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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 tread pattern is repeated over the outer circumference and shoulder of a tire, the opposite side being the same as that illustrated; and, FIG. 2 is a enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the tread pattern of FIG. 1 further showing our new design for the tire tread.

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

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets

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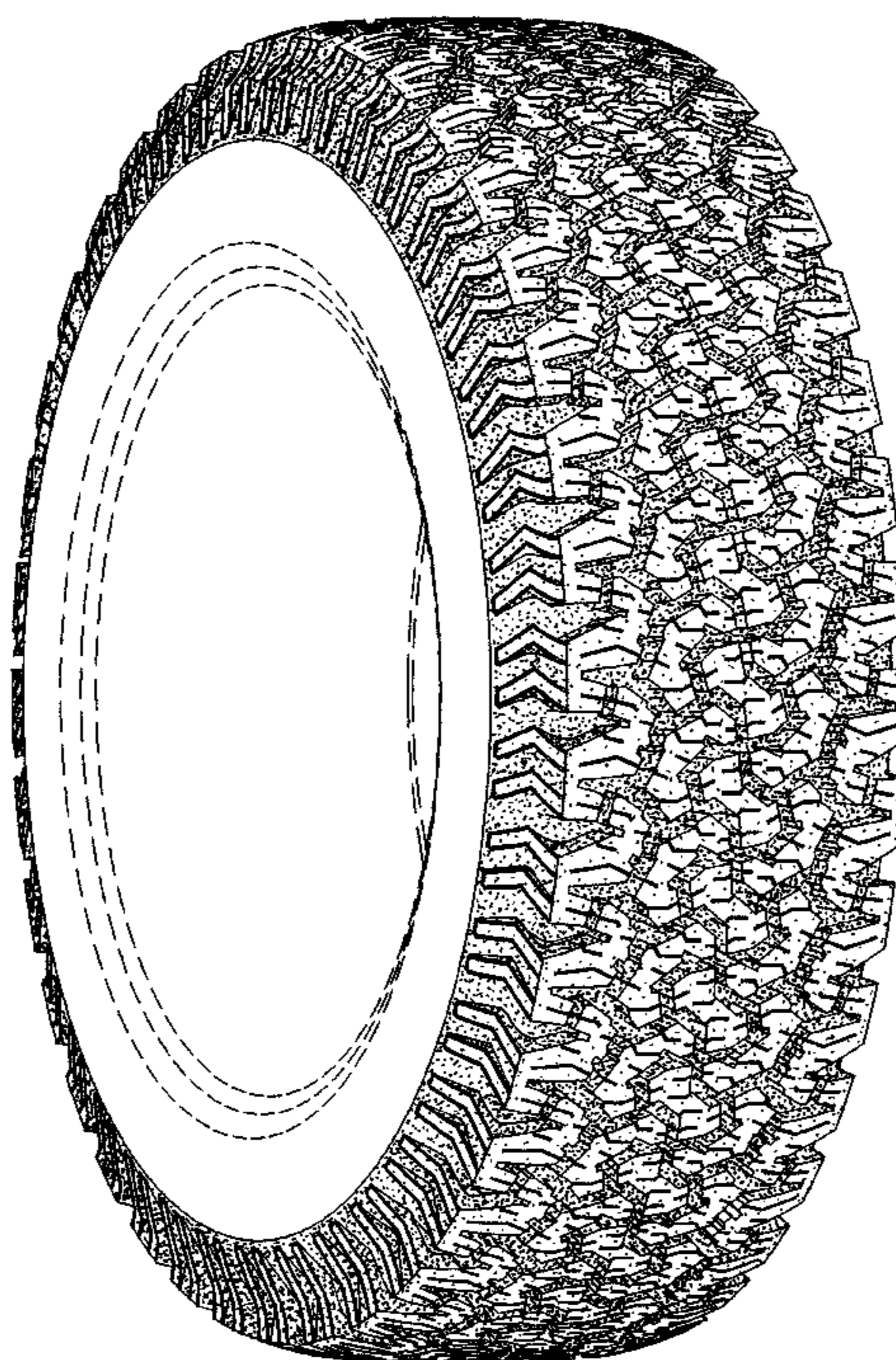
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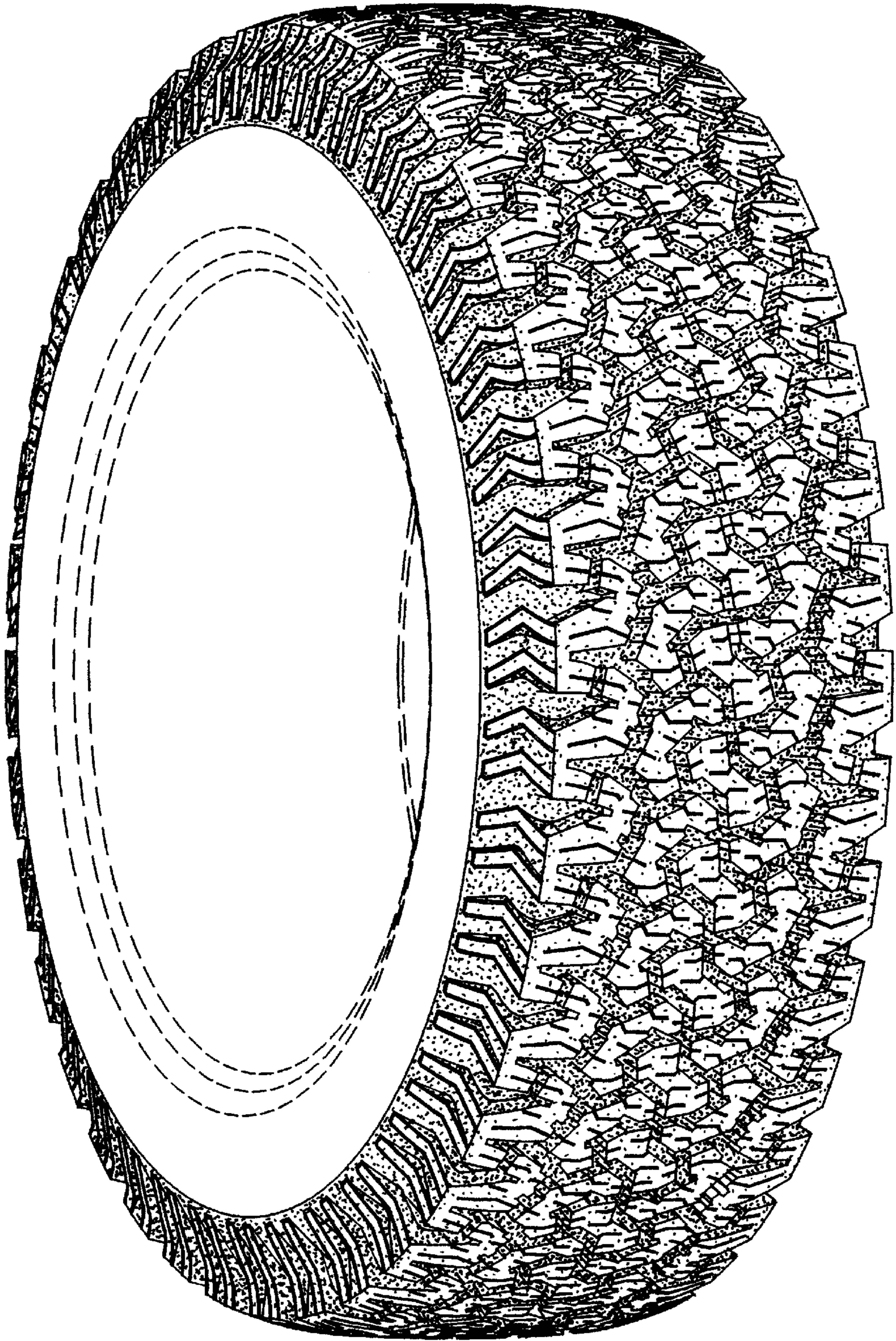


Fig. 1

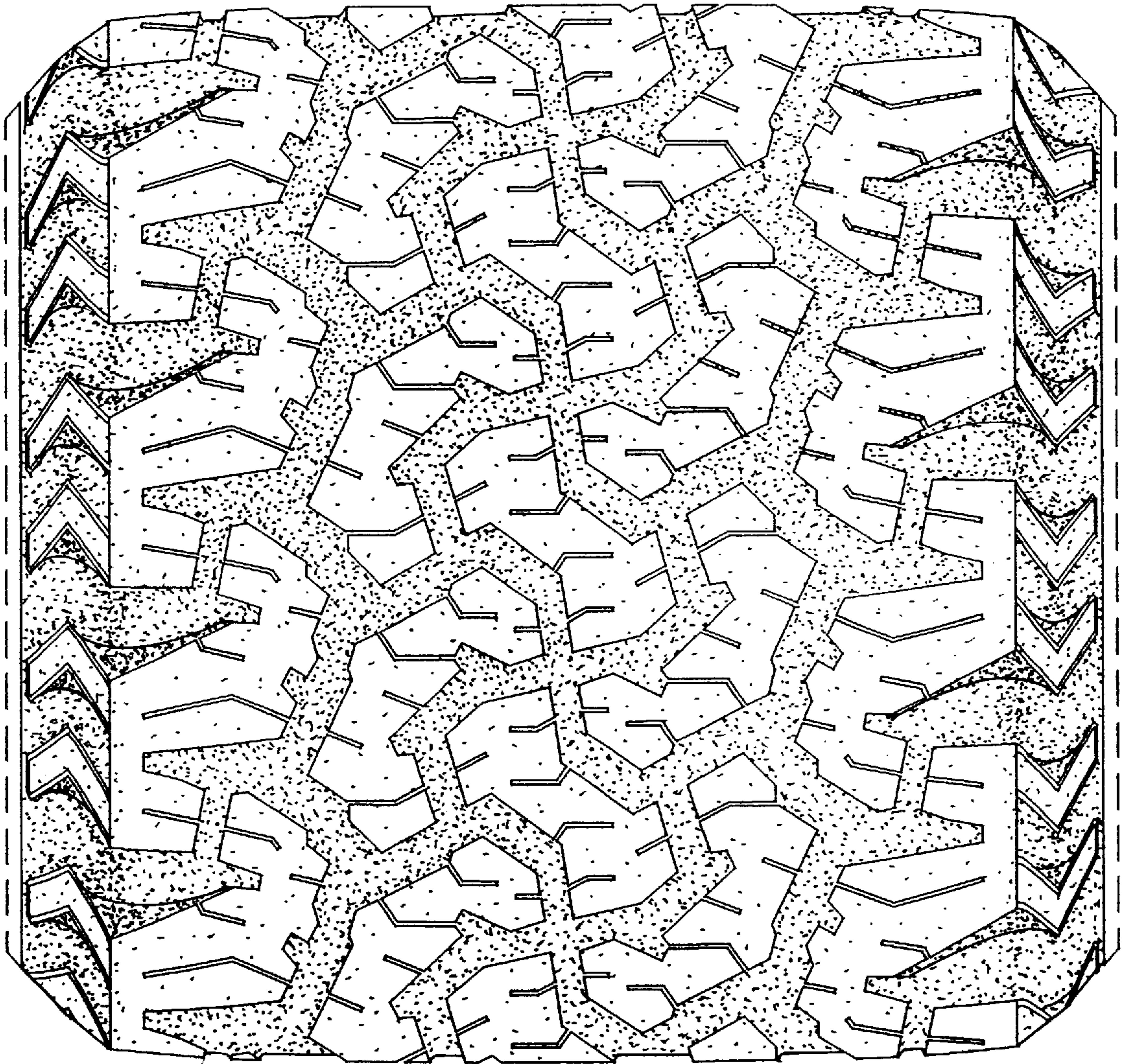


Fig. 2