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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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

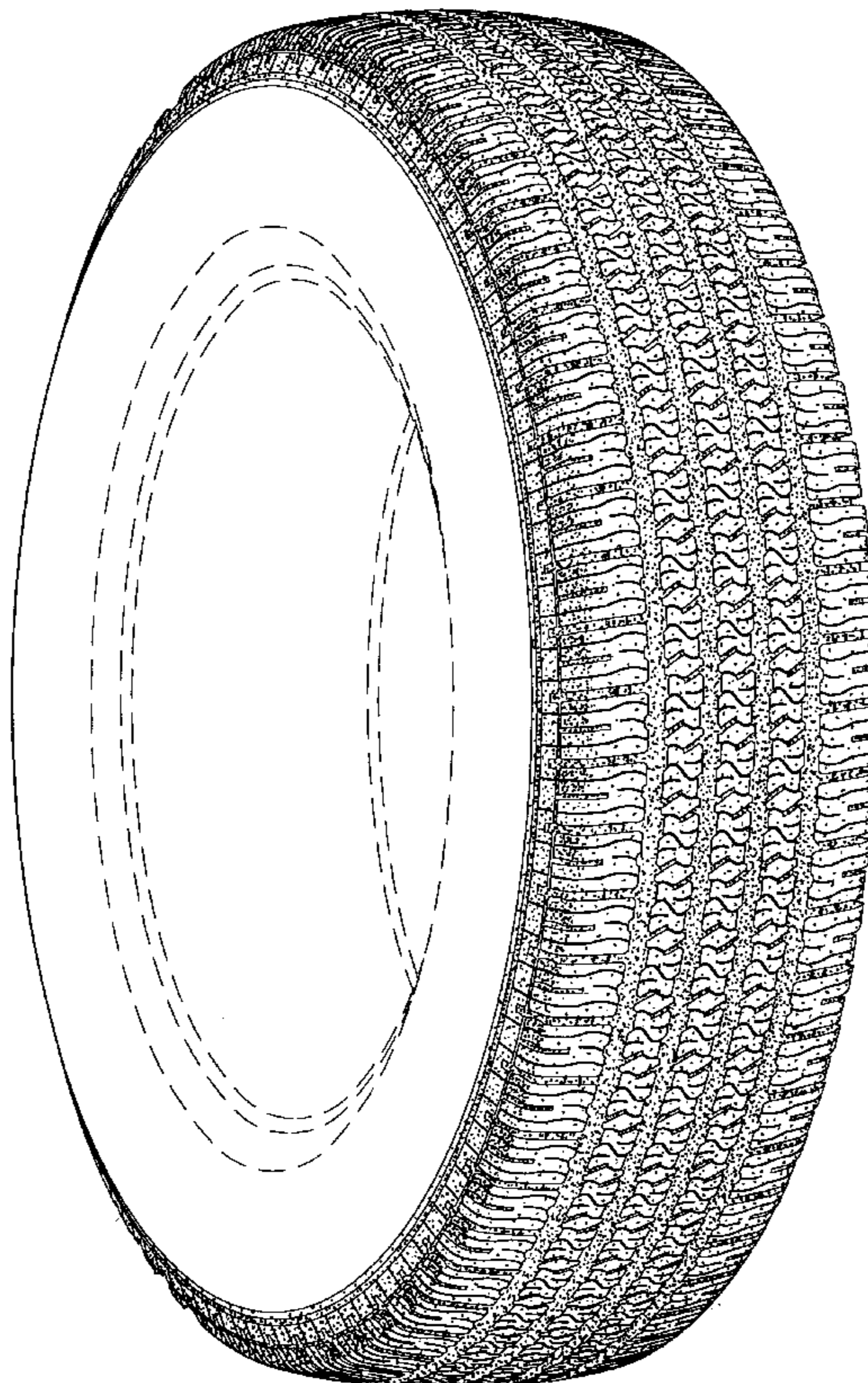
**DESCRIPTION**

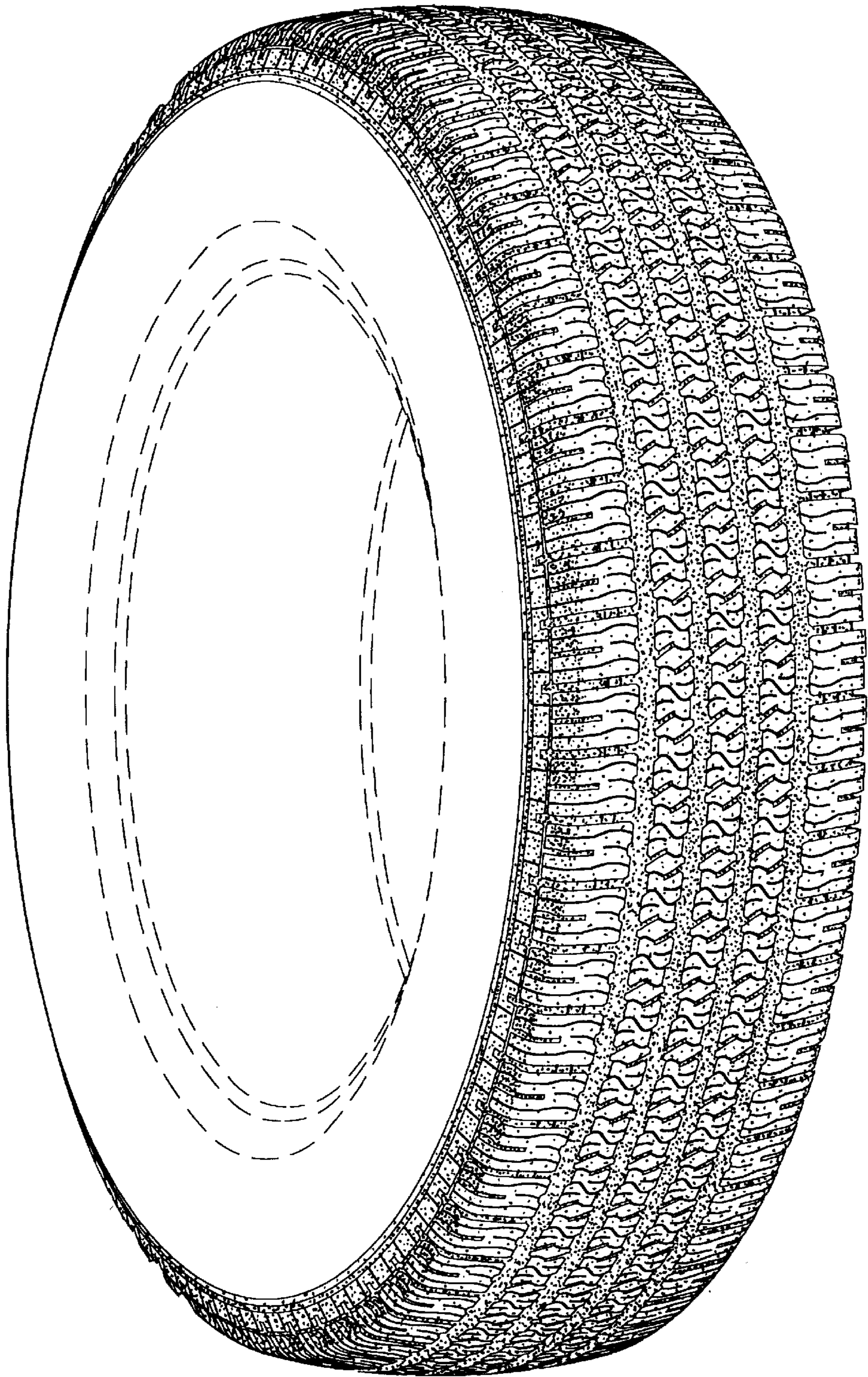
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tire tread showing our new tire tread design, it being understood that the tread pattern is repeated over the outer circumference and shoulder of the tire tread, the opposite side being the same as that illustrated; and,

FIG. 2 is a enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of our new tire tread design thereof.

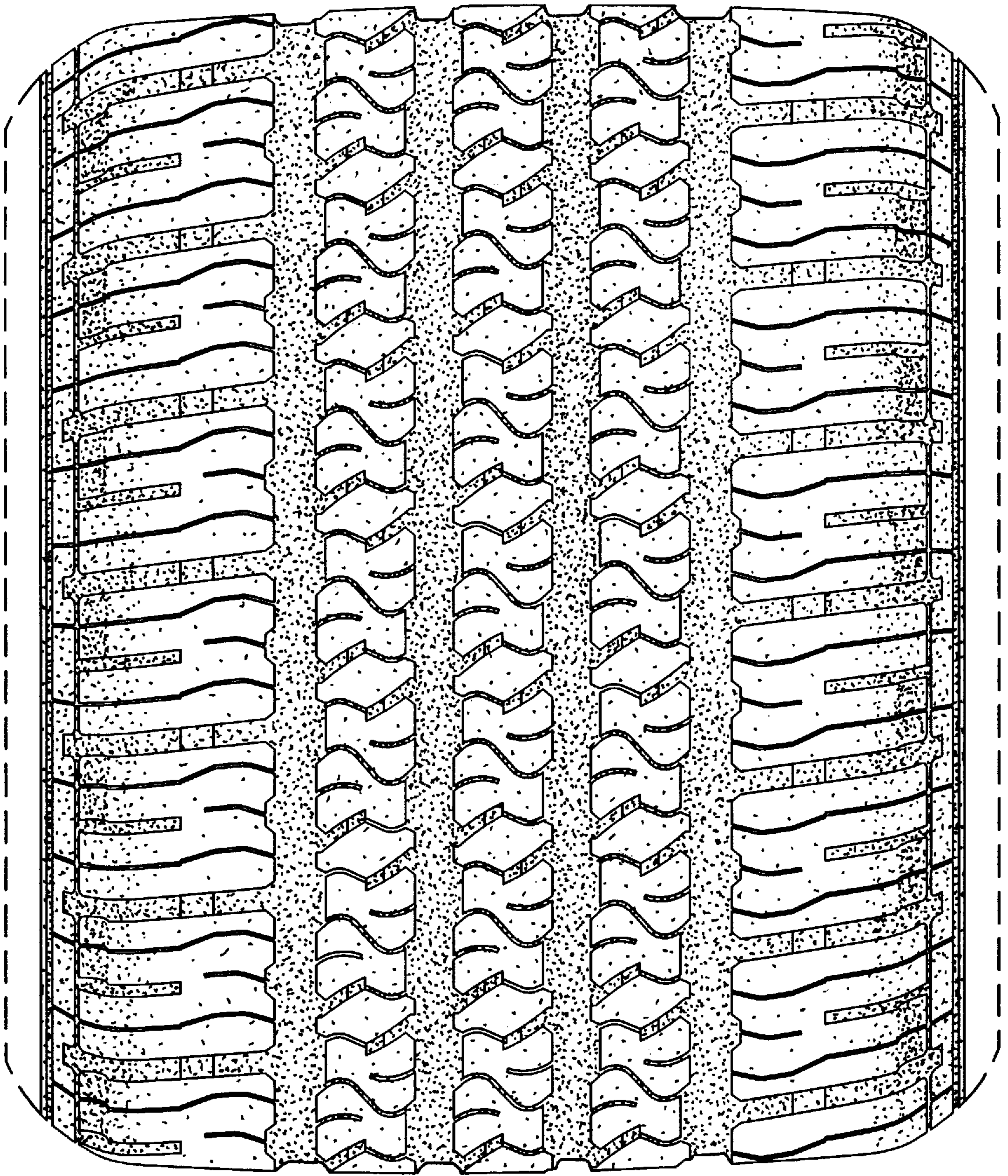
The broken line disclosure of a tire sidewall and inner bead is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**





*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*