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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**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread;

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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

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FIG. 3 is a right side elevational view thereof;

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209.28, 900, 902, 903

FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view.

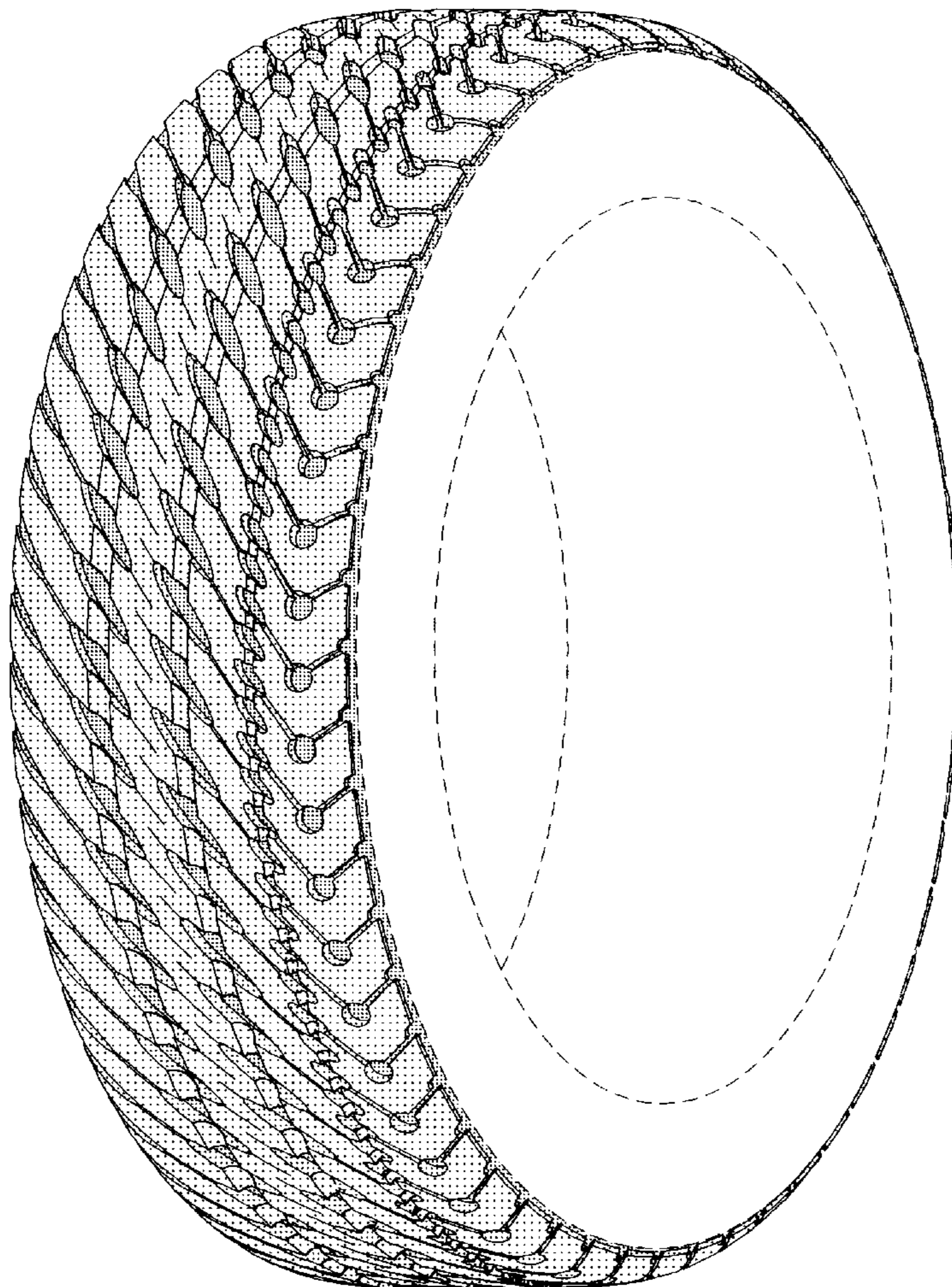
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In the drawings, the broken lines defining the inner bead of the sidewall and the peripheral boundary between the tire tread and the sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**





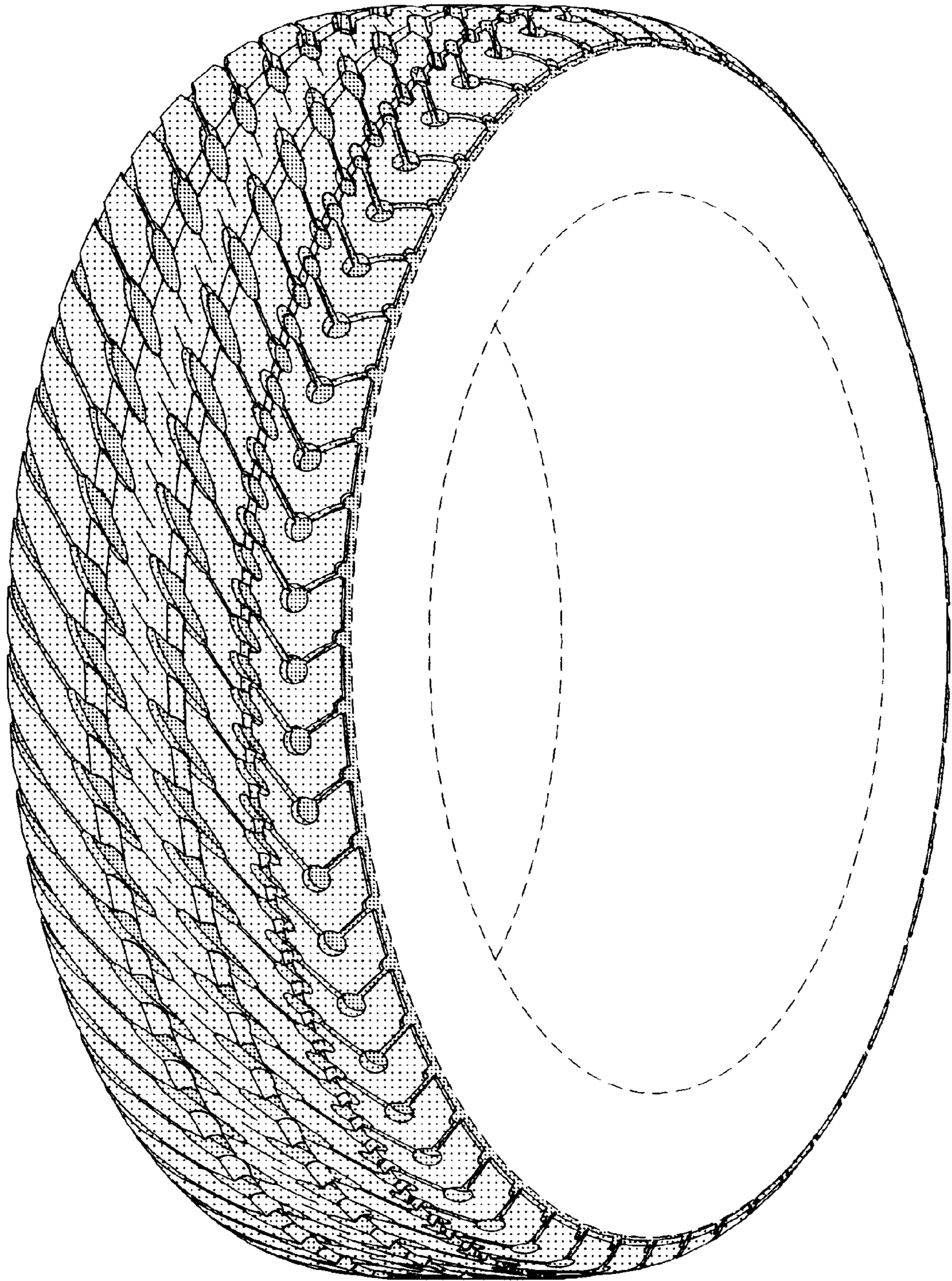


FIG. 1



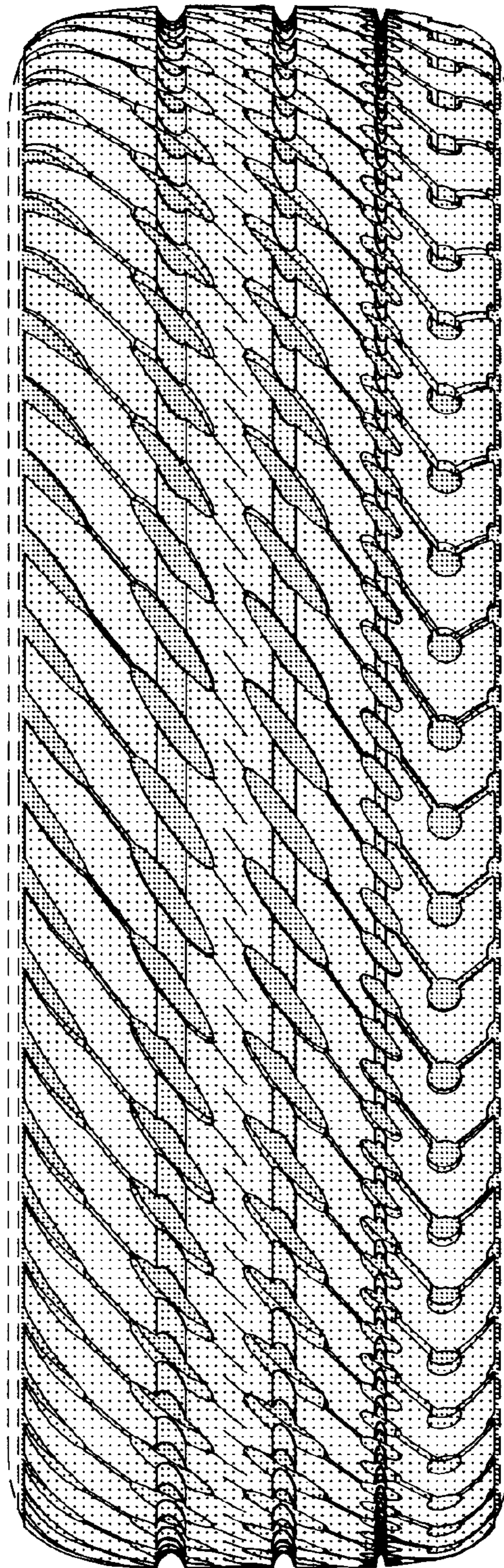


FIG. 2

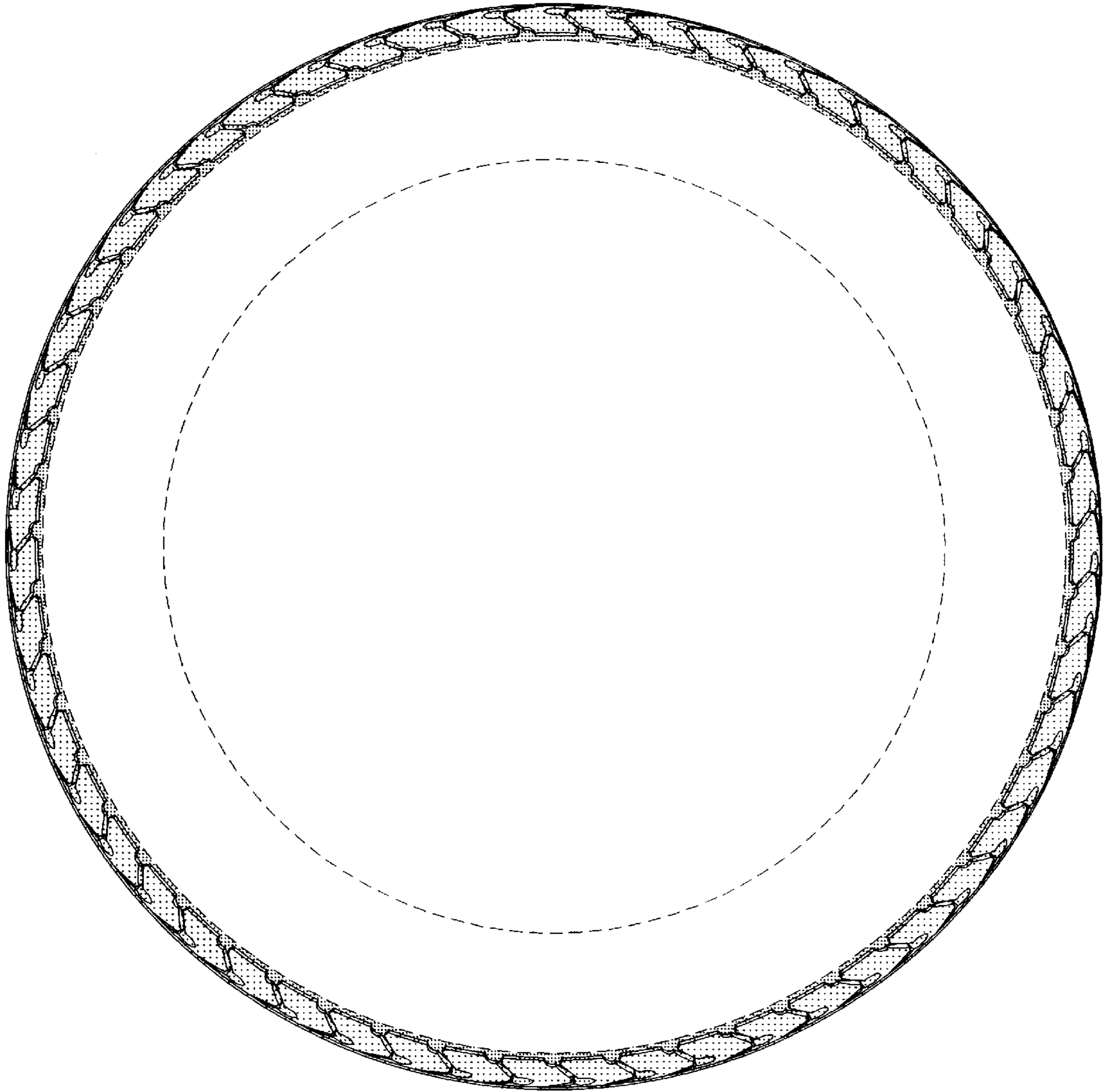


FIG. 3



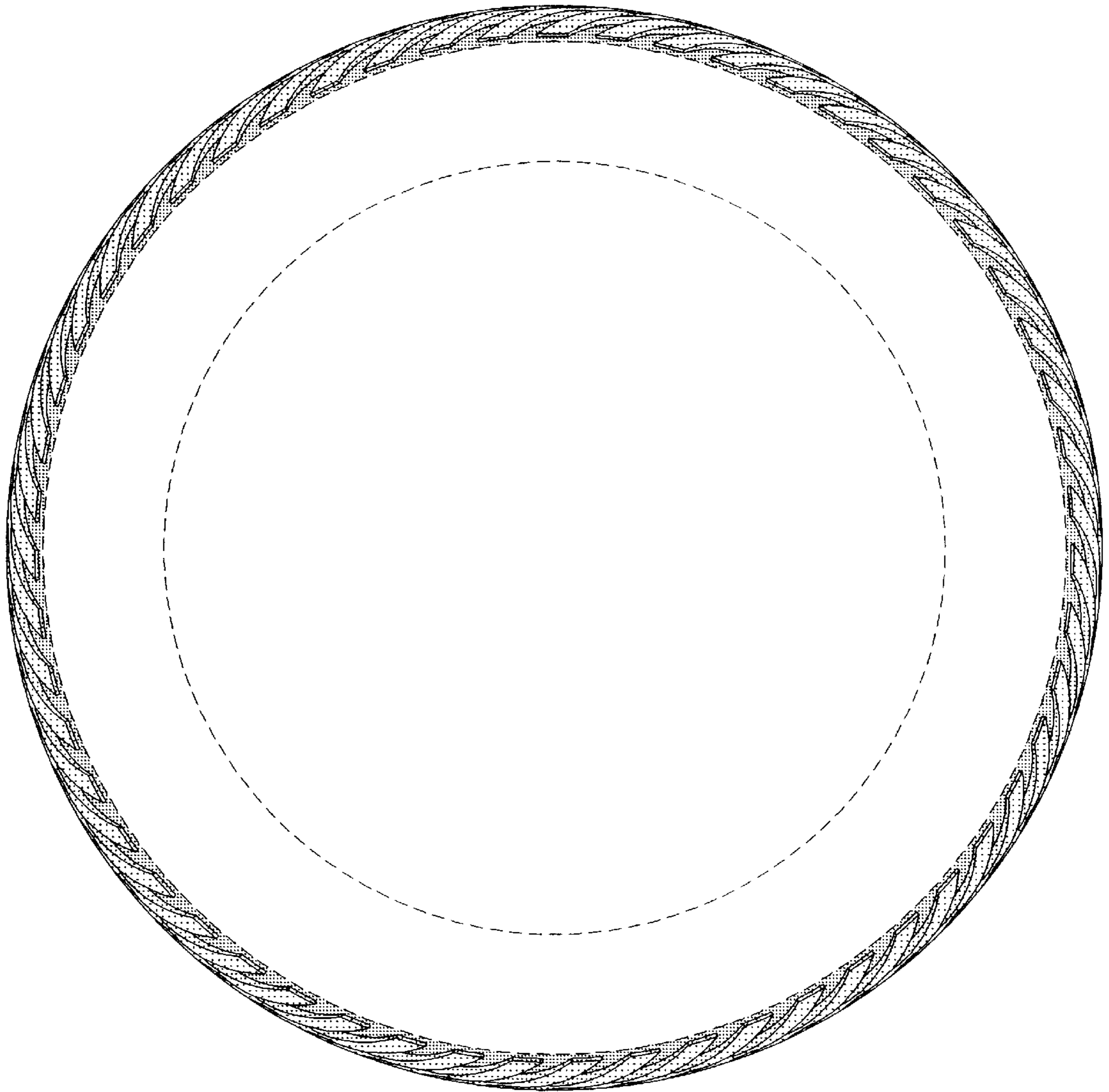


FIG. 4

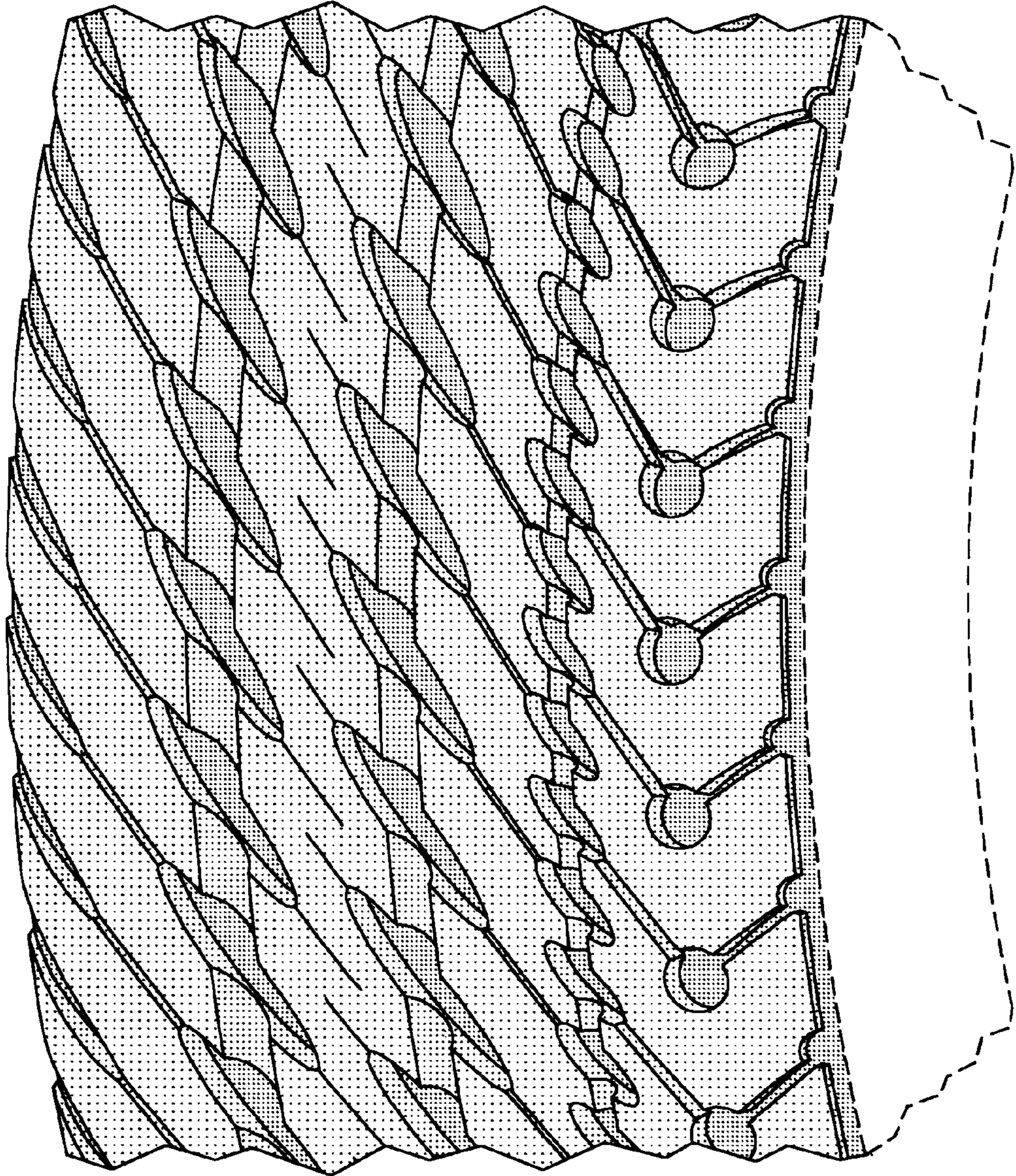


FIG. 5