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[54] TIRE TREAD
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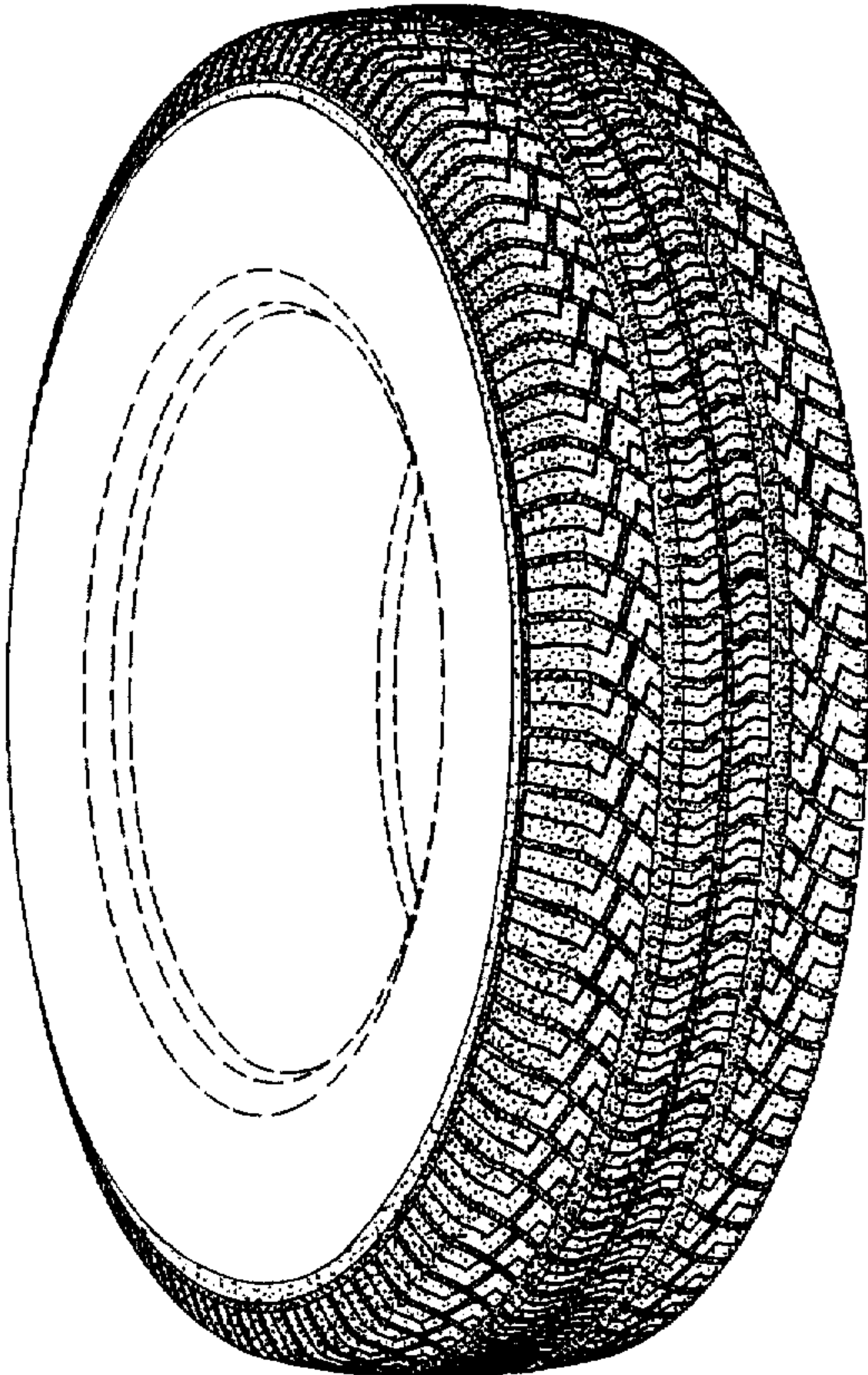
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[57] CLAIM
The ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new tread pattern, it being understood that the tread pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire; FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of a first embodiment of the tire tread of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of a second embodiment thereof, it being understood that the tread pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire in a manner similar to that shown in FIG. 1.
The broken lines defining the tire inner bead and sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



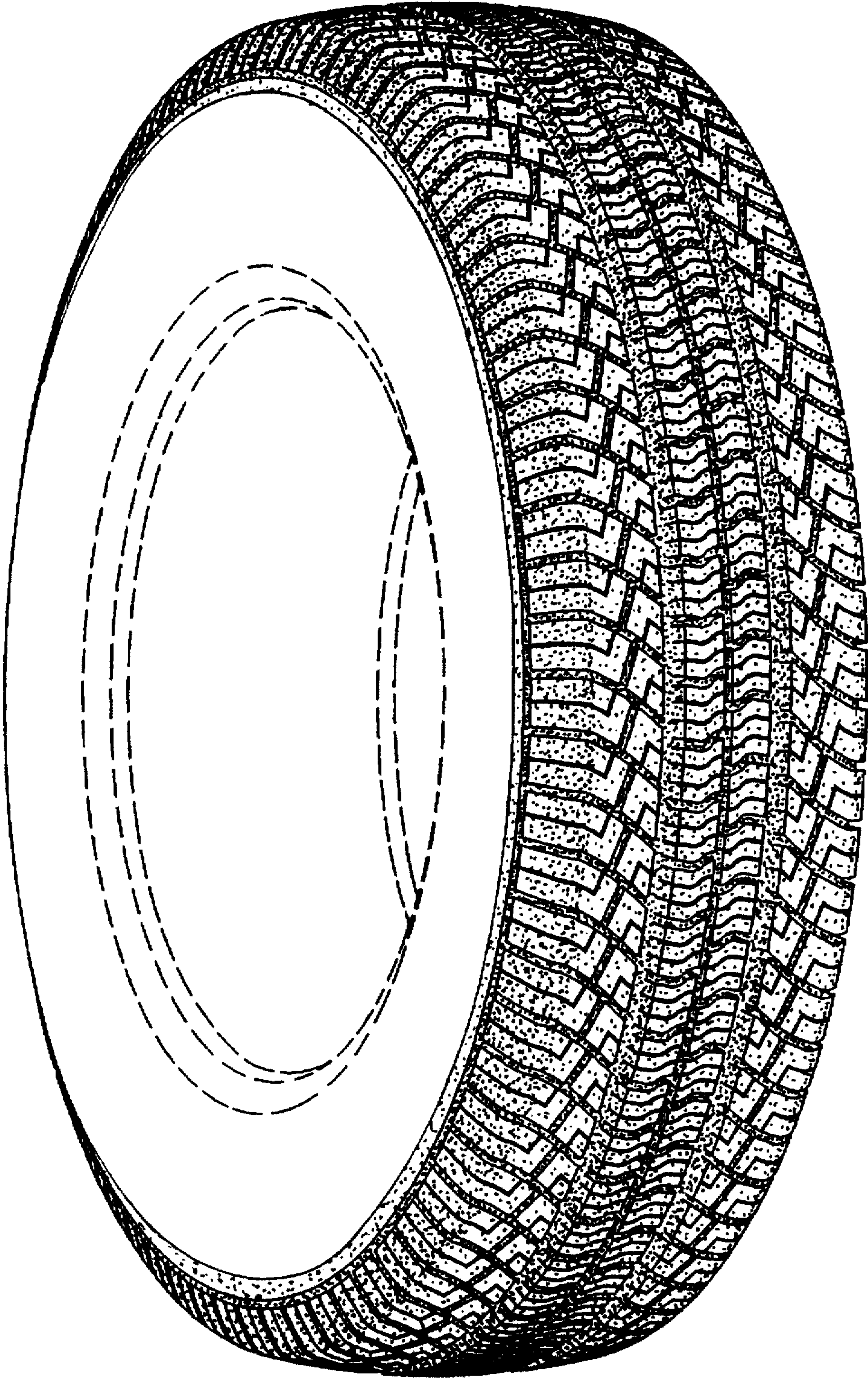


Fig. 1

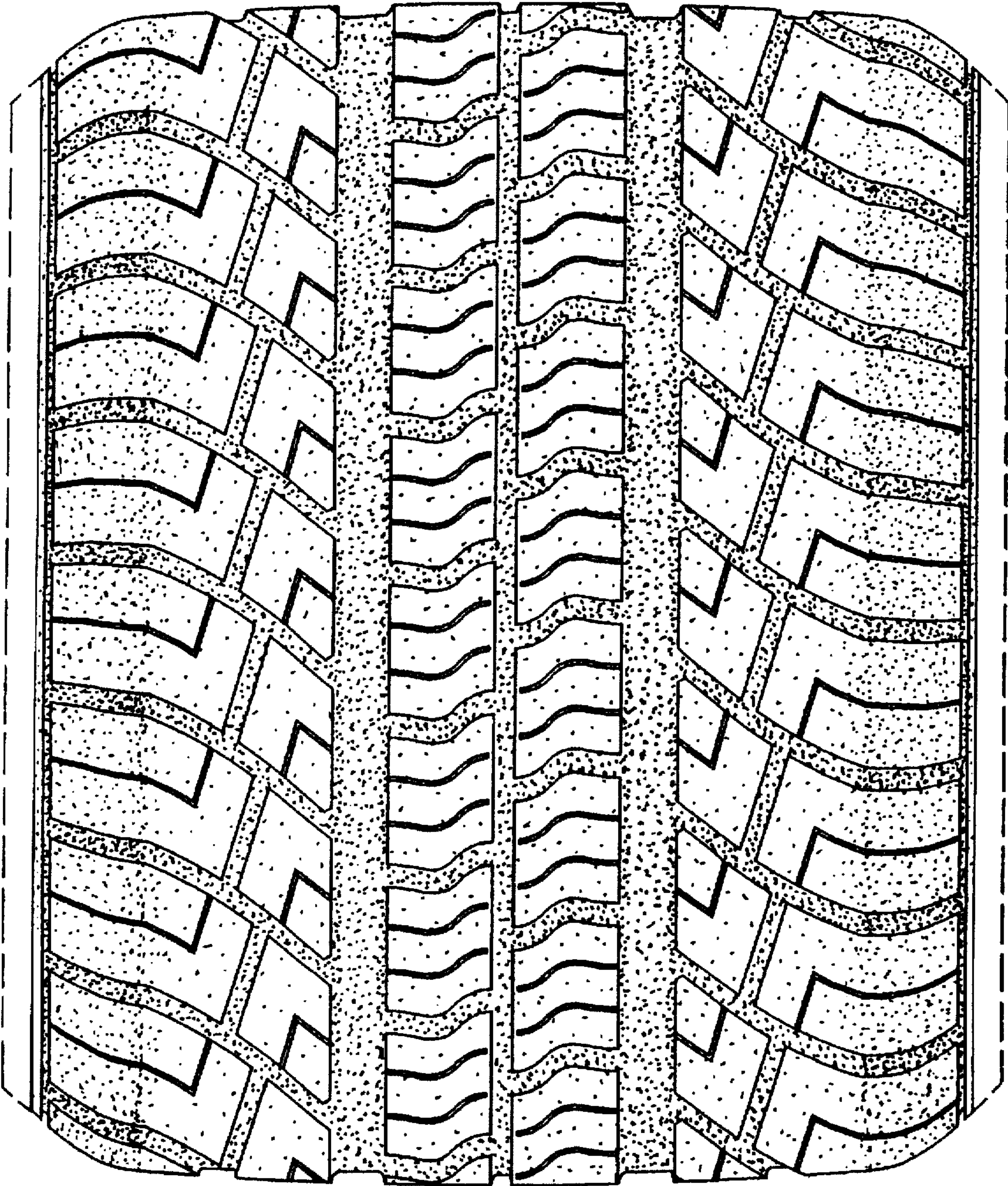


Fig. 2

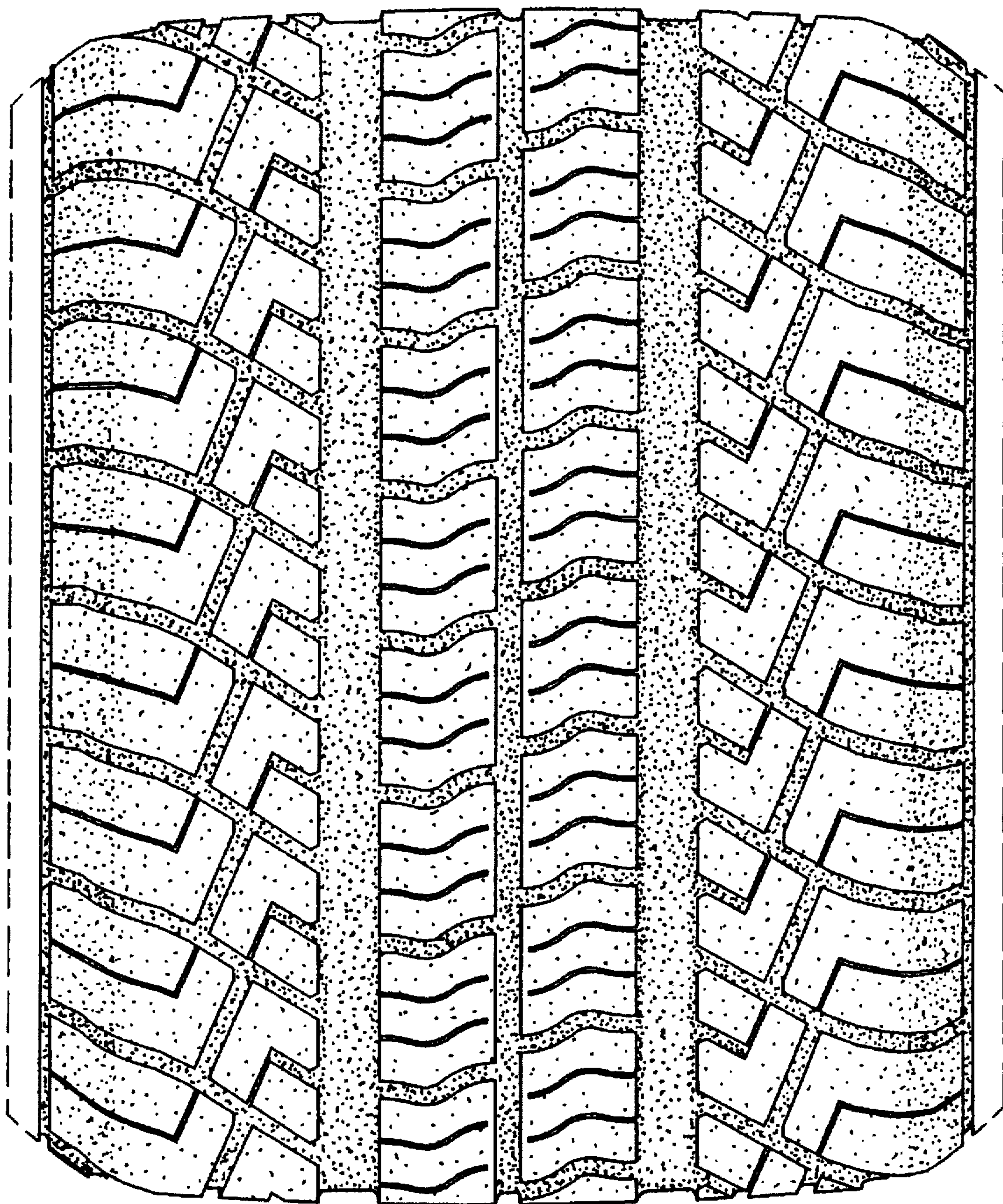


Fig. 3