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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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

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DESCRIPTION

[**] Term: **14 Years**

FIG. 1 is a side perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the tread pattern is repeated throughout the circumference of the tire tread; FIG. 2 is a side perspective view opposite of that of FIG. 1 of the tire tread showing our new design; FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 4 is a side elevational view of FIG. 1; FIG. 5 is a side elevational view of FIG. 2; and, FIG. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevational view thereof.

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In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as best shown in FIG. 3. The broken line showings of surface indicia, a tire inner bead and the peripheral boundary between the tire tread and sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

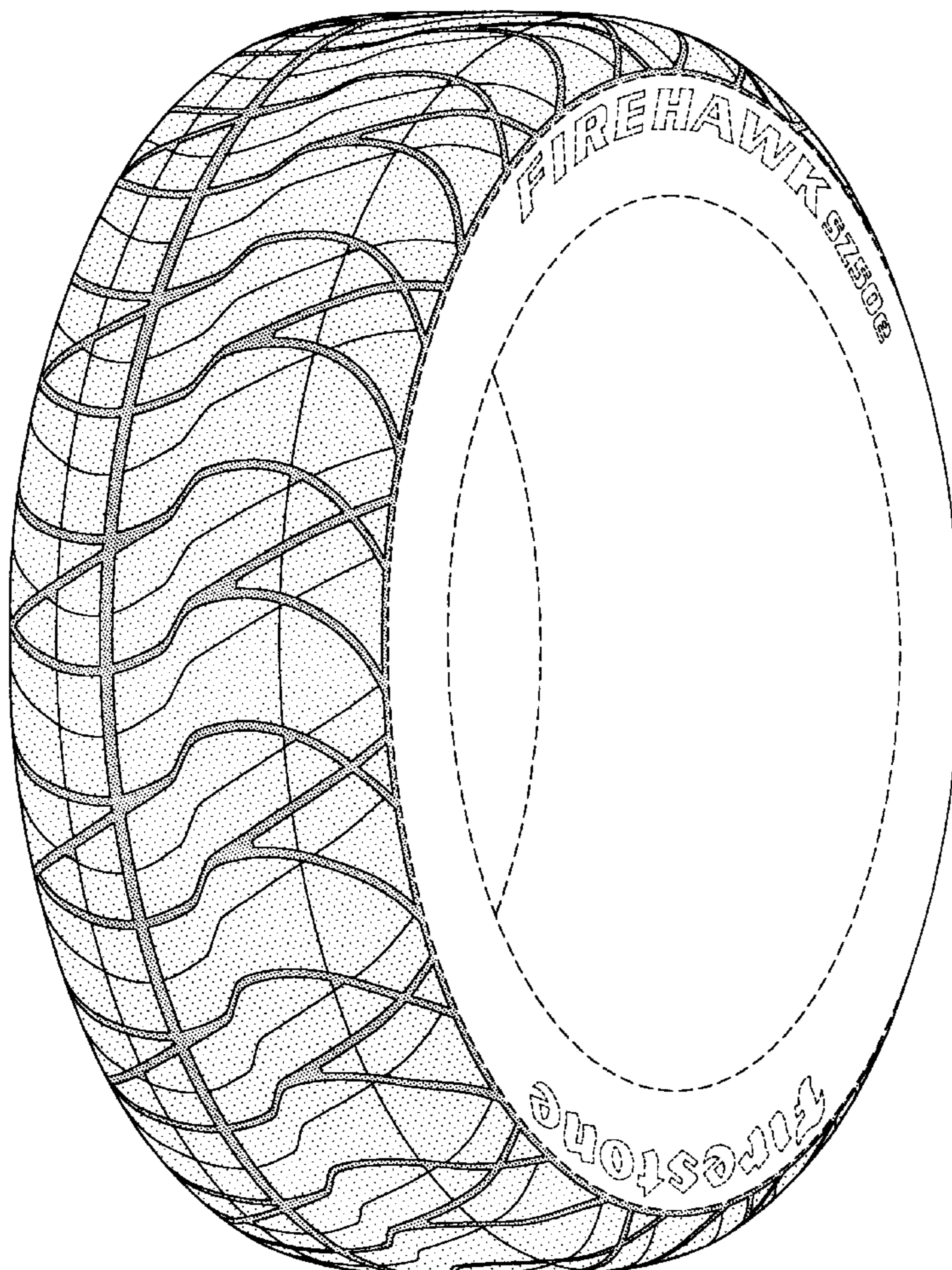
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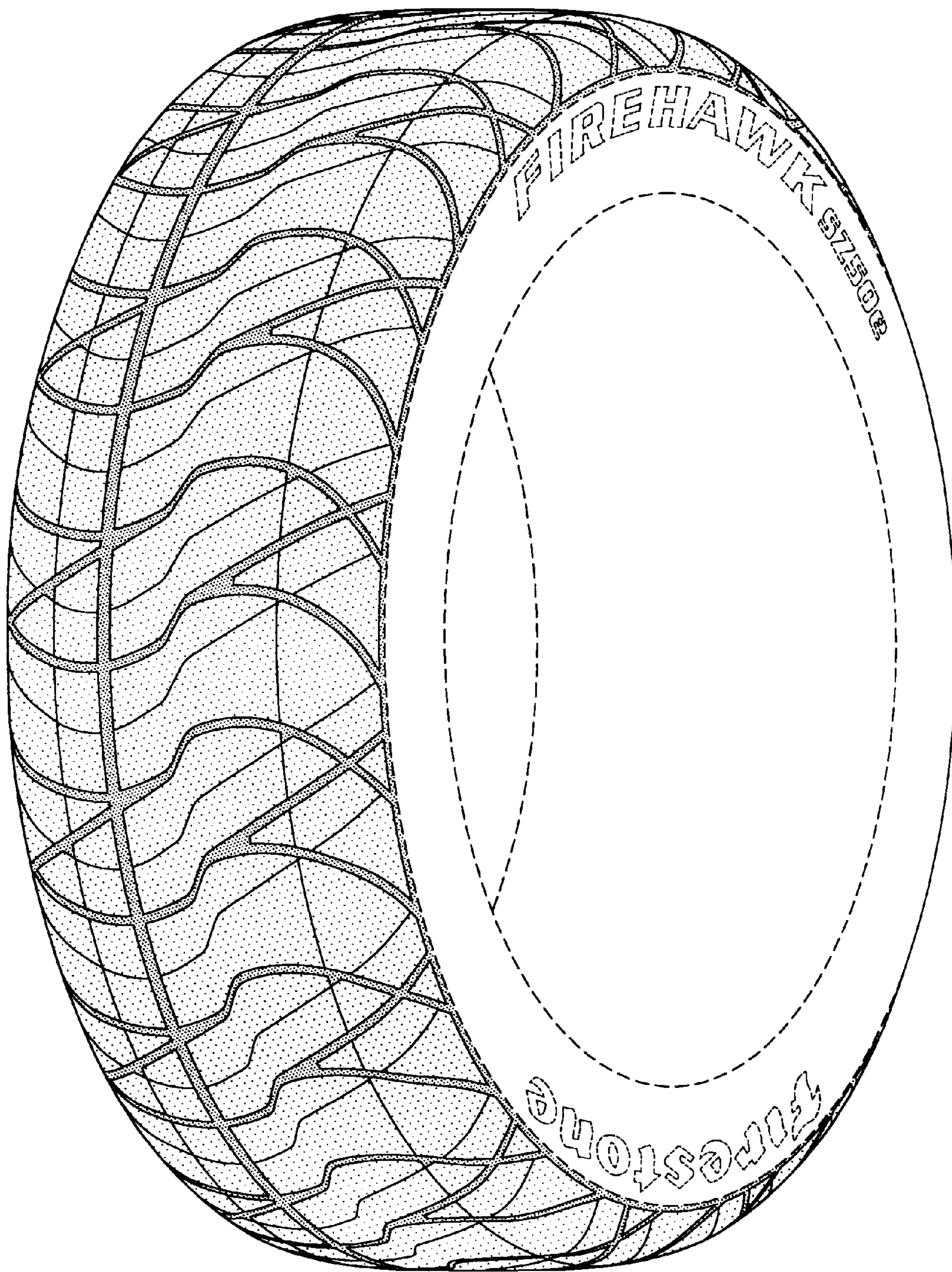


FIG-1

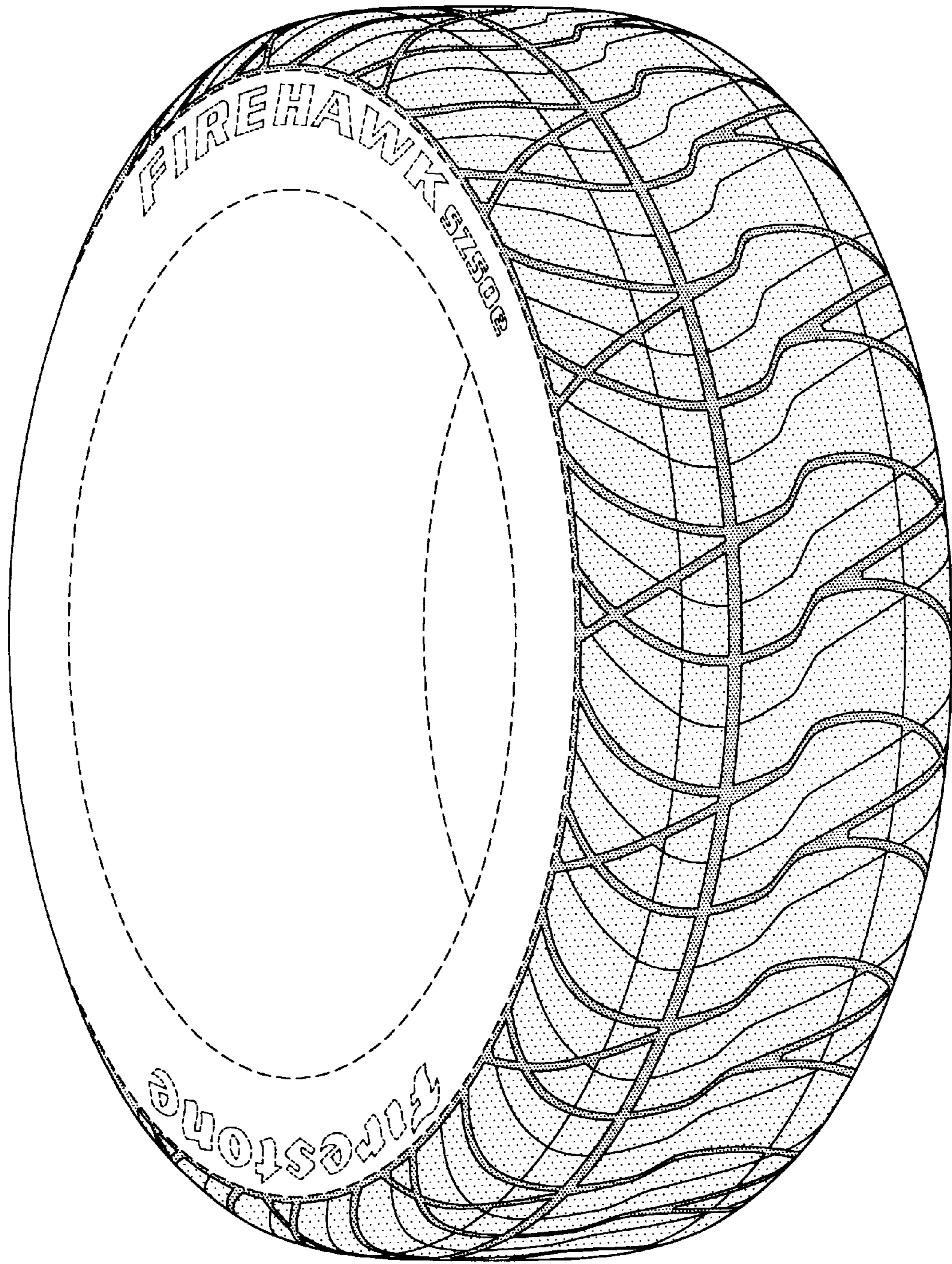


FIG-2

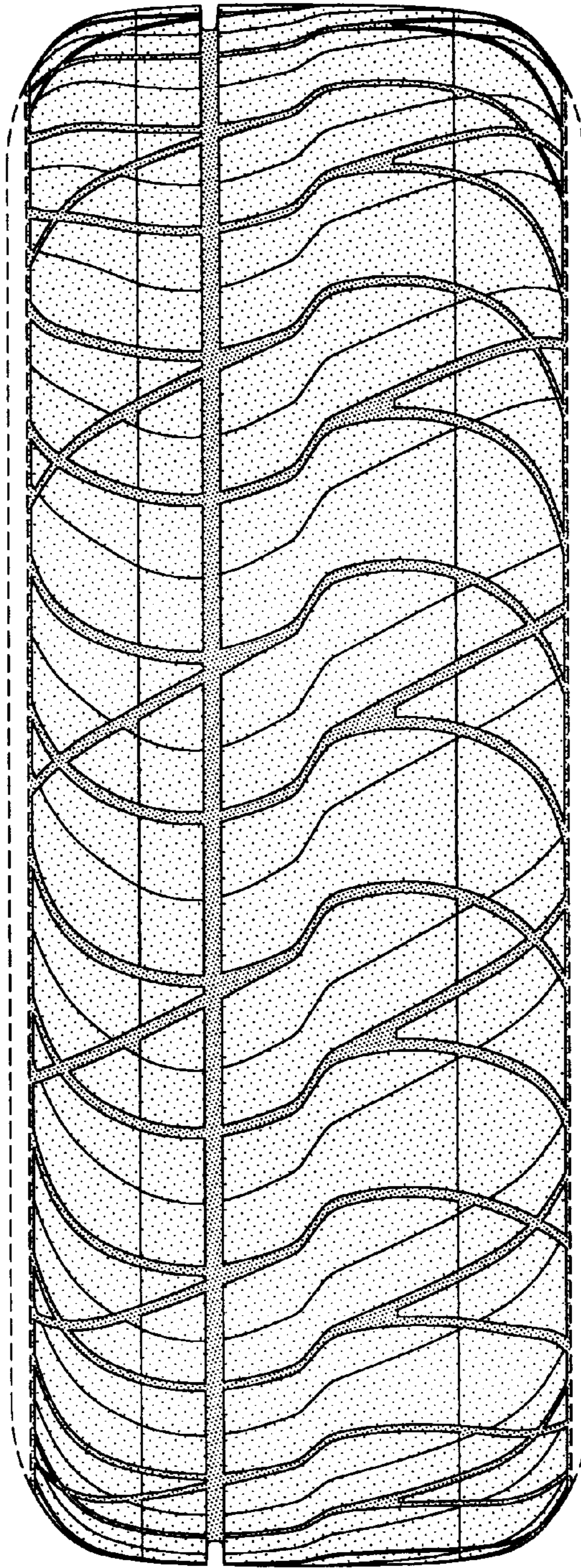


FIG-3

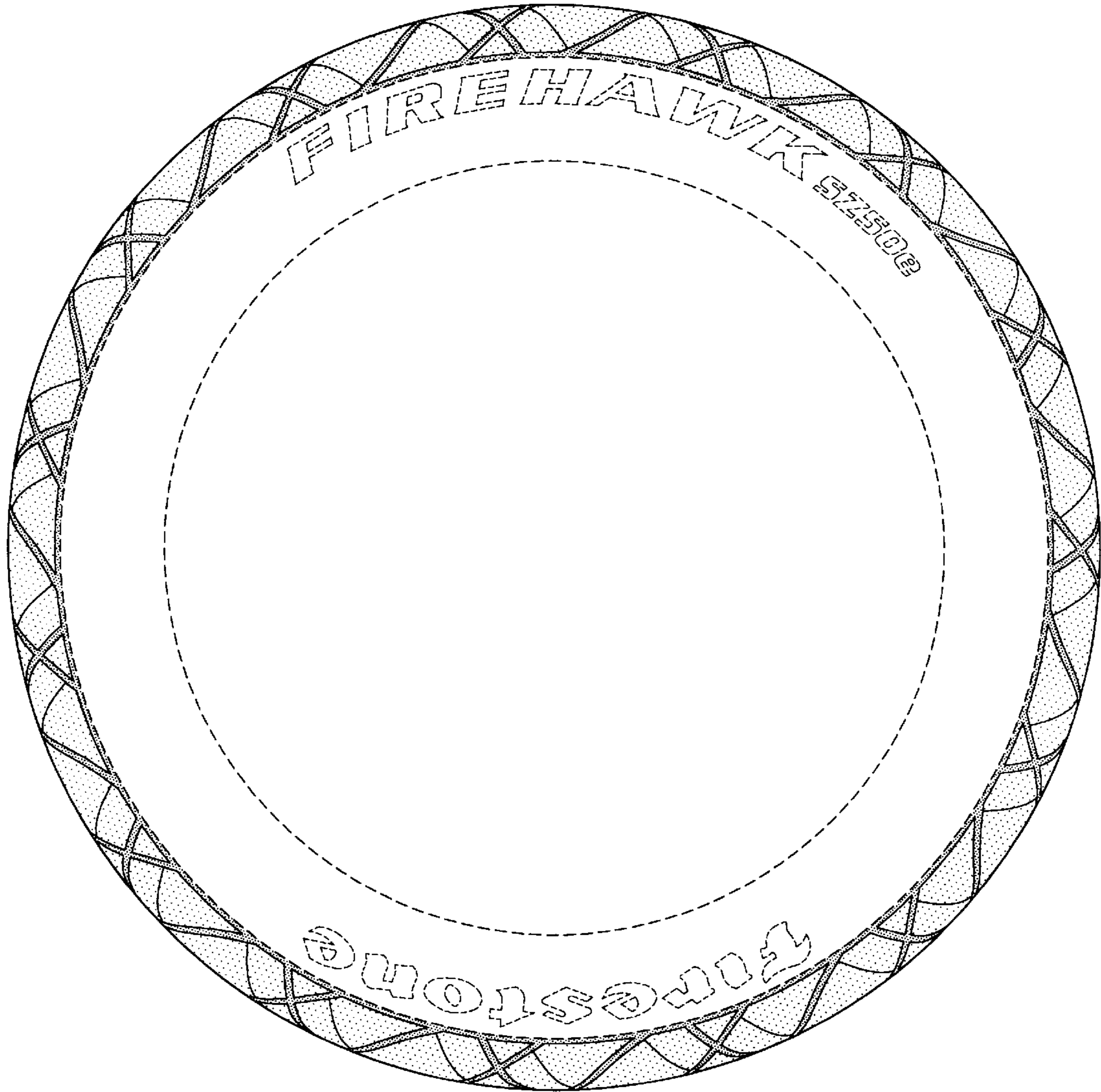


FIG-4

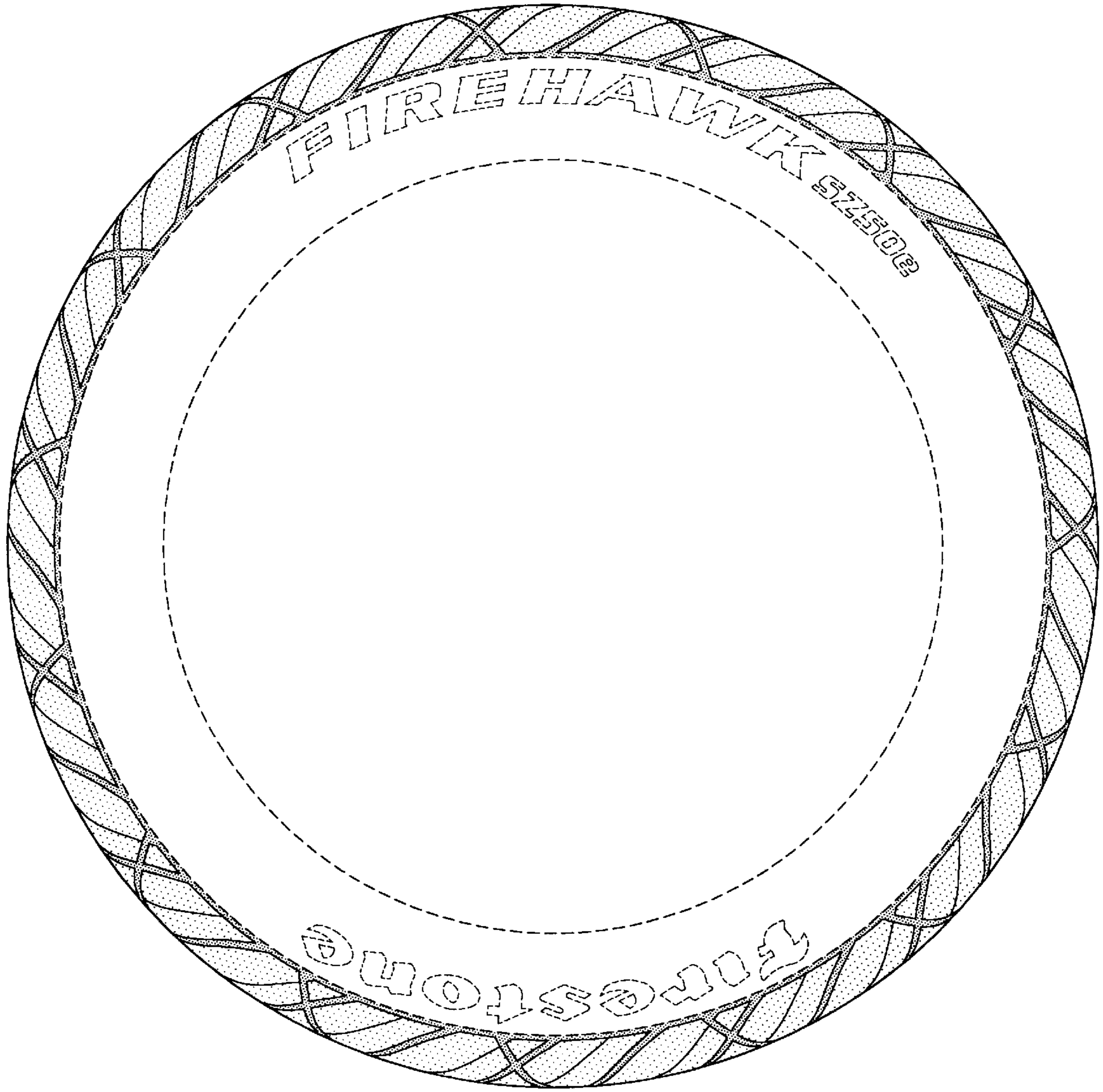


FIG-5

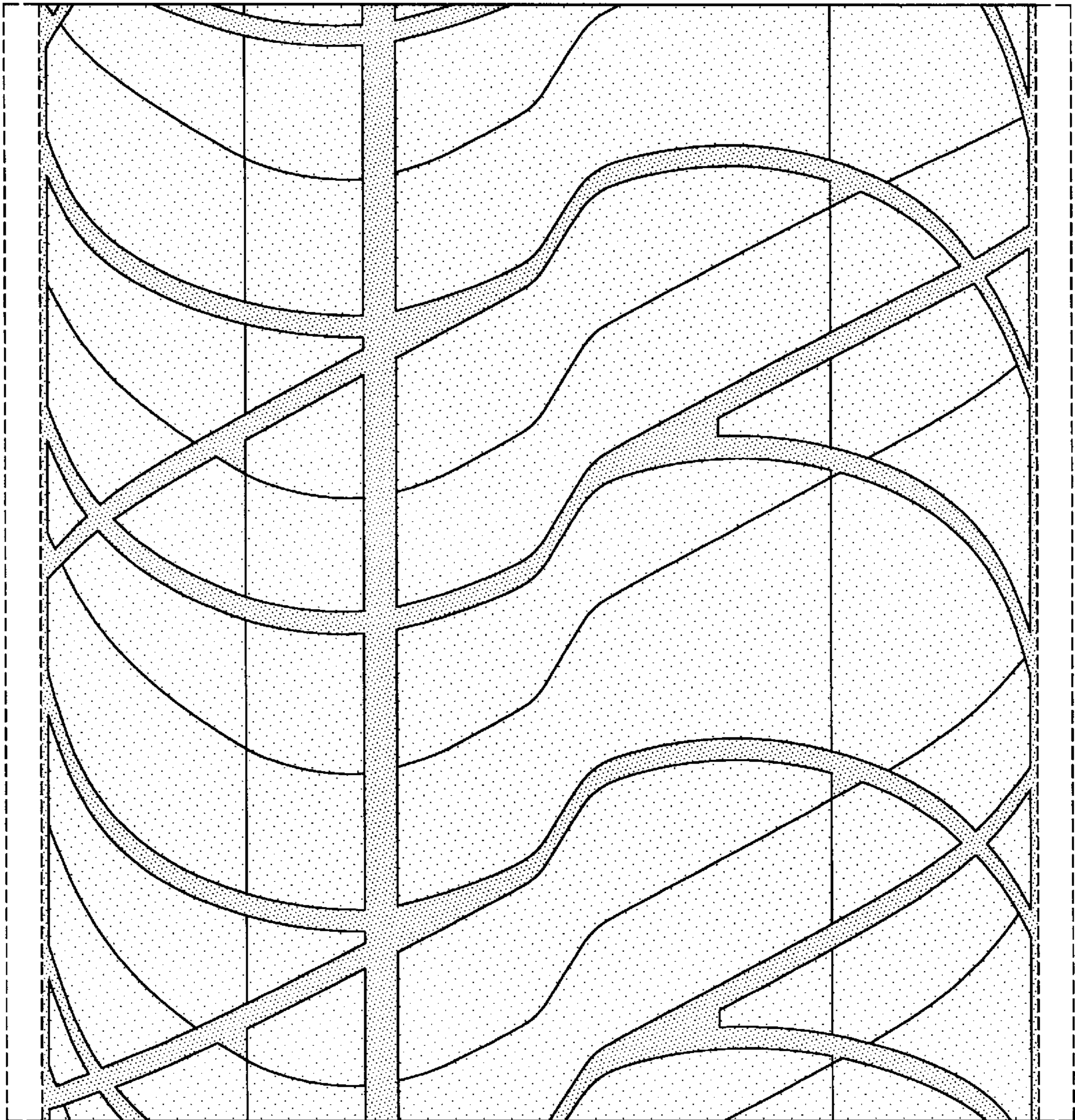


FIG-6