

Required Views for Design Patents

Since a design patent protects the ornamental appearance of your invention, your design patent application will have to show all relevant views of the invention. Please see the examples below in order to determine what images or photos you'll need to supply us with in order to complete your design patent application.

View Descriptions:

FIG. 1 is a “perspective” view, which shows the device from an angled perspective. This is usually FIG. 1 and is usually the figure that appears on the first page of an issued design patent.

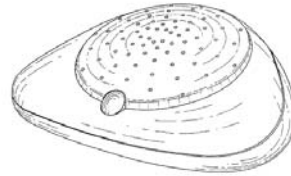


FIG.1

FIG. 2 is a “front elevational” view of the invention. This is taken from a front view, and is not angled away from the front side. The top, bottom, or sides should not show (except to the extent that they would show, as in this example, because of curved sides).

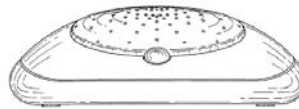


FIG.2

FIG. 3 is a “rear elevational” view. Like the front elevational view, this is taken from a rear or back view, and not angled.



FIG.3

FIG. 4 is a “left-side elevational” view. Like FIGS. 2 and 3, it is taken directly from the left side of the product.



FIG.4

FIG. 5 is a “right-side elevational” view, similar to FIG. 4 above, but from the right side of the product.



FIG.5

FIG. 6 is a “top plan” view, taken from directly above the product looking down.

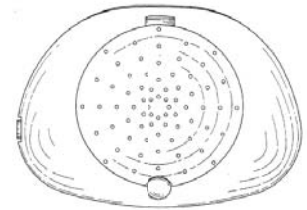


FIG.6

FIG. 7 is a “bottom plan” view, taken from directly under the product looking up.

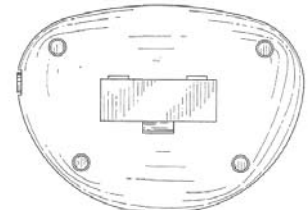


FIG.7

FIG. 8 is an alternate perspective view, showing the device in a different configuration than from that shown in FIG. 1. If your product has several different states or positions, or a door that can open, for example, and the inside of the product is important to the design, then you'll want to show this alternate view, or as many alternate views as you need to to fully show the product.



FIG.8