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(54) **Oil pan structure**

(57) There is provided an oil pan structure which is possible to achieve, with a simple structure, both reduction of an amount of the oil, and preventing sucking air during quick stopping or fast cornering of the vehicle. The oil pan structure comprises an inner oil pan (3), an

outer oil pan (4) located under the inner oil pan (3) to cover the inner oil pan (3), and a first through part (5) for letting the inner oil pan (3) communicate with the outer oil pan (4), which is provided in a rear part of the inner oil pan (3) in an advance direction of a vehicle.

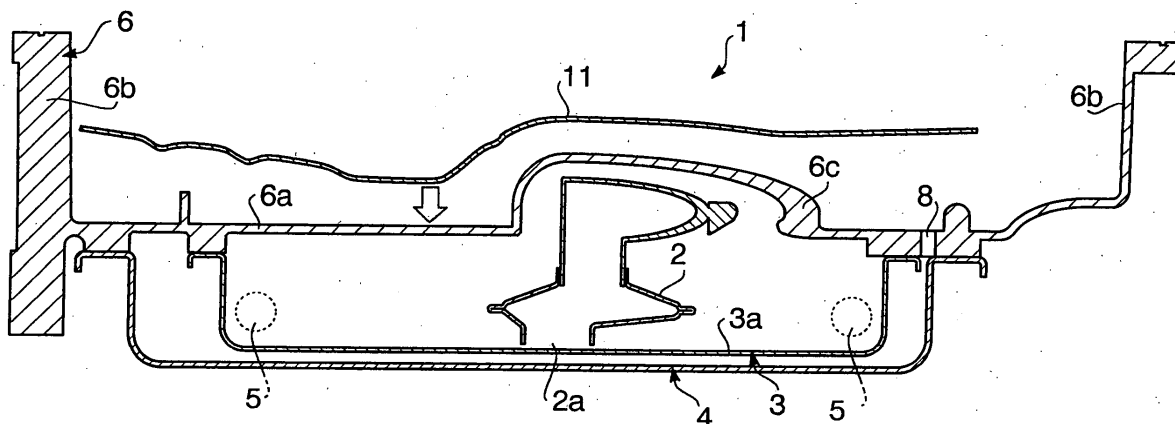


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