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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] **CLAIM**

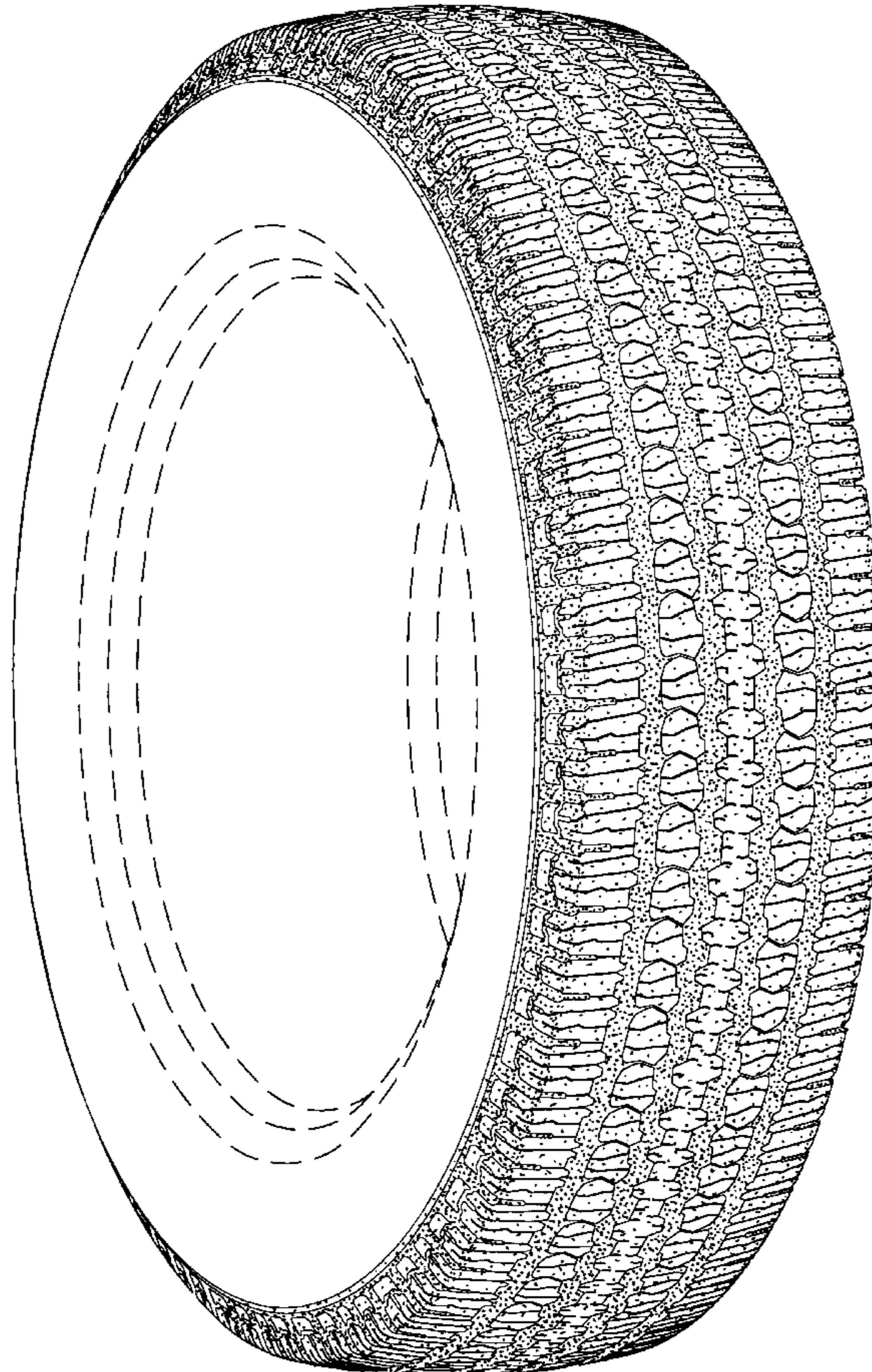
The ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and described.

**DESCRIPTION**

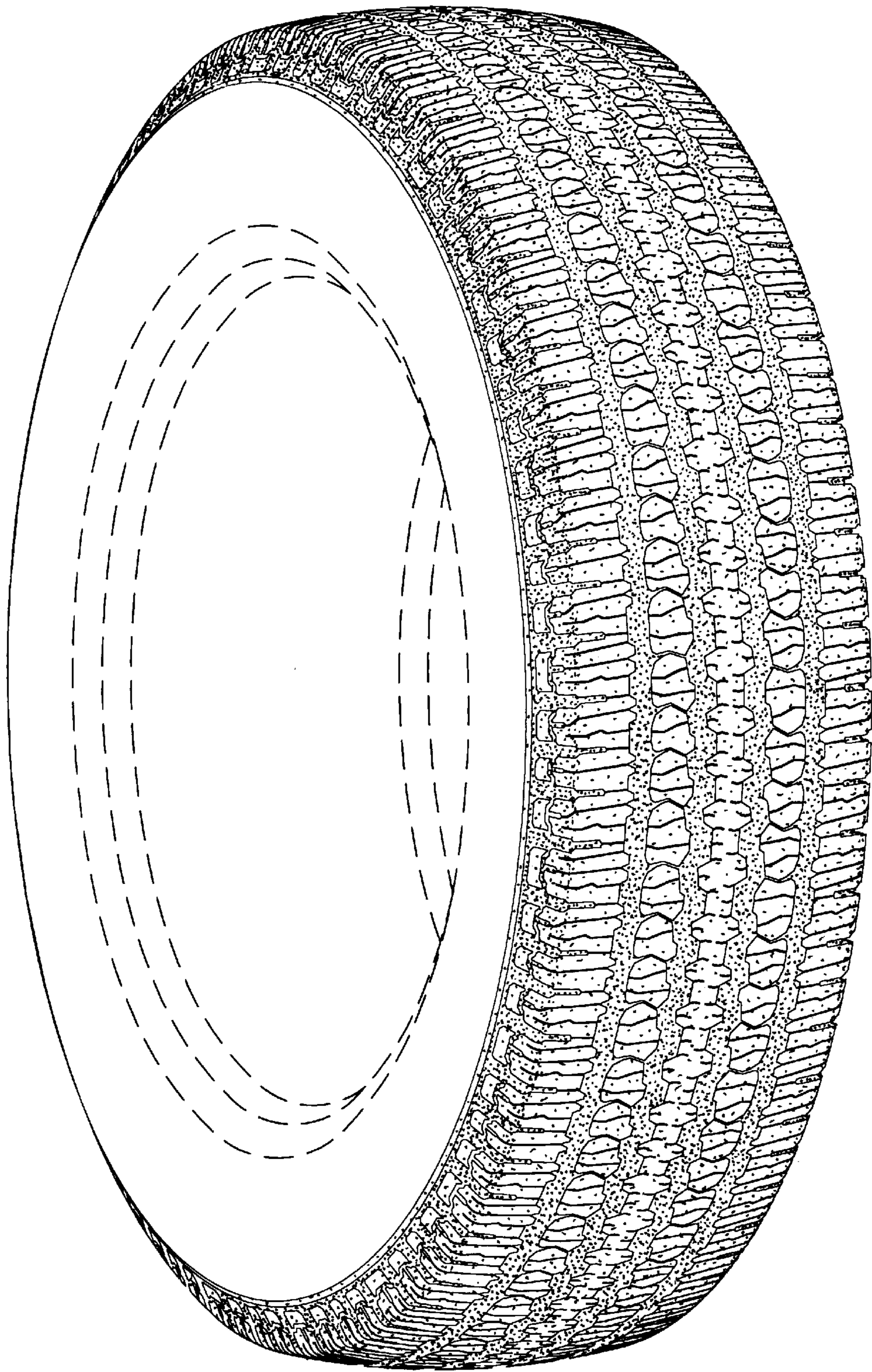
FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire tread, the opposite side perspective view being identical thereto; and, FIG. 2 is a enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of our new tire tread design thereof.

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

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**

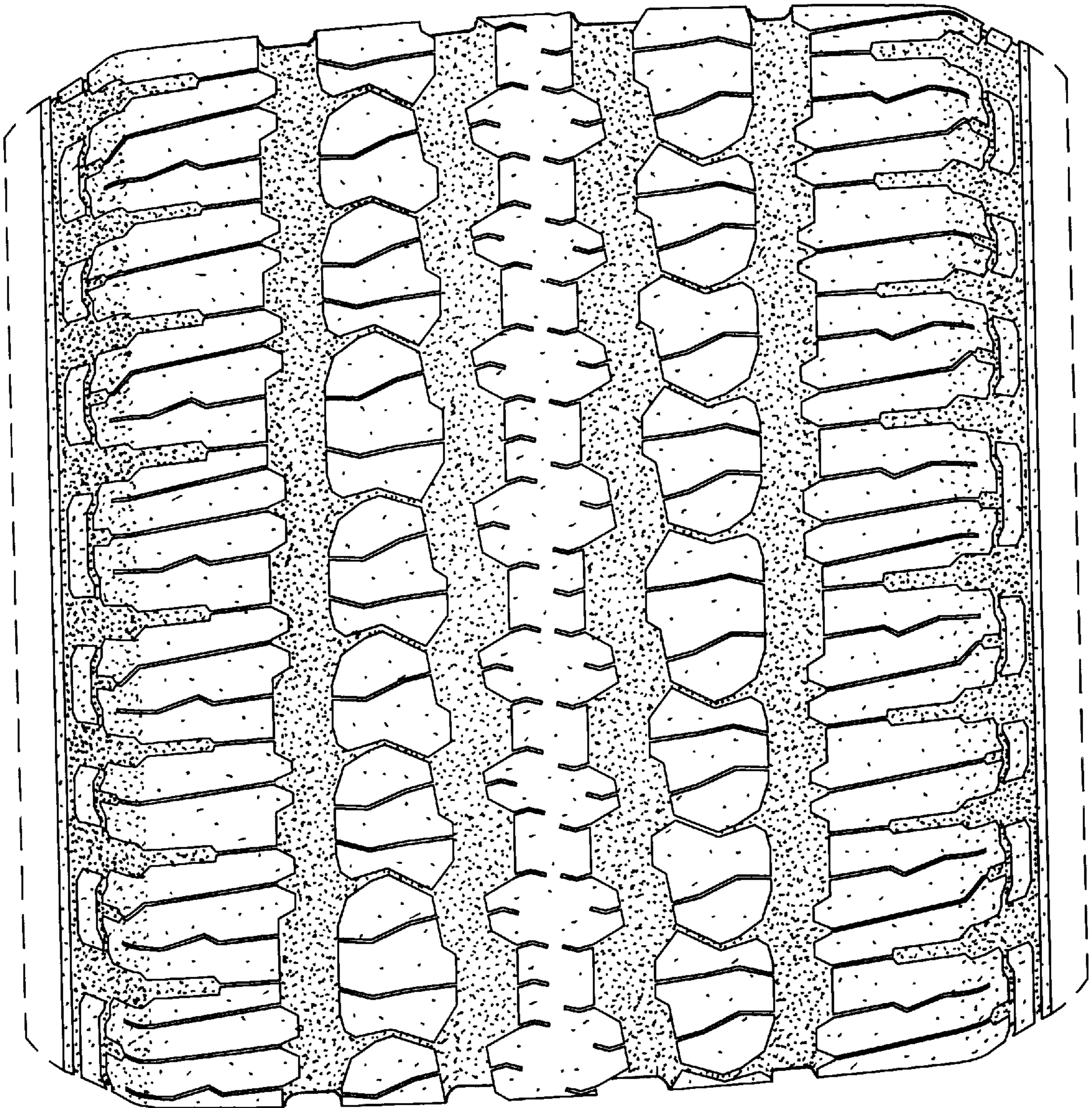






*Fig. 1*





*Fig. 2*