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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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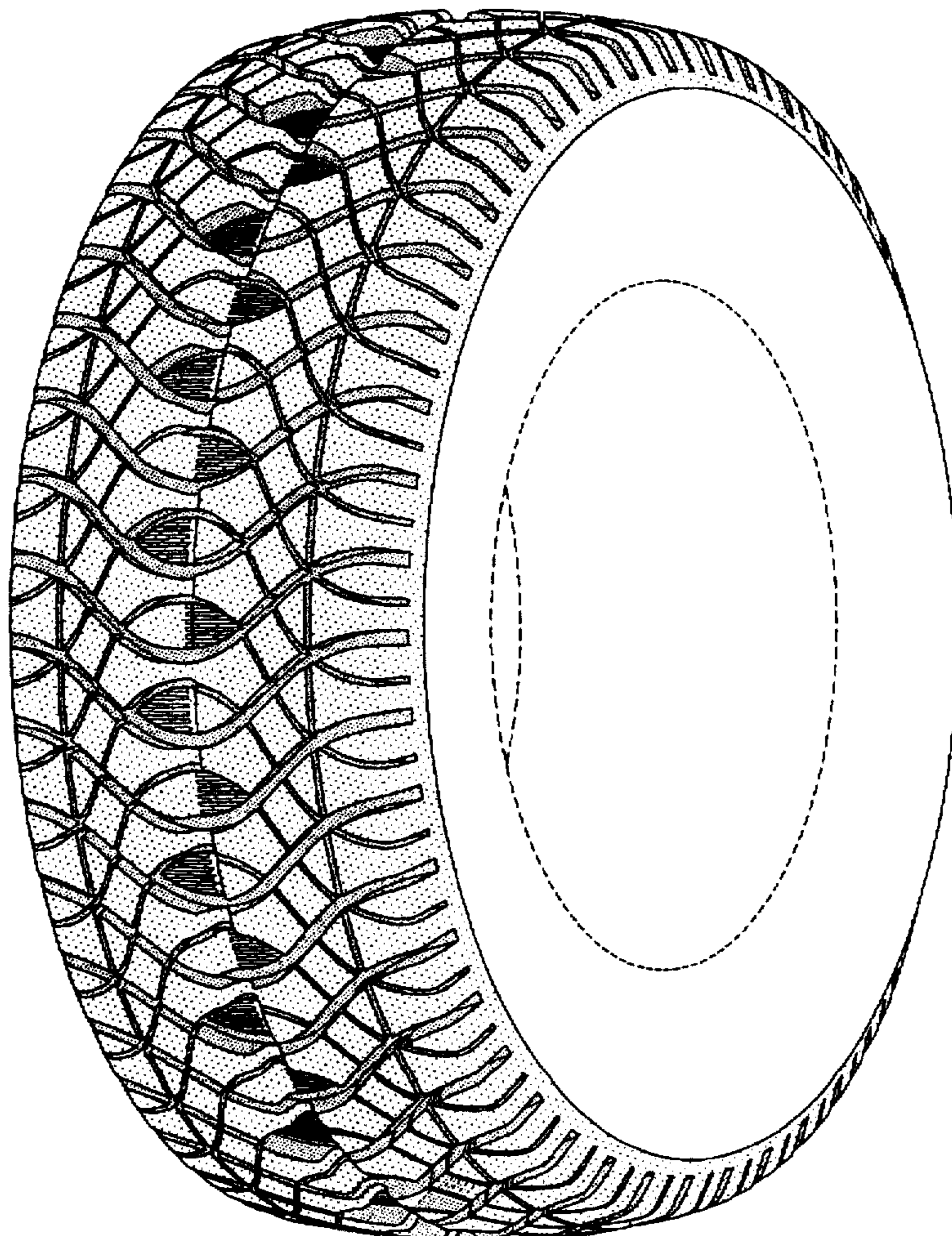
[57] **CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing my new design, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread; FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof, opposite side elevational view being a mirror image thereof; and FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary front view thereof. The broken line showing of the tire sidewall in the drawings is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



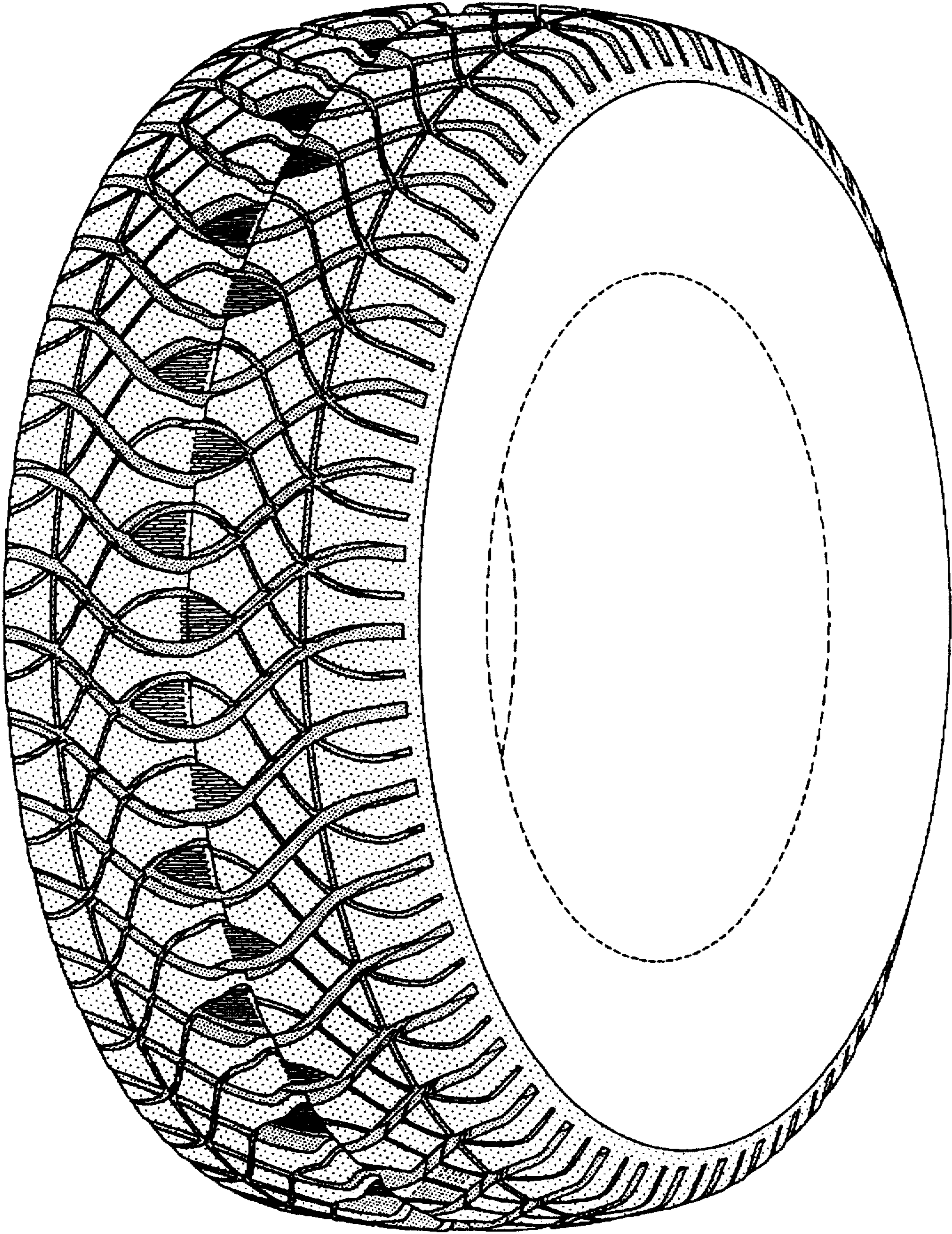


FIG-1

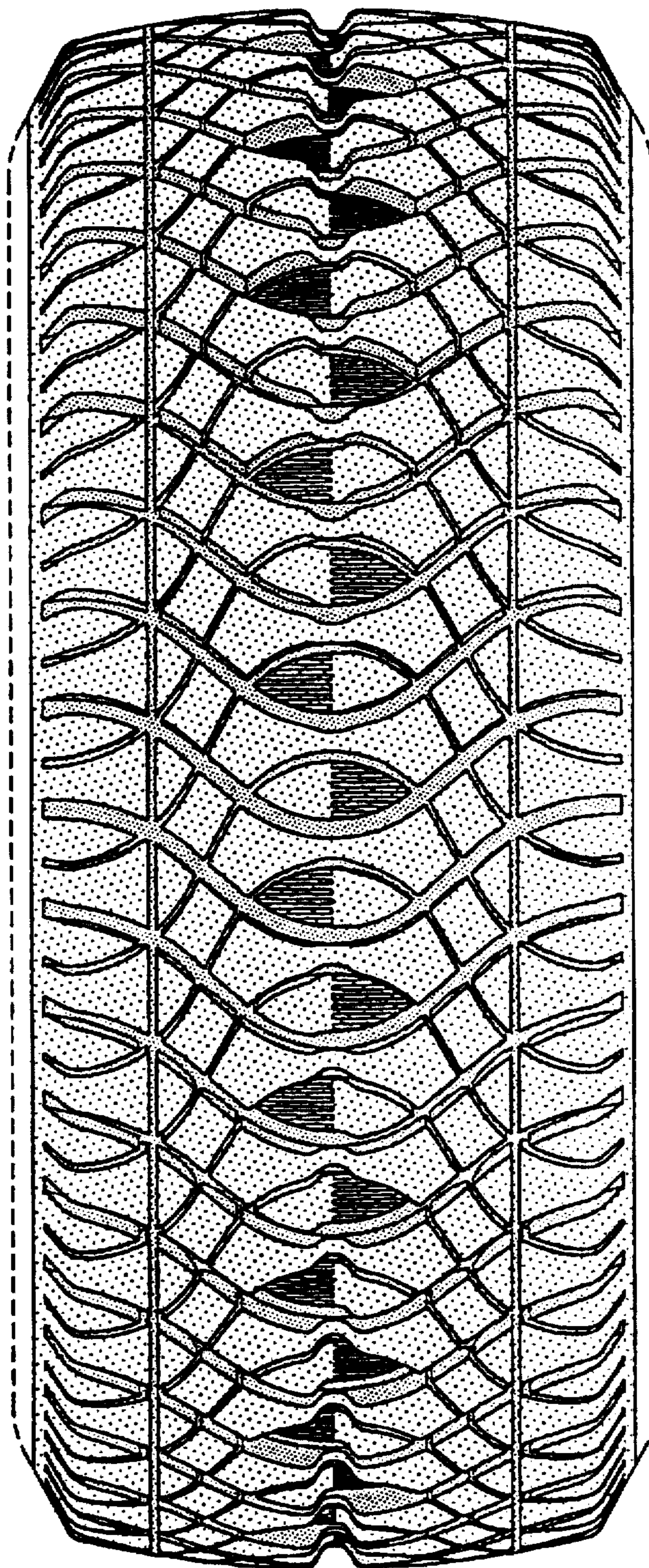


FIG-2

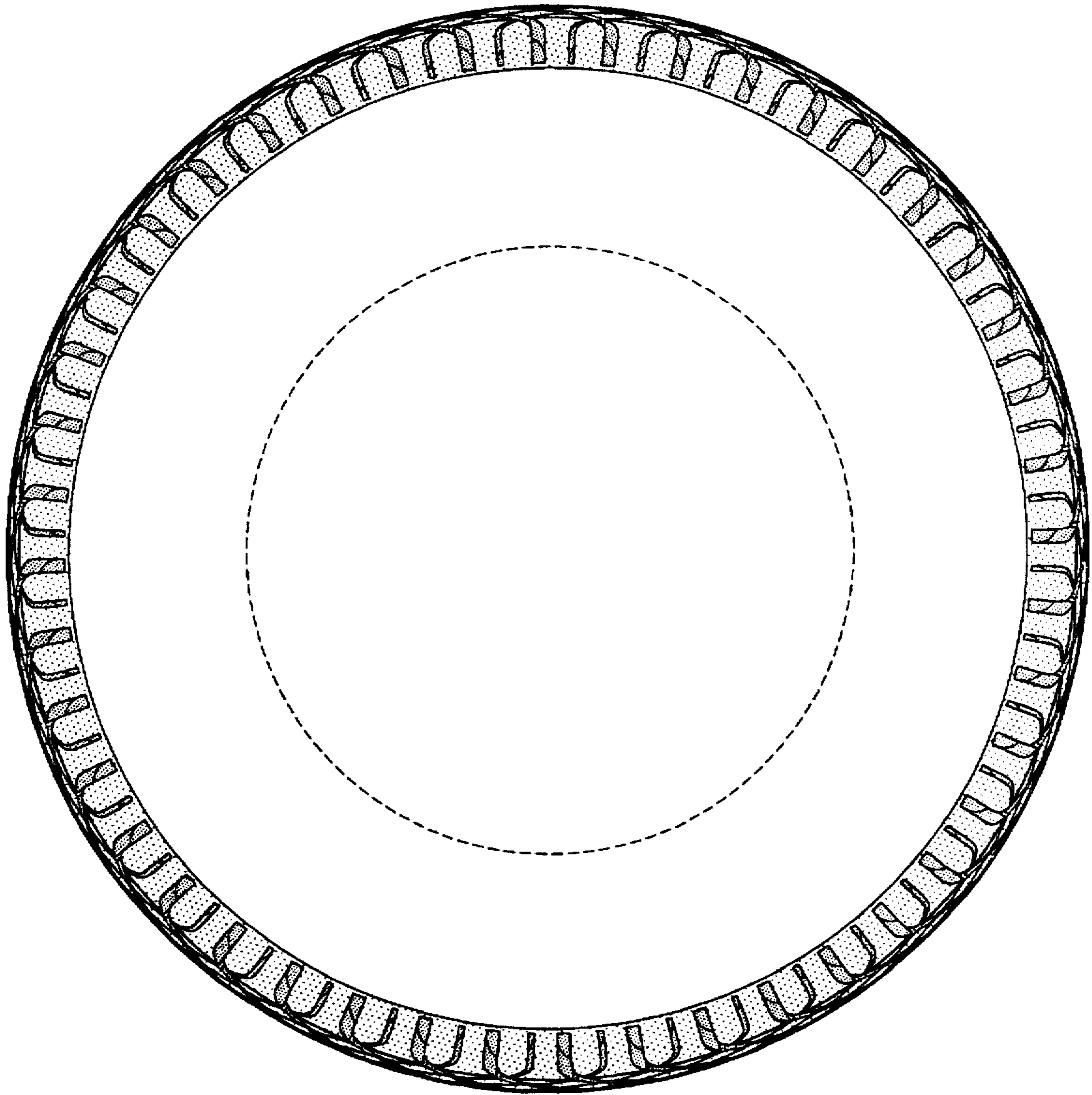


FIG-3

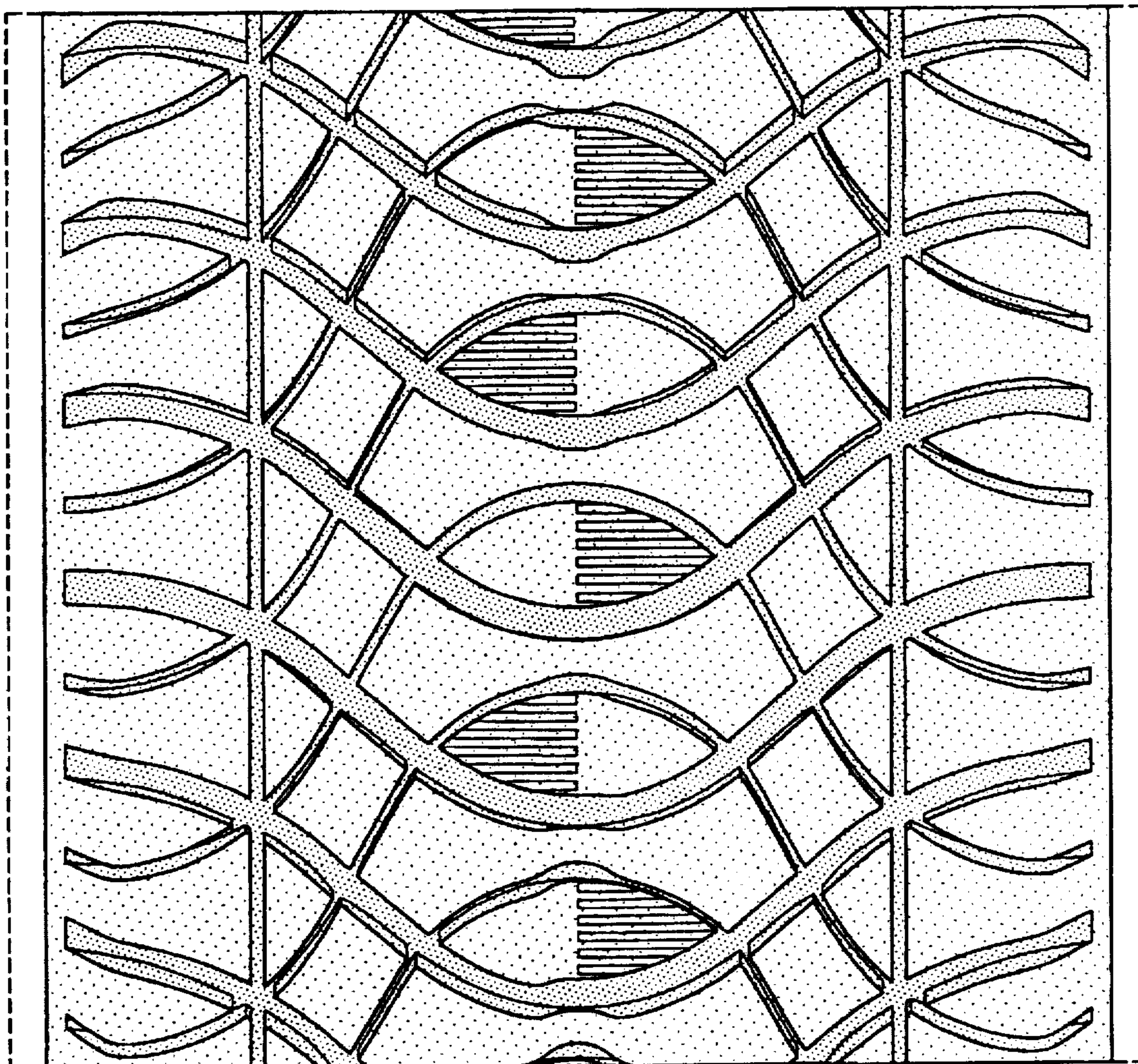


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