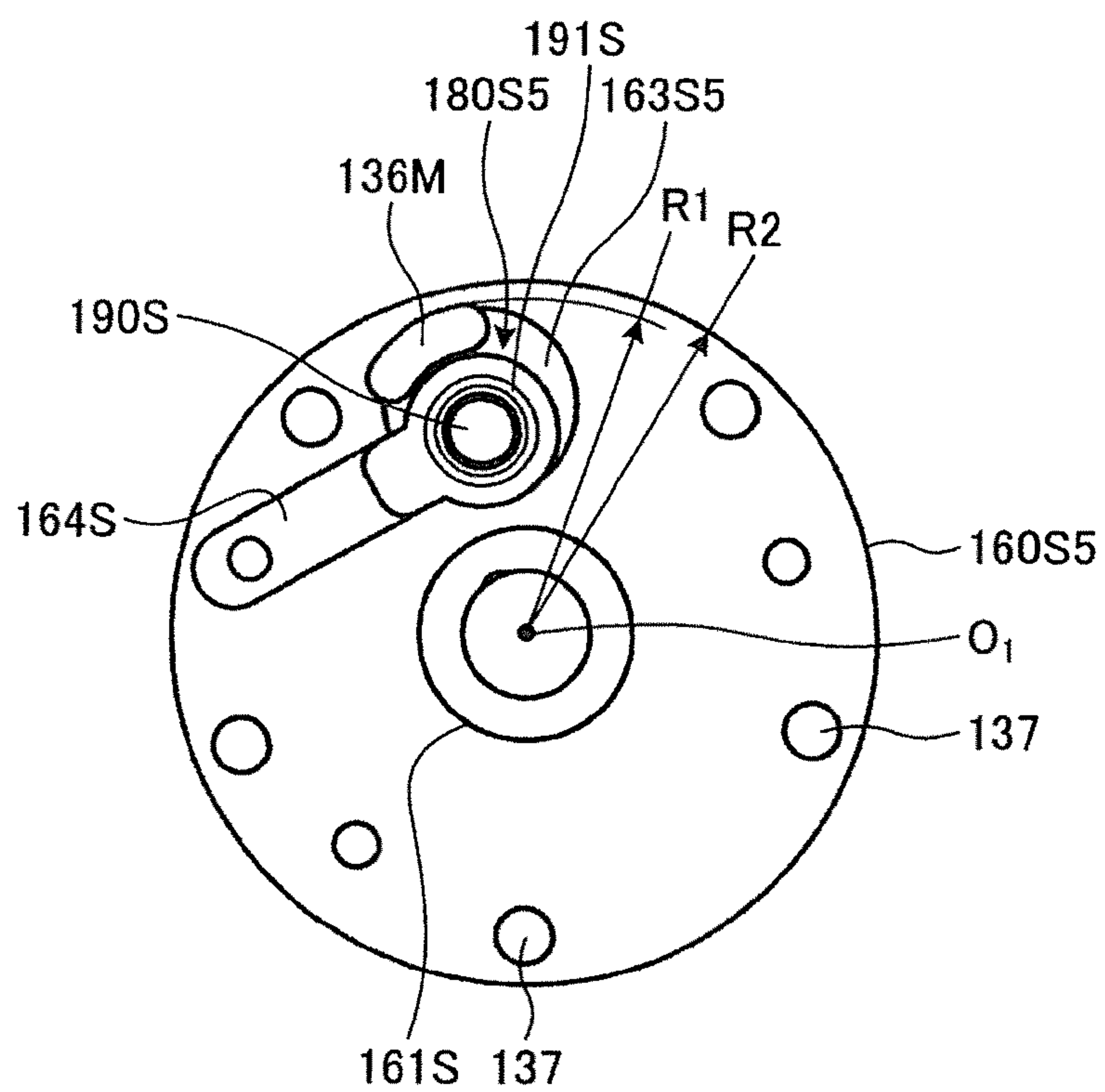
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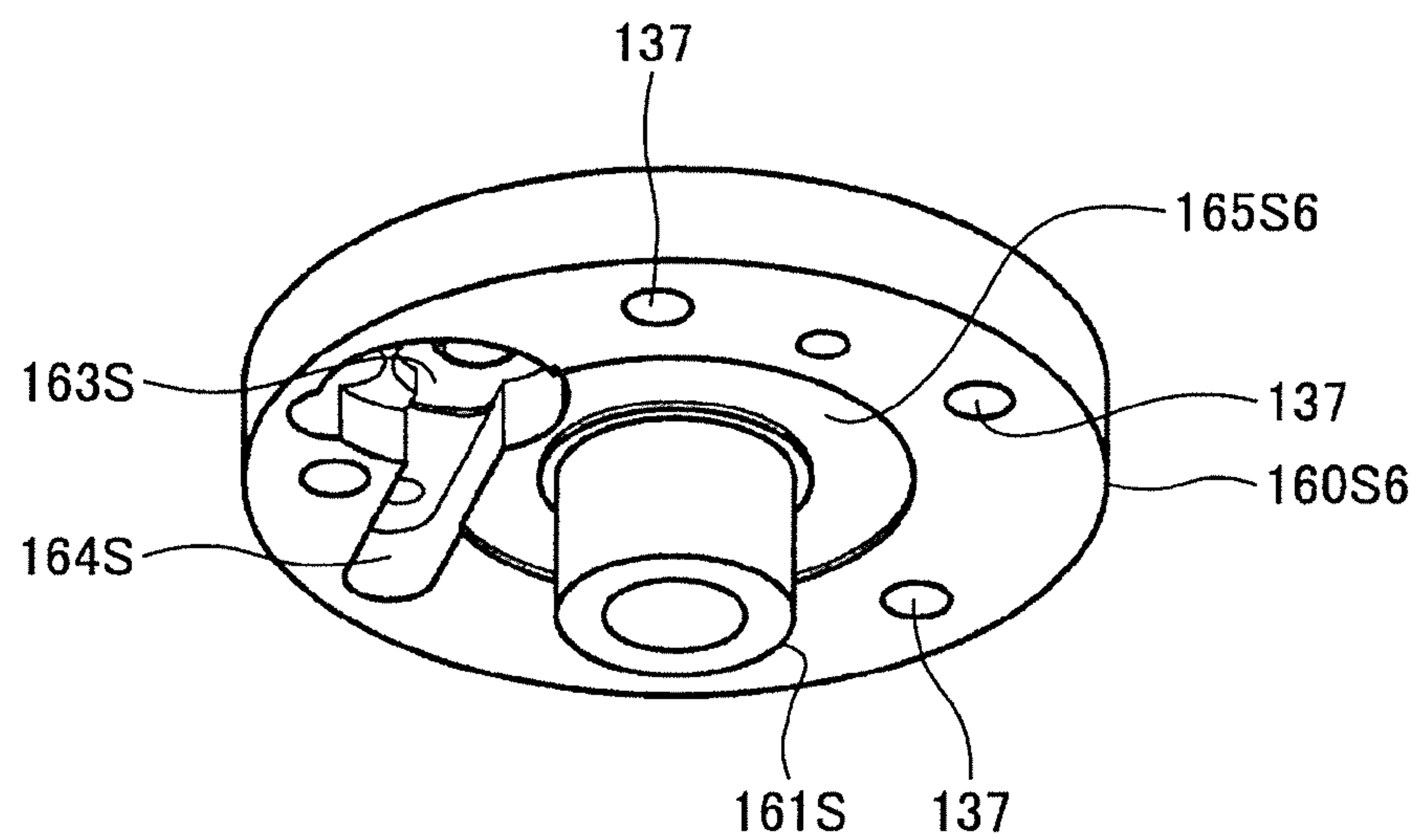
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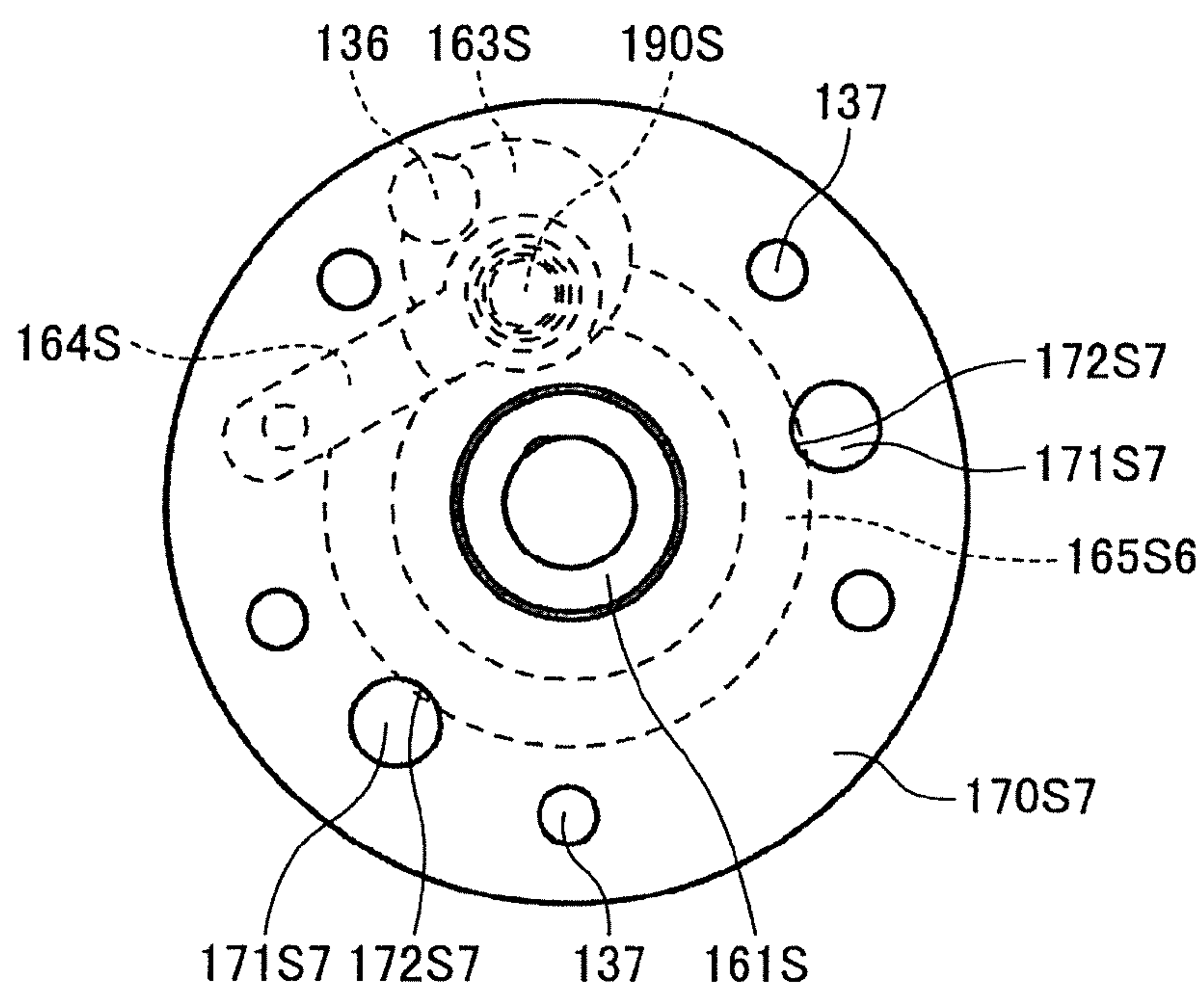
[FIG. 9]



[FIG. 10]



[FIG. 11]



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ROTARY COMPRESSOR HAVING COMMUNICATION PATH HOLE OVERLAP WITH DISCHARGE CHAMBER CONCAVE PORTION

CROSS REFERENCE

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP2015/084844, filed on Dec. 11, 2015, which claims the benefit of Japanese Application No. 2015-235213, filed on Dec. 1, 2015, Japanese Application No. 2015-215273, filed on Oct. 30, 2015, and Japanese Application No. 2014-257818, filed on Dec. 19, 2014, the entire contents of each are hereby incorporated by reference.

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a two-cylinder type rotary compressor used in an air conditioner.

BACKGROUND ART

For example, in PTL 1, in a two-cylinder type rotary compressor, a technique is described in which heating of inlet refrigerant in inlet chamber sides of a lower cylinder and an upper cylinder by compressed refrigerant is suppressed, by a refrigerant path hole in which high-temperature compressed refrigerant compressed by the lower cylinder and discharged from a lower discharge hole flows from a lower end plate cover chamber (lower muffler chamber) to an upper end plate cover chamber (upper Muffler chamber) being disposed in a position away from the inlet chamber sides of the lower cylinder and the upper cylinder, and thus compressor efficiency is improved.

In addition, in PTL 2, a technique is described in which it is suppressed that high-temperature compressed refrigerant compressed by a lower cylinder and discharged from a lower discharge hole heats a lower end plate and inlet refrigerant in an inlet chamber of the lower cylinder is heated, and thus compressor efficiency is improved.

CITATION LIST

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PTL 1: JP-A-2014-145318

PTL 2: International Publication No. WO2013/094114

SUMMARY OF INVENTION

Technical Problem

In the rotary compressor described in PTL 1, since the lower endplate cover chamber formed between a lower endplate and a lower end plate cover has a large capacity by the lower end plate cover (lower muffler cover) being inflated, the amount of the refrigerant which is compressed by the upper cylinder, discharged from an upper discharge hole, reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole, and flows into the lower muffler chamber is large.

In the rotary compressor described in PTL 2, since a refrigerant path hole is disposed in a side opposite to a lower discharge valve accommodating portion with respect to the lower discharge hole provided in the lower end plate and the refrigerant discharged from the lower discharge hole flows through the lower discharge valve accommodating portion

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to the refrigerant path hole, it is necessary to make the lower discharge valve accommodating portion deep. Therefore, the capacity of a lower end plate cover chamber (refrigerant discharge space) is increased and thus the amount of the refrigerant which is compressed by an upper cylinder, discharged from an upper discharge hole, reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole, and flows into a lower muffler chamber is large.

Hereinafter, reverse flow phenomenon of the refrigerant described above will be described. In a two-cylinder type rotary compressor, in order to minimize the fluctuation of the torque per one rotation of a rotation shaft as much as possible, in general, the processes of inlet, compression, and discharge are made to be performed at 180° out of phase by two cylinders. In an operation of an air conditioner at normal outdoor temperature and indoor temperature excluding particular operating conditions such as at startup, a discharge process of one cylinder is about one-third of one rotation. Therefore, the one-third of one rotation is a discharge process of one cylinder (process in which discharge valve is open), the other one-third is a discharge process of the other cylinder, and the remaining one-third is a process in which both discharge valves are closed.

Here, when both discharge valves of the two cylinders are closed and the refrigerant discharged from a compression chamber does not flow, both the upper end plate cover chamber and the lower end plate cover chamber have the same pressure as that in a compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber. In the discharge process of one cylinder, among the compressed high pressure regions, the pressure is the highest in the compression chamber which is the most upstream of flow of the refrigerant and then is lowered in the order of in the upper end plate cover chamber and in the compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber. Therefore, immediately after the discharge valve of the upper cylinder is opened, the pressure in the upper end plate cover chamber becomes higher than the pressure in the compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber or the lower end plate cover chamber. Therefore, at the next moment, the refrigerant reversely flows from the upper end plate cover chamber through in the compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber and the refrigerant path hole and thus flow of the refrigerant to the lower muffler chamber is generated.

Although the flow of the refrigerant from the upper end plate cover chamber into the compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber is the original flow, the refrigerant flowing from the upper end plate cover chamber to the lower end plate cover chamber flows again through the refrigerant path hole and the upper end plate cover chamber into the compressor housing outside the upper end plate cover chamber after completion of the discharge process of the upper cylinder, which is originally unnecessary flow and thus there is a problem that an energy is lost and efficiency of the rotary compressor is decreased.

In addition, in the rotary compressor described in PTL 2, heating of the lower end plate covering a lower surface of the lower cylinder is suppressed by the refrigerant compressed by the lower cylinder. However, in particular, in a state where the rotary compressor is stopped for a long time in an atmosphere that the outside air is low temperature, the liquefied refrigerant may be accumulated in an inside portion of the compressor housing. Since the density of the liquid refrigerant at a low temperature is larger than that of lubricant oil, the liquid refrigerant is accumulated at the lowermost portion in the inside portion of the compressor housing. When the rotary compressor is started in this state,

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the liquid refrigerant is sucked up from a lower end of a rotation shaft by an oil feeding impeller. When the liquid refrigerant is sucked up, since viscosity of the liquid refrigerant is lower than that of the lubricant oil, there is a risk that a sliding portion of a compressing unit becomes inferior in lubrication and is damaged.

Therefore, when the rotary compressor is started, although it is necessary to promptly heat and vaporize the liquid refrigerant, when heating of the lower end plate is suppressed as in the rotary compressor described in PTL 2, vaporization due to heating of the liquid refrigerant accumulated in the lower portion of the compressor housing is suppressed, and thus there is a problem that the liquid refrigerant is sucked up by the oil feeding impeller and causes damage due to inferior lubrication of the compressing unit.

In addition, in the rotary compressor, a portion of lubricant oil is entrained in the refrigerant in the inside portion of the compressor housing and discharged to the outside of the compressor housing, and the discharged lubricant oil circulates through a refrigerant circuit (refrigeration cycle) of the air conditioner and is sucked into the lower cylinder and the upper cylinder together with the inlet refrigerant. The lubricant oil sucked into the lower cylinder is discharged from the lower discharge hole to the lower end plate cover chamber together with the refrigerant. There is a problem that when the lubricant oil discharged into the lower end plate cover chamber is accumulated in the lower end plate cover chamber and the lower discharge hole is immersed in the lubricant oil, discharging resistance of the refrigerant is generated, and thus efficiency is decreased and noise is generated. This problem is more likely to occur as the capacity of the lower end plate cover chamber becomes further decreased.

An object of the invention is to suppress that the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole to prevent the efficiency of the rotary compressor from being lowered.

Solution to Problem

According to an aspect of the invention, there is provided a rotary compressor, including a sealed vertically-placed cylindrical compressor housing in which a discharge pipe for discharging a refrigerant is provided in an upper portion thereof and an upper inlet pipe and a lower inlet pipe for sucking a refrigerant are provided in a side surface lower portion thereof; an accumulator which is fixed to a side portion of the compressor housing and is connected to the upper inlet pipe and the lower inlet pipe; a motor which is disposed in the compressor housing; and a compressing unit which is disposed in a lower side of the motor in the compressor housing, is driven by the motor to suck and compress a refrigerant from the accumulator via the upper inlet pipe and the lower inlet pipe, and discharge the compressed refrigerant from the discharge pipe, in which the compressing unit includes an annular upper cylinder and an annular lower cylinder, an upper end plate which closes an upper side of the upper cylinder and a lower end plate which closes a lower side of the lower cylinder, an intermediate partition plate which is disposed between the upper cylinder and the lower cylinder and closes a lower side of the upper cylinder and an upper side of the lower cylinder, a rotation shaft which is supported by a main bearing unit provided on the upper end plate and a sub-bearing unit provided on the lower end plate and which is rotated by the motor, an upper eccentric portion and a lower eccentric portion which are provided to the rotation shaft with a phase difference of 180°

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with respect to each other, an upper piston which is fitted in the upper eccentric portion and revolves along an inner circumferential surface of the upper cylinder to form an upper cylinder chamber in the upper cylinder, a lower piston which is fitted in the lower eccentric portion and revolves along an inner circumferential surface of the lower cylinder to form a lower cylinder chamber in the lower cylinder, an upper vane which protrudes from an upper vane groove provided in the upper cylinder into the upper cylinder chamber and abuts on the upper piston to divide the upper cylinder chamber into an upper inlet chamber and an upper compression chamber, a lower vane which protrudes from a lower vane groove provided in the lower cylinder into the lower cylinder chamber and abuts on the lower piston to divide the lower cylinder chamber into a lower inlet chamber and a lower compression chamber, an upper end plate cover which covers the upper end plate, forms an upper end plate cover chamber between the upper end plate and the upper end plate cover, and includes an upper end plate cover discharge hole for communicating the upper end plate cover chamber and the inside portion of the compressor housing with each other, a lower end plate cover which covers the lower end plate and forms a lower end plate cover chamber between the lower end plate and the lower end plate cover; an upper discharge hole which is provided in the upper end plate and communicates the upper compression chamber and the upper end plate cover chamber with each other, a lower discharge hole which is provided in the lower end plate and communicates the lower compression chamber and the lower end plate cover chamber with each other, and a refrigerant path hole which passes through the lower end plate, the lower cylinder, the intermediate partition plate, the upper end plate and the upper cylinder and communicates the lower end plate cover chamber and the upper end plate cover chamber with each other, and the rotary compressor, further including an upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion which is provided in the upper end plate and extends in a groove shape from a position of the upper discharge hole; a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion which is provided in the lower end plate and extends in a groove shape from a position of the lower discharge hole; a reed valve type upper discharge valve of which a rear end portion is fixed by an upper rivet in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion and a front portion opens and closes the upper discharge hole and an upper discharge valve cap of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the upper discharge valve and is fixed in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion by the upper rivet, a front portion is warped to regulate opening degree of the upper discharge valve; a reed valve type lower discharge valve of which a rear end portion is fixed by a lower rivet in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion and a front portion opens and closes the lower discharge hole and a lower discharge valve cap of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the lower discharge valve and is fixed in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion by the lower rivet and a front portion is warped to regulate opening degree of the lower discharge valve, and is accommodated in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion; in which the lower endplate cover is formed in a flat plate shape, in which a lower discharge chamber concave portion is formed in the lower end plate so as to overlap the lower discharge hole side of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion, the lower discharge chamber concave portion is formed in a fan-like range between a diametrical line which passes through a center of the sub-bearing unit

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and a midpoint of a line segment which connects a center of the lower discharge hole and a center of the lower rivet to each other and a diametrical line which is opened by a pitch angle 90° in a direction of the lower discharge hole about a center of the sub-bearing unit, in which at least a portion of the refrigerant path hole overlaps with the lower discharge chamber concave portion and is disposed at a position communicating with the lower discharge chamber concave portion, and in which the lower end plate cover chamber is configured by the lower discharge chamber concave portion and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

According to the invention, reverse flow of the refrigerant compressed by the lower cylinder through the refrigerant path hole is suppressed and thus decrease in efficiency of the rotary compressor can be prevented.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating Example 1 of a rotary compressor according to the invention.

FIG. 2 is an upward exploded perspective view illustrating a compressing unit of the rotary compressor of Example 1.

FIG. 3 is an upward exploded perspective view illustrating a rotation shaft and an oil feeding impeller of the rotary compressor of Example 1.

FIG. 4 is a bottom view illustrating a lower end plate of the rotary compressor of Example 1.

FIG. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which a lower discharge valve of the rotary compressor of Example 1 is attached.

FIG. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which a lower discharge valve of a rotary compressor of Example 2 is attached.

FIG. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which a lower discharge valve of a rotary compressor of Example 3 is attached.

FIG. 8 is a bottom view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 4.

FIG. 9 is a bottom view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 5.

FIG. 10 is a perspective view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 6 from below.

FIG. 11 is a bottom view illustrating a state where a lower endplate and a lower endplate cover of a rotary compressor of Example 7 are overlapped with each other.

DESCRIPTION OF EXAMPLES

Hereinafter, aspects (examples) for carrying out the invention will be described in detail with reference to the drawings.

EXAMPLE 1

FIG. 1 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a rotary compressor of Example 1 according to the invention, FIG. 2 is an upward exploded perspective view illustrating a compressing unit of the rotary compressor of Example 1, and

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FIG. 3 is an upward exploded perspective view illustrating a rotation shaft and an oil feeding impeller of the rotary compressor of Example 1 from above.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, a rotary compressor 1 includes a compressing unit 12 which is disposed in a lower portion in a sealed vertically-placed cylindrical compressor housing 10, a motor 11 which is disposed in the upper side of the compressing unit 12 and drives the compressing unit 12 via a rotation shaft 15, and a vertically-placed cylindrical accumulator 25 which is fixed to a side portion of the compressor housing 10.

The accumulator 25 is connected to an upper inlet chamber 131T (see FIG. 2) of an upper cylinder 121T via an upper inlet pipe 105 and an accumulator upper L-pipe 31T, and is connected to a lower inlet chamber 131S (see FIG. 2) of a lower cylinder 121S via a lower inlet pipe 104 and an accumulator lower L-pipe 31S.

The motor 11 includes a stator 111 on an outside thereof and a rotor 112 on an inside thereof, the stator 111 is shrink-fitting fixed to an inner circumferential surface of the compressor housing 10, and the rotor 112 is fixed to the rotation shaft 15 by shrink fitting.

The rotation shaft 15 is rotatably supported with respect to the entire compressing unit 12 and respectively revolves an upper piston 125T and a lower piston 125S by rotation along inner circumferential surfaces of the upper cylinder 121T and the lower cylinder 121S by a sub-shaft unit 151 below a lower eccentric portion 152S being rotatably fitted and supported to a sub-bearing unit 161S provided on a lower endplate 160S, a main shaft unit 153 of an upper side of an upper eccentric portion 152T being rotatably fitted and supported to a main bearing unit 161T provided on an upper end plate 160T, and the upper eccentric portion 152T and the lower eccentric portion 152S which are provided with 180 degrees of phase difference to each other being rotatably fitted to the upper piston 125T and the lower piston 125S, respectively.

In an inside portion of the compressor housing 10, lubricant oil 18 is enclosed by an amount substantially immersing the compressing unit 12 in order to lubricate a sliding portion of the compressing unit 12 and seal an upper compression chamber 133T (see FIG. 2) and a lower compression chamber 133S (see FIG. 2). An attachment leg 310 for locking a plurality of elastic supporting members (not illustrated) which supports the entire rotary compressor 1 is fixed to a lower side of the compressor housing 10.

As illustrated in FIG. 2, the compressing unit 12 is configured by, from above, an upper endplate cover 170T having a dome-shaped bulging portion, the upper end plate 160T, the upper cylinder 121T, an intermediate partition plate 140, the lower cylinder 121S, the lower end plate 160S and a lower end plate cover 170S having a flat plate shape being stacked. The entire compressing unit 12 is fixed by a plurality of penetrating bolts 174 and 175 and an auxiliary bolt 176 disposed in a substantially concentric circle from above and below.

An upper inlet hole 135T fitted to the upper inlet pipe 105 is provided in the annular upper cylinder 121T. A lower inlet hole 135S fitted to the lower inlet pipe 104 is provided in the annular lower cylinder 121S. In addition, the upper piston 125T is disposed in an upper cylinder chamber 130T of the upper cylinder 121T. The lower piston 125S is disposed in a lower cylinder chamber 130S of the lower cylinder 121S.

An upper vane groove 128T which extends from the upper cylinder chamber 130T to an outside in a radial direction is provided in the upper cylinder 121T and an upper vane 127T is disposed in the upper vane groove 128T. A lower vane

groove **128S** which extends from the lower cylinder chamber **130S** to an outside in a radial direction is provided in the lower cylinder **121S** and a lower vane **127S** is disposed in the lower vane groove **128S**.

In the upper cylinder **121T**, an upper spring hole **124T** having a depth which does not pass through the upper cylinder chamber **130T** is provided at a position overlapping the upper vane groove **128T** from the outside surface and an upper spring **126T** is disposed in the upper spring hole **124T**. In the lower cylinder **121S**, a lower spring hole **124S** having a depth which does not pass through the lower cylinder chamber **130S** is provided at a position overlapping the lower vane groove **128S** from the outside surface and a lower spring **126S** is disposed in the lower spring hole **124S**.

Upper and below of the upper cylinder chamber **130T** are closed by the upper end plate **160T** and the intermediate partition plate **140**, respectively. Upper and below of the lower cylinder chamber **130S** are closed by the lower end plate **160S** and the intermediate partition plate **140**, respectively.

The upper cylinder chamber **130T** is divided into the upper inlet chamber **131T** communicating with the upper inlet hole **135T** and the upper compression chamber **133T** communicating with an upper discharge hole **190T** provided in the upper end plate **160T**, by the upper vane **127T** being pressed by the upper spring **126T** and being abutted on an outer circumferential surface of the upper piston **125T**. The lower cylinder chamber **130S** is divided into the lower inlet chamber **131S** communicating with the lower inlet hole **135S** and the lower compression chamber **133S** communicating with a lower discharge hole **190S** provided in the lower end plate **160S**, by the lower vane **127S** being pressed by the lower spring **126S** and being abutted on an outer circumferential surface of the lower piston **125S**.

The upper end plate **160T** includes the upper discharge hole **190T** which passes through the upper end plate **160T** and communicates with the upper compression chamber **133T** of the upper cylinder **121T** and an annular upper valve seat (not illustrated) surrounding the upper discharge hole **190T** is formed on the outgoing hole side of the upper discharge hole **190T**. An upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T** which extends in a groove shape from the position of the upper discharge hole **190T** in the circumferential direction of the upper endplate **160T** is formed on the upper endplate **160T**.

A reed valve type upper discharge valve **200T** of which a rear end portion is fixed in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T** by an upper rivet **202T** and a front portion opens and closes the upper discharge hole **190T** and the entire of an upper discharge valve cap **201T** of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the upper discharge valve **200T** and is fixed in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T** by the upper rivet **202T** and a front portion is curved (warped) to regulate opening degree of the upper discharge valve **200T** are accommodated in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T**.

The lower end plate **160S** includes the lower discharge hole **190S** which passes through the lower end plate **160S** and communicates with the lower compression chamber **133S** of the lower cylinder **121S**, and an annular lower valve seat **191S** (see FIG. 4) surrounding the lower discharge hole **190S** is formed on an outgoing hole side of the lower discharge hole **190S**. A lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** (see FIG. 4) which extends in a groove shape from the position of the lower discharge hole

190T in the circumferential direction of the lower end plate **160S** is formed on the lower end plate **160S**.

A reed valve type lower discharge valve **200S** of which a rear end portion is fixed in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** by a lower rivet **202S** and a front portion opens and closes the lower discharge hole **190S** and the entire of a lower discharge valve cap **201S** of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the lower discharge valve **200S** and is fixed in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** by the lower rivet **202S** and a front portion is curved (warped) to regulate opening degree of the lower discharge valve **200S** are accommodated in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S**.

An upper end plate cover chamber **180T** is formed between the upper end plate **160T** and the upper end plate cover **170T** having the dome-shaped bulging portion, which are tightly fixed to each other. A lower end plate cover chamber **180S** is formed between the lower end plate **160S** and the lower endplate cover **170S** having a flat plate shape, which are tightly fixed to each other (details of lower end plate cover chamber **180S** will be described below). A refrigerant path hole **136** which passes through the lower end plate **160S**, the lower cylinder **121S**, the intermediate partition plate **140**, the upper end plate **160T**, and the upper cylinder **121T** and communicates the lower end plate cover chamber **180S** and the upper end plate cover chamber **180T** with each other is provided.

As illustrated in FIG. 3, the rotation shaft **15** includes an oil feeding vertical hole **155** which passes through from a lower end thereof to an upper end thereof, and an oil feeding impeller **158** is press-fitted into the oil feeding vertical hole **155**. In addition, a plurality of oil feeding horizontal holes **156** which communicate with the oil feeding vertical hole **155** are provided on a side surface of the rotation shaft **15**.

Hereinafter, the flow of the refrigerant due to the rotation of the rotation shaft **15** will be described. In the upper cylinder chamber **130T**, the upper inlet chamber **131T** sucks refrigerant from the upper inlet pipe **105** while expanding the capacity thereof and the upper compression chamber **133T** compresses the refrigerant while reducing capacity thereof by the upper piston **125T** fitted to the upper eccentric portion **152T** of the rotation shaft **15** being revolved along the outer circumferential surface (inner circumferential surface of upper cylinder **121T**) of the upper cylinder chamber **130T** by rotation of the rotation shaft **15**, and when the pressure of the compressed refrigerant is higher than the pressure of the upper end plate cover chamber **180T** outside the upper discharge valve **200T**, the upper discharge valve **200T** opens and the refrigerant is discharged from the upper compression chamber **133T** to the upper end plate cover chamber **180T**. The refrigerant discharged into the upper end plate cover chamber **180T** is discharged from an upper end plate cover discharge hole **172T** (see FIG. 1) provided in the upper end plate cover **170T** into the compressor housing **10**.

In addition, in the lower cylinder chamber **130S**, the lower inlet chamber **131S** sucks refrigerant from the lower inlet pipe **104** while expanding the capacity thereof and the lower compression chamber **133S** compresses the refrigerant while reducing capacity thereof by the lower piston **125S** fitted to the lower eccentric portion **152S** of the rotation shaft **15** being revolved along the outer circumferential surface (inner circumferential surface of lower cylinder **121S**) of the lower cylinder chamber **130S** by rotation of the rotation shaft **15**, and when the pressure of the compressed refrigerant is higher than the pressure of the lower end plate cover chamber **180S** outside the lower discharge valve **200S**, the

lower discharge valve **200S** opens and the refrigerant is discharged from lower compression chamber **133S** to the lower end plate cover chamber **180S**. The refrigerant discharged into the lower end plate cover chamber **180S** is discharged from the upper endplate cover discharge hole **172T** (see FIG. 1) provided in the upper end plate cover **170T** into the compressor housing **10** through the refrigerant path hole **136** and the upper endplate cover chamber **180T**.

The refrigerant discharged into the compressor housing **10** is introduced into upper of the motor **11** through a cutout (not illustrated) provided on the outer circumference of the stator **111** and communicating up and down, a gap (not illustrated) between winding portions of the stator **111**, or a gap **115** (see FIG. 1) between the stator **111** and the rotor **112** and is discharged from a discharge pipe **107** of the upper portion of the compressor housing **10**.

Hereinafter, the flow of the lubricant oil **18** will be described below. The lubricant oil **18** passes through the oil feeding vertical hole **155** and the plurality of oil feeding horizontal holes **156** from the lower end of the rotation shaft **15** and is supplied to a sliding surface between the sub-bearing unit **161S** and the sub-shaft unit **151** of the rotation shaft **15**, a sliding surface between the main bearing unit **161T** and the main shaft unit **153** of the rotation shaft **15**, a sliding surface between the lower eccentric portion **152S** of the rotation shaft **15** and the lower piston **125S**, and a sliding surface between the upper eccentric portion **152T** and the upper piston **125T** and thus lubricates respective sliding surfaces.

The oil feeding impeller **158** sucks up the lubricant oil **18** by applying a centrifugal force to the lubricant oil **18** in the oil feeding vertical hole **155** and in a case where the lubricant oil **18** is discharged together with the refrigerant from the inside of the compressor housing **10** and thus the oil level is lowered, the oil feeding impeller plays a role of reliably supplying the lubricant oil **18** to the sliding surfaces.

Next, the characteristic configuration of the rotary compressor **1** of Example 1 will be described. FIG. 4 is a bottom view illustrating the lower end plate of the rotary compressor of Example 1 and FIG. 5 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which the lower discharge valve of the rotary compressor of Example 1 is attached.

As illustrated in FIG. 4, since the lower endplate cover **170S** has a flat plate shape and does not have the dome-shaped bulging portion like the upper endplate cover **170T**, the lower endplate cover chamber **180S** is configured by a lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** which are provided in the lower endplate **160S**. The lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** extends linearly in a groove shape from the position of the lower discharge hole **190S** in a direction intersecting with a diametrical line L_1 connecting a center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S** and a center O_2 of the lower discharge hole **190S**, in other words, in the circumferential direction of the lower end plate **160S**. The lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** is connected to the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S**. The width of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** is formed to be slightly larger than those of the lower discharge valve **200S** and the lower discharge valve cap **201S**, and thus the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** accommodates the lower discharge valve **200S** and the lower discharge valve cap **201S** and positions the lower discharge valve **200S** and the lower discharge valve cap **201S**.

The lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** is formed to have the same depth as the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** so as to overlap the lower discharge hole **190S** side of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S**. The lower discharge hole **190S** side of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** is accommodated in the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S**.

The lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** is formed in a fan-like range between a diametrical line L_3 passing through the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S** and a midpoint O_4 of a line segment L_2 (length F) connecting the center O_2 of the lower discharge hole **190S** and a center O_3 of the lower rivet **202S** to each other and a diametrical line L_4 which is opened by a pitch angle of 90° in the direction of the lower discharge hole **190S** about the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S**. At least a portion of the refrigerant path hole **136** overlaps the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the refrigerant path hole **136** is disposed at a position which communicates with the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S**.

As illustrated in FIG. 5, the annular lower valve seat **191S** protruding with respect to a bottom portion of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** is formed on the circumferential edge of an opening portion of the lower discharge hole **190S** and the lower valve seat **191S** abuts on a front portion of the lower discharge valve **200S**. The depth H to the lower valve seat **191S** of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** is set to 1.5 times or less the diameter $\phi D1$ of the lower discharge hole **190S**.

The opening degree of the lower discharge valve **200S**, that is, a lift amount of the lower discharge valve **200S** with respect to the lower valve seat **191S** when the refrigerant is discharged from the lower discharge hole **190S** is required to be a lift amount that does not generate resistance of the discharge flow. Therefore, the depth H to the lower valve seat **160S** of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** needs to be determined in consideration of the lift amount of the lower discharge valve **200S** and the thicknesses of the lower discharge valve **200S** and the lower discharge valve cap **201S** and it is sufficient that the depth H is 1.5 times the diameter $\phi D1$ of the lower discharge hole **190S**.

At least a portion of the refrigerant path hole **136** overlaps an upper discharge chamber concave portion **163T** and the refrigerant path hole **136** is disposed at a position communicating with the upper discharge chamber concave portion **163T**. Although not illustrated in detail, the upper discharge chamber concave portion **163T** and the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T** formed in the upper end plate **160T** are formed in the same shape as the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** formed in the lower end plate **160S**. The upper end plate cover chamber **180T** is configured by the dome-shaped bulging portion of the upper end plate cover **170T**, the upper discharge chamber concave portion **163T** and the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164T**.

According to the configuration of the rotary compressor **1** of Example 1 described above, the distance between the lower discharge hole **190S** and an incoming hole of the refrigerant path hole **136** can be shortened. Therefore, the capacity of the lower end plate cover chamber **180S**, that is, the capacity of the sum of the capacity of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the capacity of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** can be significantly reduced as compared with the related art.

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Accordingly, the flow rate of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder 121T and discharged from the upper discharge hole 190T which reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole 136 and flows into the lower end plate cover chamber 180S can be decreased and thus decrease in the efficiency of the rotary compressor 1 can be prevented.

EXAMPLE 2

FIG. 6 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which a lower discharge valve of a rotary compressor of Example 2 is attached. As illustrated in FIG. 6, in the rotary compressor 1 of Example 2, the depth H2 to a lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S2 formed in a lower endplate 160S2 and the lower valve seat 191S of a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion 164S2 is made shallower than the depth H to the lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S formed in the lower end plate 160S of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1 and the lower valve seat 191S of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion 164S. A lower end plate cover 170S2 includes a concave portion 171S2 in a portion facing the front portion of the lower discharge valve cap 201S and accommodates a portion where the front portion of the lower discharge valve cap 201S protrudes from the lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S2. The depth from the concave portion 171S2 to the lower valve seat 191S is formed to be 1.5 times or less the diameter $\phi D1$ of the lower discharge hole 190S.

According to the configuration of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 2 described above, the capacity of the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion 164S2 can be further decreased than that of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1, and thus the flow rate of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder 121T and discharged from the upper discharge hole 190T which reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole 136 and flows into a lower end plate cover chamber 180S2 can be further decreased and thus decrease in the efficiency of the rotary compressor 1 can be prevented.

EXAMPLE 3

FIG. 7 is a longitudinal sectional view illustrating a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion to which a lower discharge valve of a rotary compressor of Example 3 is attached. As illustrated in FIG. 7, in the rotary compressor 1 of Example 3, a front end portion of a lower discharge valve cap 201S3 is formed such that the thickness of a portion close to the lower end plate cover 170S is further decreased than that of the other portion thereof. Accordingly, while securing the same opening degree as that of the lower discharge valve 201S of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1, the depth H2 to a lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S3 and the lower valve seat 191S of a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion 164S3 is made shallower as in Example 2.

According to the configuration of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 3 described above, the capacity of a lower end plate cover chamber 180S3 can be further decreased by the capacity of the concave portion 171S2 of Example 2 than the rotary compressor 1 of Example 2, and thus the flow rate of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder 121T and discharged from the upper discharge hole 190T which reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole 136 and flows into the lower end plate cover chamber 180S3 can be

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further decreased and thus decrease in the efficiency of the rotary compressor 1 can be prevented.

EXAMPLE 4

FIG. 8 is a bottom view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 4. As illustrated in FIG. 4, in the rotary compressor 1 of Example 4, two refrigerant path holes 136N are provided (three or more refrigerant path holes may be provided) in a lower end plate 160S4 (and lower cylinder 121S, intermediate partition plate 140, upper cylinder 121T, upper end plate 160T), which are further decreased in diameter than the refrigerant path hole 136 of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1. The total sectional area of the two (or three or more) refrigerant path holes 136N is set to be equal to the sectional area of the refrigerant path hole 136 of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1. Accordingly, the radius R1 from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit 161S to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole 136N can be set to be further decreased than the radius R1 from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit 161S to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole 136 of the rotary compressor 1 in Example 1 illustrated in FIG. 4 and the diameter of a circular lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S4 can be decreased.

According to the configuration of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 4 described above, the bottom area of the lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S4 can be further decreased than the bottom area of the lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 1 and the capacity of the lower discharge chamber concave portion 163S4 can be decreased, and thus the flow rate of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder 121T and discharged from the upper discharge hole 190T which reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole 136N and flows into a lower end plate cover chamber 180S4 can be further decreased and thus decrease in the efficiency of the rotary compressor 1 can be prevented.

In addition, since the radius R1 from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit 161S to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole 136N can be set to be further decreased than the radius R1 from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit 161S to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole 136 of the rotary compressor 1 in Example 1 illustrated in FIG. 4, the radius R2 of the lower end plate 160S4 (and lower cylinder 121S, intermediate partition plate 140, upper cylinder 121T, and upper end plate 160T) can be further decreased than the radius R2 (See FIG. 4) of the lower end plate 160S (and lower cylinder 121S, intermediate partition plate 140, upper cylinder 121T, and upper end plate 160T) of Example 1, and thus there is also an effect of reducing material cost of the compressing unit 12.

EXAMPLE 5

FIG. 9 is a bottom view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 5. As illustrated in FIG. 9, in the rotary compressor 1 of Example 5, a refrigerant path hole 136M provided in a lower end plate 160S5 (and lower cylinder 121S, intermediate partition plate 140, upper cylinder 121T, and upper end plate 160T) is a long hole whose width is further decreased than the diameter of the refrigerant path hole 136N of the rotary compressor 1 of Example 4, and the sectional areas thereof are equal to each other. The refrigerant path hole (long hole) 136M is formed along the circumferential direction of the lower valve seat 191S. Accordingly, the radius R1 from the center O_1 of the

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sub-bearing unit **161S** to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole **136M** can be set to be further decreased than the radius **R1** from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S** to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole **136N** of the rotary compressor **1** in Example 4 illustrated in FIG. 8, and the diameter of a circular lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S5** can be reduced.

According to the configuration of the rotary compressor **1** of Example 5 described above, the bottom area of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S5** is further decreased than the bottom area of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S4** of the rotary compressor **1** of Example 4 and the capacity of the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S5** can be decreased, and thus the flow rate of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder **121T** and discharged from the upper discharge hole **190T** which reversely flows through the refrigerant path hole **136M** and flows into a lower end plate cover chamber **180S5** can be further decreased and thus decrease in the efficiency of the rotary compressor **1** can be prevented.

In addition, since the radius **R1** from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S** to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole **136M** can be set to be further decreased than the radius **R1** from the center O_1 of the sub-bearing unit **161S** to the outermost circumference of the refrigerant path hole **136N** of the rotary compressor **1** in Example 4 illustrated in FIG. 8, the radius **R2** of the lower end plate **160S5** (and lower cylinder **121S**, intermediate partition plate **140**, upper cylinder **121T**, and upper end plate **160T**) can be further decreased than the radius **R2** (See FIG. 4) of the lower end plate **160S4** (and lower cylinder **121S**, intermediate partition plate **140**, upper cylinder **121T**, and upper end plate **160T**) of Example 4, and thus there is also an effect of reducing material cost of the compressing unit **12**.

EXAMPLE 6

FIG. 10 is a perspective view illustrating a lower end plate of a rotary compressor of Example 6 from below. As illustrated in FIG. 10, in the rotary compressor **1** of Example 6, in a region other than the region on which the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** of a lower surface (which is contact surface with lower end plate cover **170S** of Example 1) of a lower end plate **160S6** are formed, a refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** which is an annular groove surrounding the sub-bearing unit **161S** and having a depth of 1 mm or less is formed in an inside of a plurality of bolt holes **137**. The annular groove serving as the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** may be formed on the upper surface of the lower end plate cover **170S** instead of the lower surface of the lower end plate **160S6**.

One end of the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** communicates with the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the other end thereof communicates with the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** (refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** may communicate with any one of lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S**). The high temperature and high pressure refrigerant discharged from the lower discharge hole **190S** is guided to the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** through the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** or the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** by the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6**

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communicating with the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** or the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S**.

When the lower end plate cover **170S** is heated by the high-temperature and high-pressure refrigerant being guided to the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** and the air conditioner is started in a state of being stopped for a long time, liquid refrigerant **19** (see FIG. 1) staying in the lower portion of the compressor housing **10** of the rotary compressor **1** is heated, is evaporated as quickly as possible, and sucks up the liquid refrigerant **19** instead of the lubricant oil **18** for a long time and thus damage of the sliding portion of the compressing unit **12** can be prevented. In order to reduce the amount of the refrigerant compressed by the upper cylinder **121T** reversely flowing through the refrigerant path hole **136**, the capacity of the space of the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** is preferably decreased within a range that can secure the heating amount necessary for vaporizing the liquid refrigerant **19** and thus the depth of the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** is made shallow within a range that can secure a heating amount necessary for vaporizing the liquid refrigerant **19**.

EXAMPLE 7

FIG. 11 is a bottom view illustrating a state where a lower end plate and a lower end plate cover of a rotary compressor according to Example 7 are stacked. As illustrated in FIG. 11, in the rotary compressor **1** of Example 7, two auxiliary bolt relief holes **171S7** are provided in a lower end plate cover **170S7** having a flat plate shape so that a head of the auxiliary bolt **176** (see FIG. 3) for fastening the lower end plate **160S6** and the lower cylinder **121S** of Example 6 is prevented from hitting the lower end plate cover **170S7**. A portion of the auxiliary bolt relief hole **171S7** overlaps and communicates with the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** formed in the lower endplate **160S6** to constitute a refrigerant discharge portion **172S7**. In a case where the auxiliary bolt relief hole **171S7** does not overlap with the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6**, a small hole (not illustrated) which communicates with the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S**, the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S**, or the refrigerant introduction portion **165S6** is separately provided in the lower end plate cover **170S7** (**170S**, **170S2**) and this small hole may be used as the refrigerant discharge portion **172S7**.

The refrigerant discharge portion **172S7** directly discharges the compressed refrigerant into the compressor housing **10** without passing through the refrigerant path hole **136**. The lubricant oil **18** is accumulated in the lower discharge chamber concave portion **163S** and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion **164S** of the lower endplate **160S6**, the lower discharge hole **190S** is immersed by the lubricant oil **18**, and thus the decrease in efficiency and the generation of noise can be prevented, by the refrigerant discharge portion **172S7**. In addition, by providing the refrigerant discharge portion **172S7**, the refrigerant discharged from the refrigerant discharge portion **172S7** heats the liquid refrigerant **19** (see FIG. 1) staying in the lower portion of the compressor housing **10** in a state of stopping for a long time, and thus there is an effect of vaporization of refrigerant being promoted.

As described above, although the examples are described, the examples are not limited by the contents described above. In addition, configuration elements described above include those easily assumed by those skilled in the art, substantially the same ones, and so-called equivalents. Fur-

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ther, the configuration elements described above can be appropriately combined with each other. Further, at least one of various omission, substitution, and change of the configuration elements can be performed without departing from the gist of the example.

REFERENCE SIGNS LIST

1: rotary compressor
 10: compressor housing
 11: motor
 12: compressing unit
 15: rotation shaft
 18: lubricant oil
 19: liquid refrigerant
 25: accumulator
 31T: accumulator upper L-pipe
 31S: accumulator lower L-pipe
 105: upper inlet pipe
 104: lower inlet pipe
 107: discharge pipe
 111: stator
 112: rotor
 115: gap
 121T: upper cylinder
 121S: lower cylinder
 124T: upper spring hole
 124S: lower spring hole
 125T: upper piston
 125S: lower piston
 126T: upper spring
 126S: lower spring
 127T: upper vane
 127S: lower vane
 128T: upper vane groove
 128S: lower vane groove
 130T: upper cylinder chamber
 130S: lower cylinder chamber
 131T: upper inlet chamber
 131S: lower inlet chamber
 133T: upper compression chamber
 133S: lower compression chamber
 135T: upper inlet hole
 135S: lower inlet hole
 136, 136N, 136M: refrigerant path hole
 137: bolt hole
 140: intermediate partition plate
 151: sub-shaft unit
 152T: upper eccentric portion
 152S: lower eccentric portion
 153: main shaft unit
 155: oil feeding vertical hole
 156: oil feeding horizontal hole
 158: oil feeding impeller
 160T: upper end plate
 160S, 160S2, 160S4, 160S5, 160S6: lower end plate
 161T: main bearing unit
 161S: sub-bearing unit
 163T: upper discharge chamber concave portion
 163S, 163S2, 163S3, 163S4, 163S5: lower discharge chamber concave portion
 164T: upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion
 164S, 164S2, 164S3: lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion
 165S6: refrigerant introduction portion
 166S8: refrigerant discharge portion

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170T: upper end plate cover
 170S, 170S2, 170S7: lower end plate cover
 171S2: concave portion
 171S7: auxiliary bolt relief hole
 172S7: refrigerant discharge portion
 172T: upper end plate cover discharge hole
 174, 175: penetrating bolt
 176: auxiliary bolt
 180T: upper end plate cover chamber
 180S, 180S2, 180S3, 180S4, 180S5: lower endplate cover chamber
 190T: upper discharge hole
 190S: lower discharge hole
 191S: lower valve seat
 200T: upper discharge valve
 200S: lower discharge valve
 201T: upper discharge valve cap
 201S, 201S3: lower discharge valve cap
 202T: upper rivet
 202S: lower rivet
 310: attachment leg
 The invention claimed is:
 1. A rotary compressor, comprising:
 a sealed vertically-placed cylindrical compressor housing
 in which a discharge pipe for discharging refrigerant is provided in an upper portion thereof and an upper inlet pipe and a lower inlet pipe for sucking refrigerant are provided in a side surface lower portion thereof; an accumulator which is fixed to a side portion of the compressor housing and is connected to the upper inlet pipe and the lower inlet pipe; a motor which is disposed in the compressor housing; and a compressing unit which is disposed in a lower side of the motor in the compressor housing, is driven by the motor to suck and compress refrigerant from the accumulator via the upper inlet pipe and the lower inlet pipe, and discharges the compressed refrigerant from the discharge pipe,
 wherein the compressing unit includes
 an annular upper cylinder and an annular lower cylinder,
 an upper end plate which closes an upper side of the upper cylinder and a lower end plate which closes a lower side of the lower cylinder,
 a intermediate partition plate which is disposed between the upper cylinder and the lower cylinder and closes a lower side of the upper cylinder and an upper side of the lower cylinder,
 a rotation shaft which is supported by a main bearing unit provided on the upper end plate and a sub-bearing unit provided on the lower end plate and which is rotated by the motor,
 an upper eccentric portion and a lower eccentric portion which are provided to the rotation shaft with a phase difference of 180° with respect to each other,
 an upper piston which is fitted in the upper eccentric portion and revolves along an inner circumferential surface of the upper cylinder to form an upper cylinder chamber in the upper cylinder,
 a lower piston which is fitted in the lower eccentric portion and revolves along an inner circumferential surface of the lower cylinder to form a lower cylinder chamber in the lower cylinder,
 an upper vane which protrudes from an upper vane groove provided in the upper cylinder into the upper cylinder chamber and abuts on the upper piston to divide the upper cylinder chamber into an upper inlet chamber and an upper compression chamber,

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a lower vane which protrudes from a lower vane groove provided in the lower cylinder into the lower cylinder chamber and abuts on the lower piston to divide the lower cylinder chamber into a lower inlet chamber and a lower compression chamber, 5

an upper end plate cover which covers the upper end plate, forms an upper end plate cover chamber between the upper end plate and the upper end plate cover, and includes an upper end plate cover discharge hole for communicating the upper end plate cover chamber and an inside portion of the compressor housing with each other, 10

a lower end plate cover which covers the lower end plate and forms a lower end plate cover chamber between the lower end plate and the lower end plate cover, 15

an upper discharge hole which is provided in the upper end plate and communicates the upper compression chamber and the upper end plate cover chamber with each other, 20

a lower discharge hole which is provided in the lower end plate and communicates the lower compression chamber and the lower end plate cover chamber with each other, and

a refrigerant path hole which passes through the lower end plate, the lower cylinder, the intermediate partition plate, the upper end plate and the upper cylinder and communicates the lower end plate cover chamber and the upper end plate cover chamber with each other, and 30

the rotary compressor, further comprising:

an upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion which is provided in the upper end plate and extends in a groove shape from a position of the upper discharge hole; 35

a lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion which is provided in the lower end plate and extends in a groove shape from a position of the lower discharge hole; 40

a reed valve type upper discharge valve of which a rear end portion is fixed by an upper rivet in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion and a front portion opens and closes the upper discharge hole and an upper discharge valve cap of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the upper discharge valve and is fixed in the upper discharge valve accommodation concave portion by the upper rivet and a front portion is warped to regulate opening degree of the upper discharge valve; and 45

a reed valve type lower discharge valve of which a rear end portion is fixed by a lower rivet in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion and a front portion opens and closes the lower discharge hole and a lower discharge valve cap of which a rear end portion is overlapped with the lower discharge valve and is fixed in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion by the lower rivet, a front portion is warped to regulate opening degree of the lower discharge valve, and is accommodated in the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion, 50

wherein the lower end plate cover is formed in a flat plate shape, 55

wherein a lower discharge chamber concave portion is formed in the lower end plate so as to overlap the lower discharge hole side of the lower discharge valve accom-

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modation concave portion, and the lower discharge chamber concave portion is formed in a fan-like range between a diametrical line which passes through a center of the sub-bearing unit and a midpoint of a line segment which connects a center of the lower discharge hole and a center of the lower rivet to each other and a diametrical line which is opened by a pitch angle 90° in a direction of the lower discharge hole about a center of the sub-bearing unit,

wherein at least a portion of the refrigerant path hole overlaps with the lower discharge chamber concave portion and is disposed at a position communicating with the lower discharge chamber concave portion, and wherein the lower end plate cover chamber is configured by the lower discharge chamber concave portion and the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion.

2. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein a lower valve seat raised in an annular shape is included at a circumferential edge of the lower discharge hole and a depth of the lower discharge chamber concave portion from a bottom end of the lower discharge chamber concave portion to a bottom end of the lower valve seat is formed to be 1.5 times or less of a diameter $\phi D1$ of the lower discharge hole.

3. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein a lower valve seat raised in an annular shape is included at a circumferential edge of the lower discharge hole, the lower end plate cover includes a concave portion in a portion facing a front end portion of the lower discharge valve cap, and a depth from the concave portion to the lower valve seat is formed to be 1.5 times or less of a diameter $\phi D1$ of the lower discharge hole.

4. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein a front end portion of the lower discharge valve cap is formed so that a thickness of a portion close to the lower end plate cover is thinner than that of the other portion thereof.

5. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein the refrigerant path hole is configured by a plurality of circular holes.

6. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein the refrigerant path hole is a long hole along a circumferential direction of a lower valve seat of the lower discharge hole.

7. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein a refrigerant introduction portion which communicates with the lower discharge chamber concave portion or the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion is formed in the lower end plate or the lower end plate cover as a groove having an annular depth of 1 mm or less surrounding the sub-bearing unit of the lower end plate.

8. The rotary compressor according to claim 1, wherein a refrigerant discharge portion, which discharges the refrigerant into the compressor housing, is provided in the lower end plate cover, and the refrigerant discharge portion directly connects an inside of the compressor housing and the lower discharge chamber concave portion, the lower discharge valve accommodation concave portion, or the refrigerant introduction portion.