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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

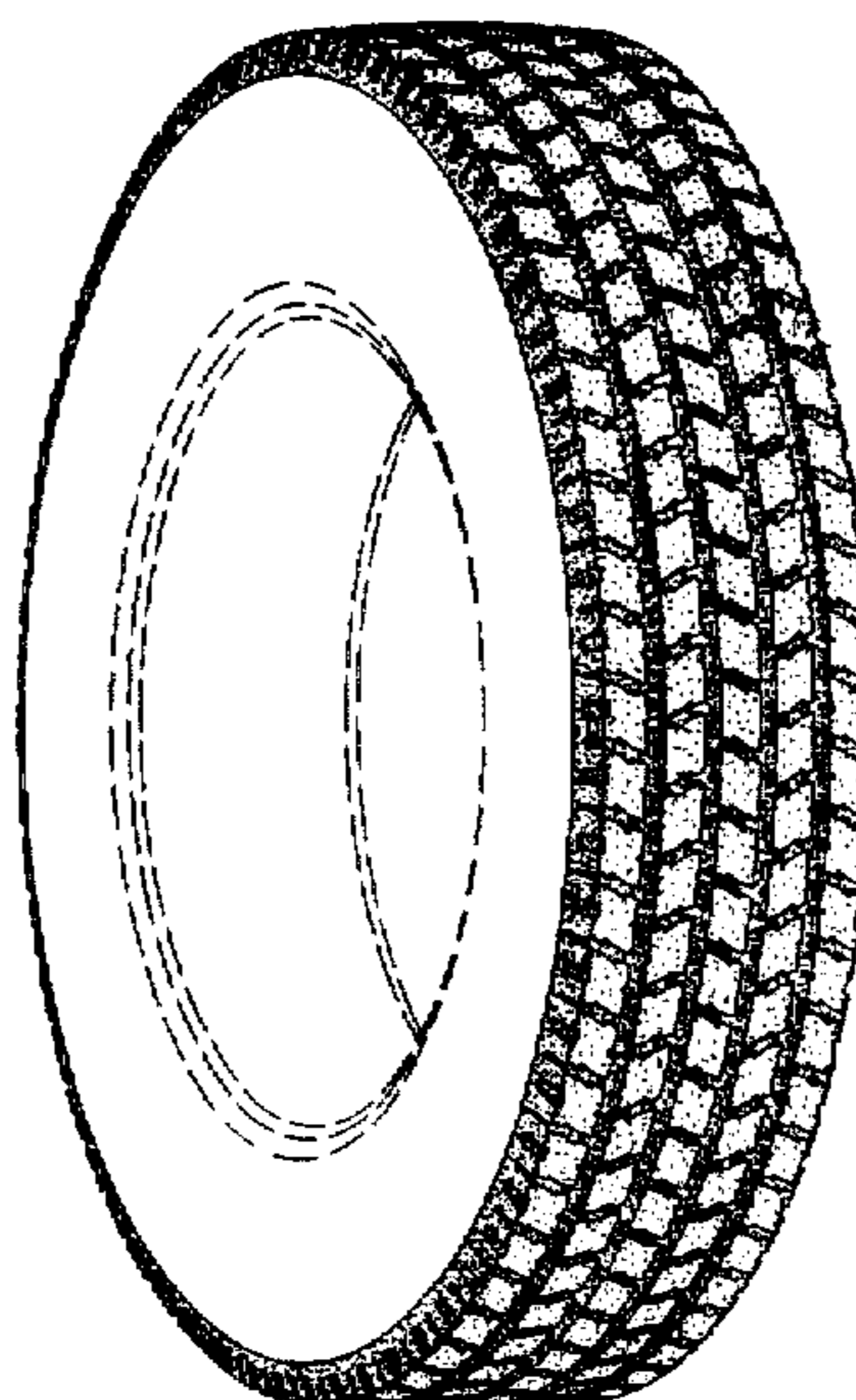
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire tread and the opposite side perspective view being identical thereto;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of our tire tread, as illustrated in FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view of another embodiment of our tire tread, the tread being repeated over the outer circumference of the tire having essentially the same tread pattern as that shown in FIG. 1.

The broken line disclosure of a tire bead and sidewall is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



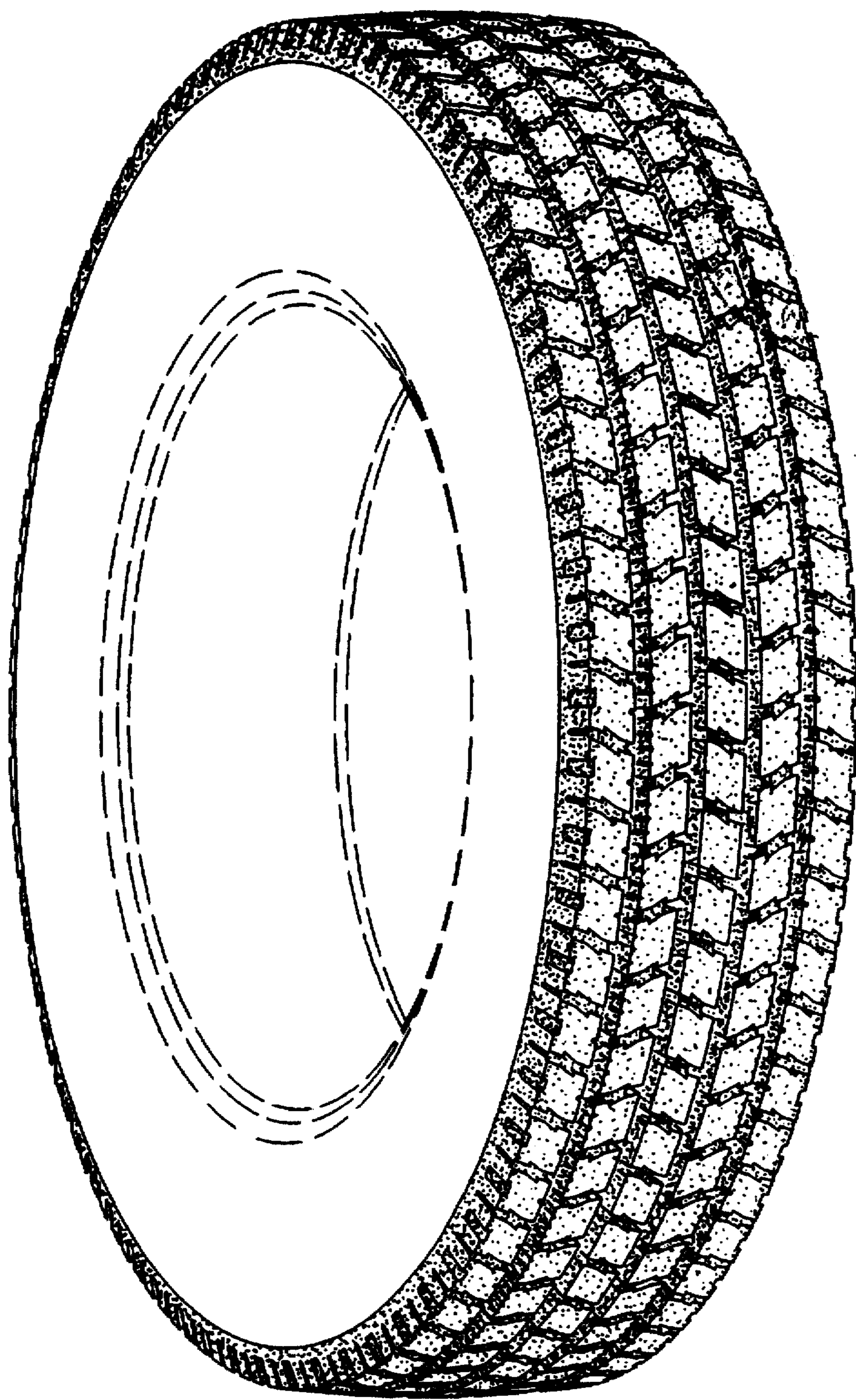


Fig. 1

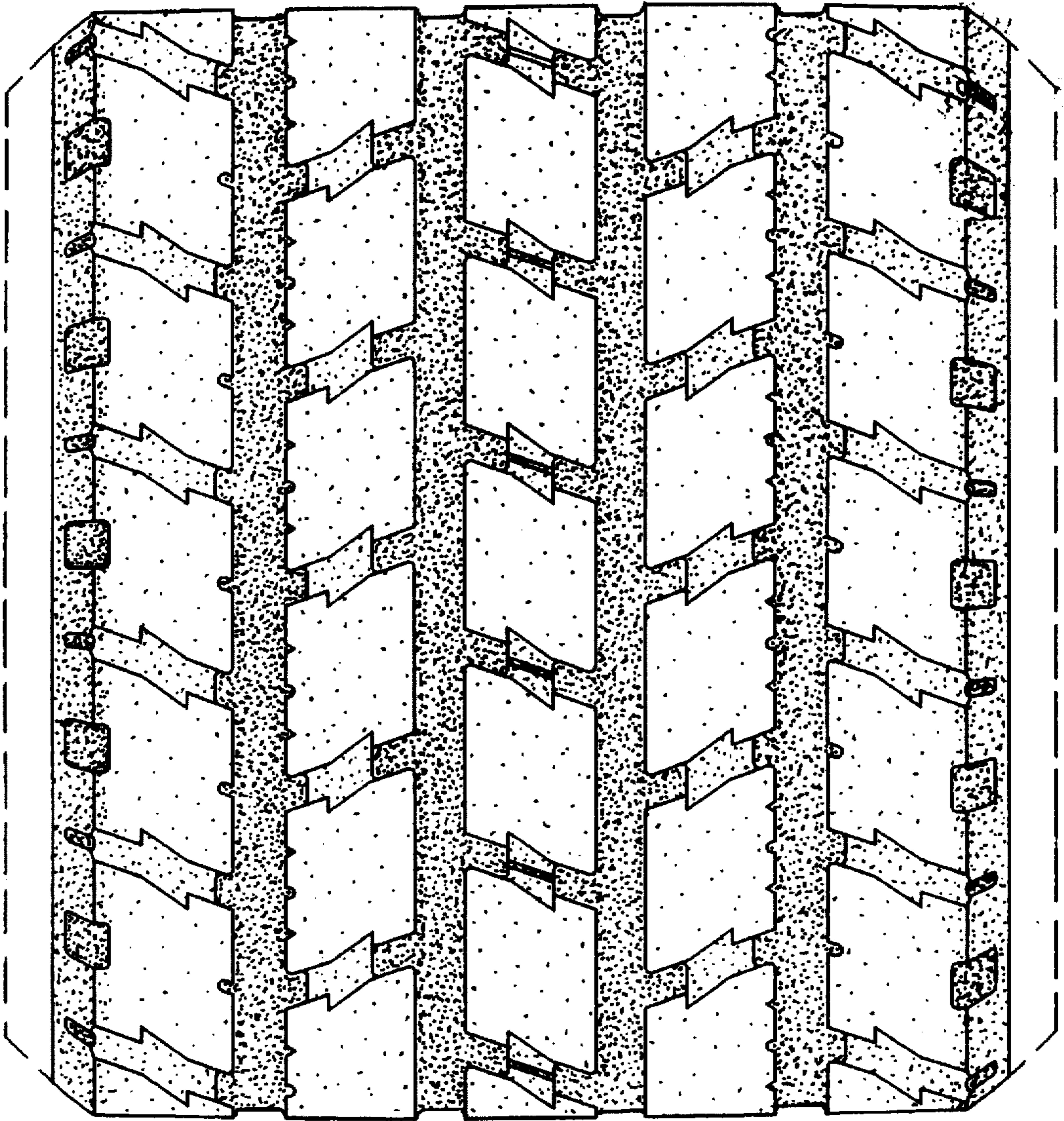


Fig. 2

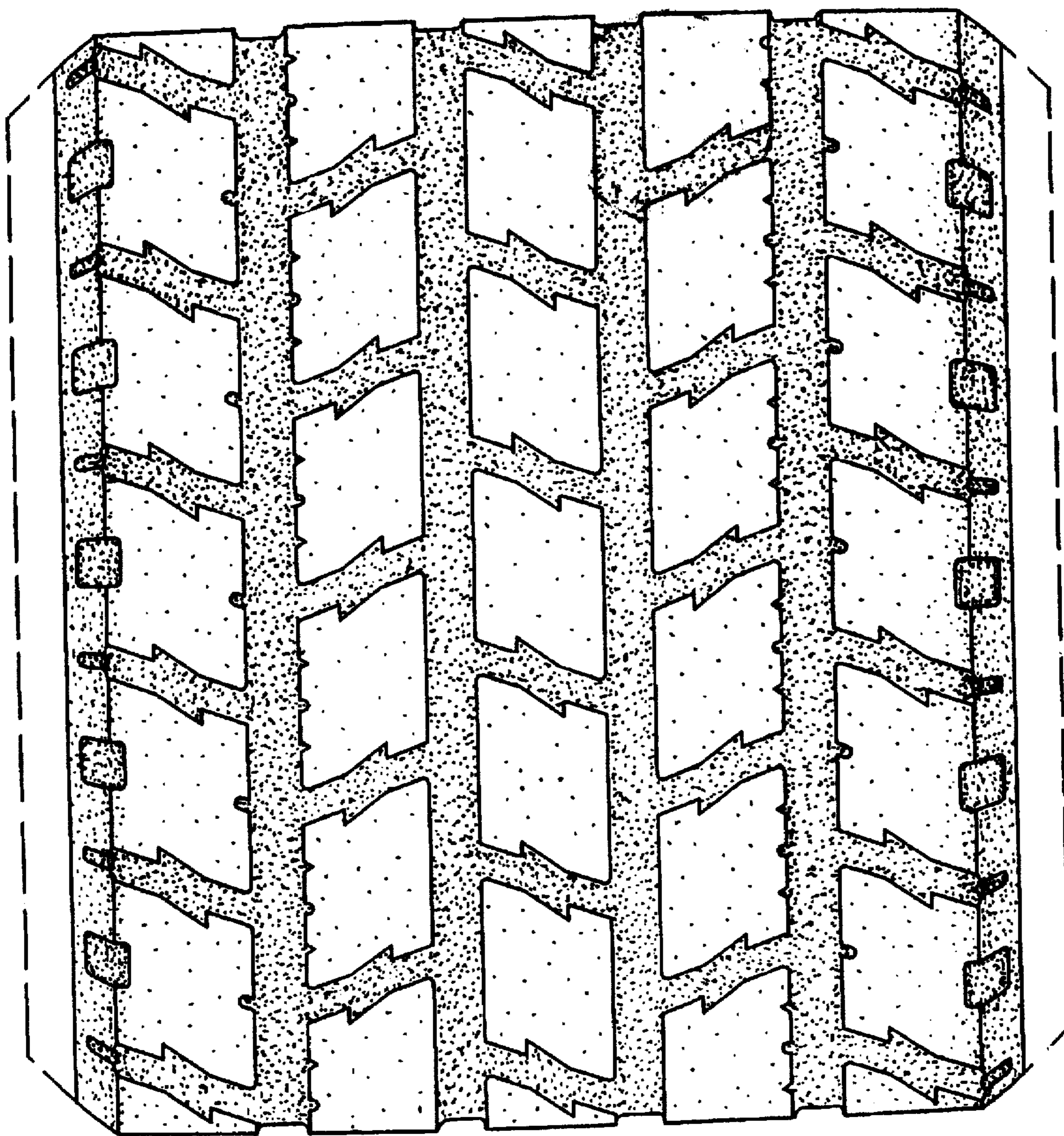


Fig. 3