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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**

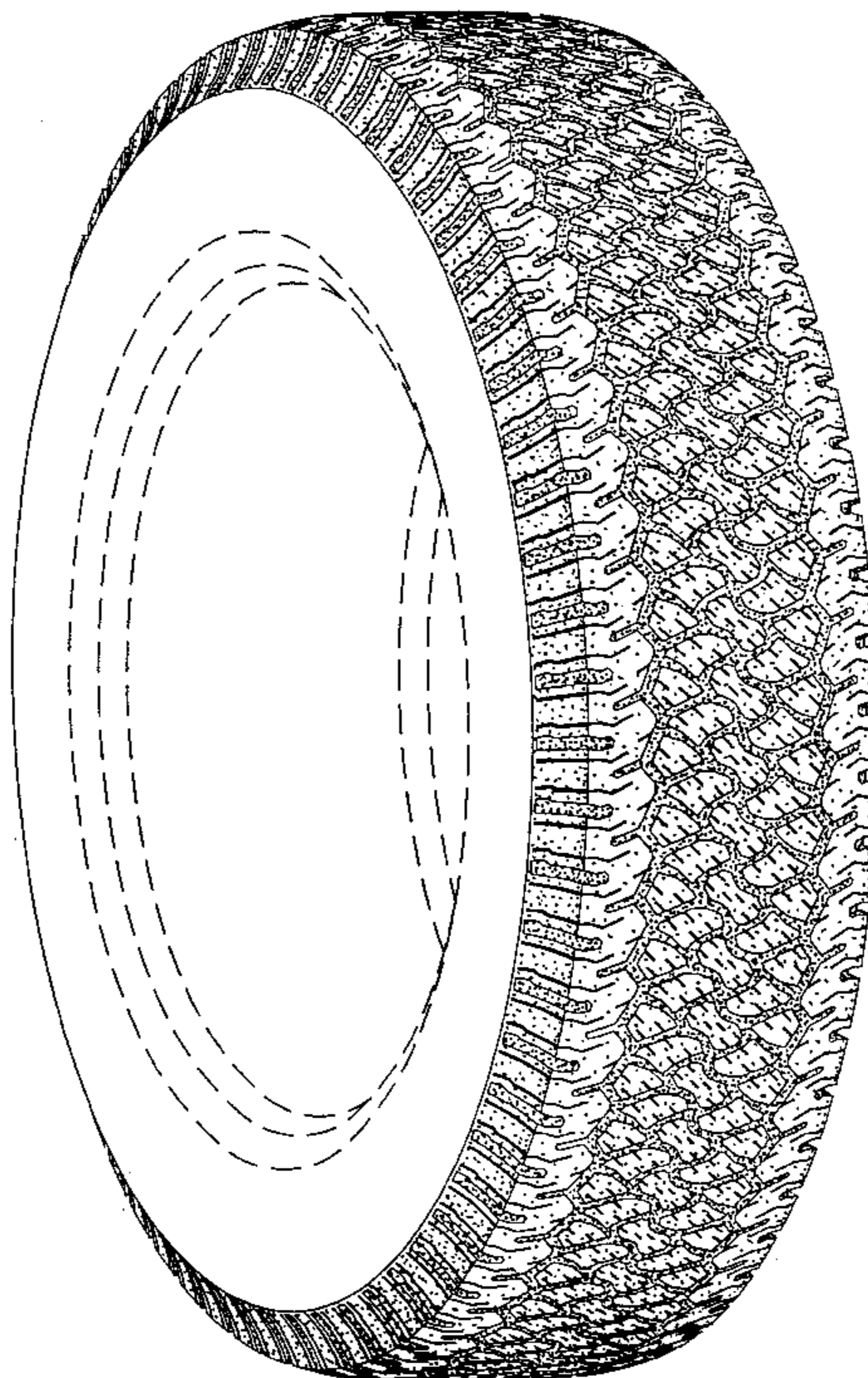
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new  
tire tread design, it being understood that the tread pattern of  
the tire tread is repeated over the outer circumference and  
shoulder of the tire, the opposite side being the same as that  
illustrated; and,

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

In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents  
the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as  
best shown along the right edge of FIG. 1.

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**





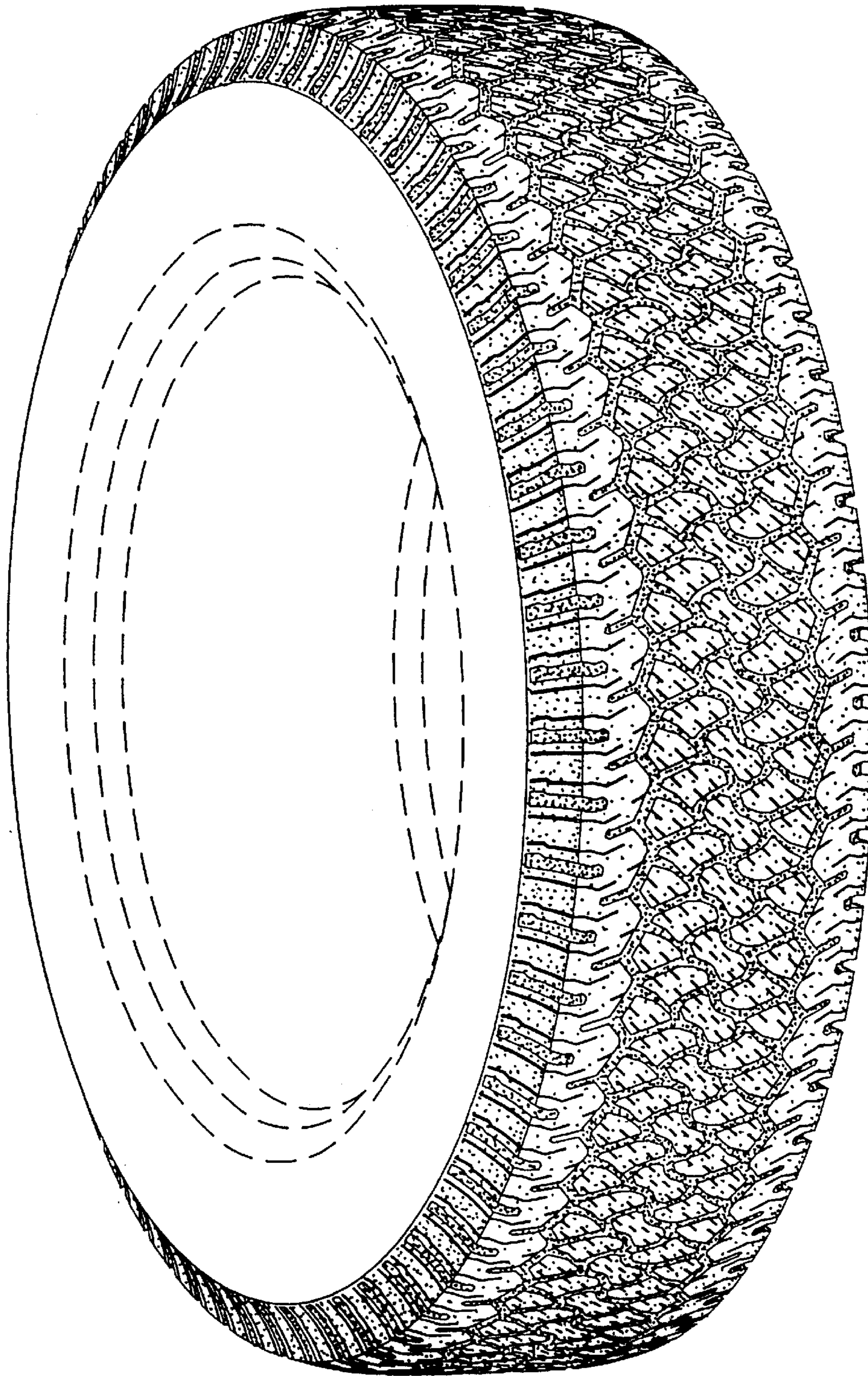


Fig. 1



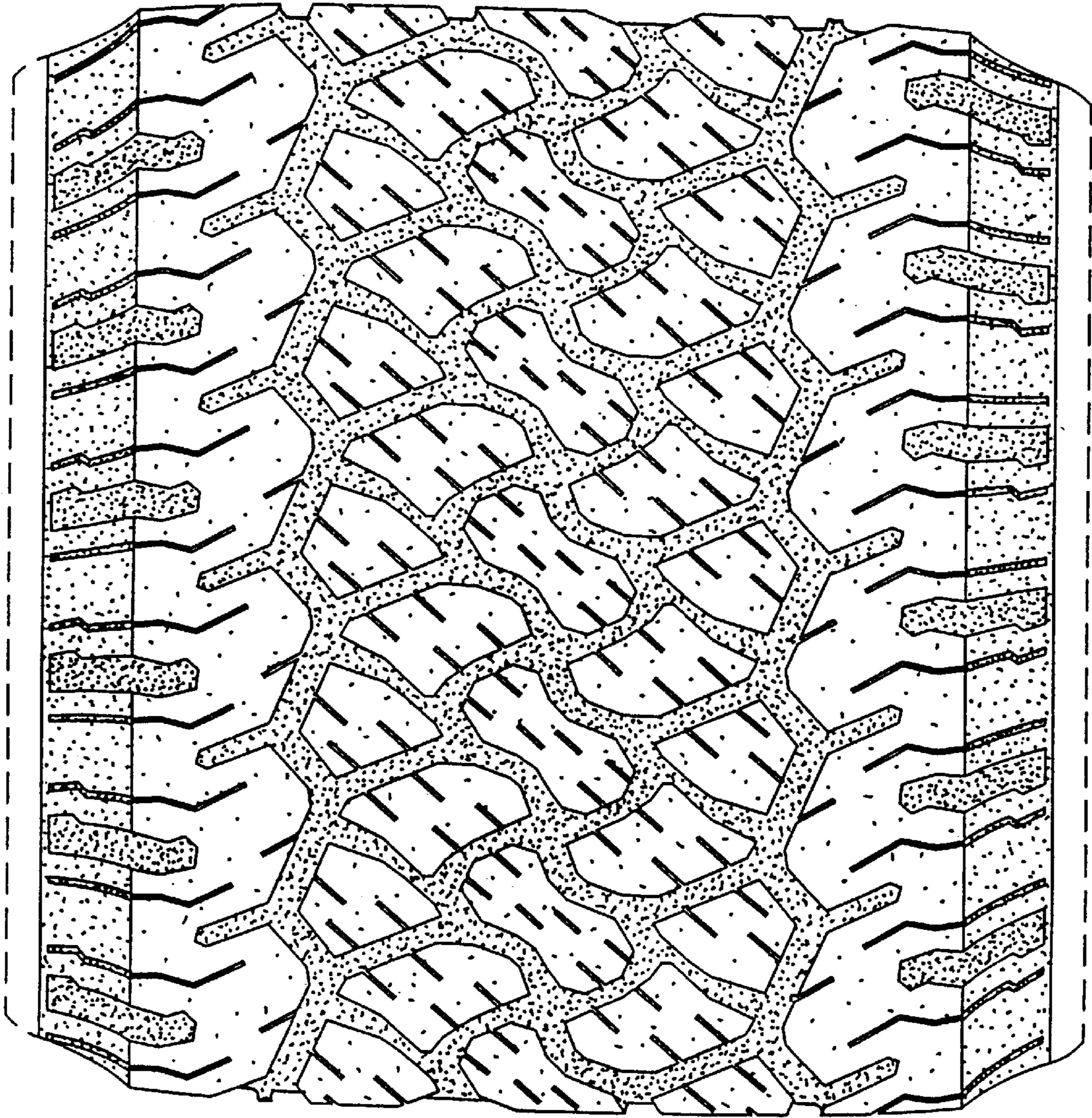


Fig. 2