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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] **CLAIM**

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

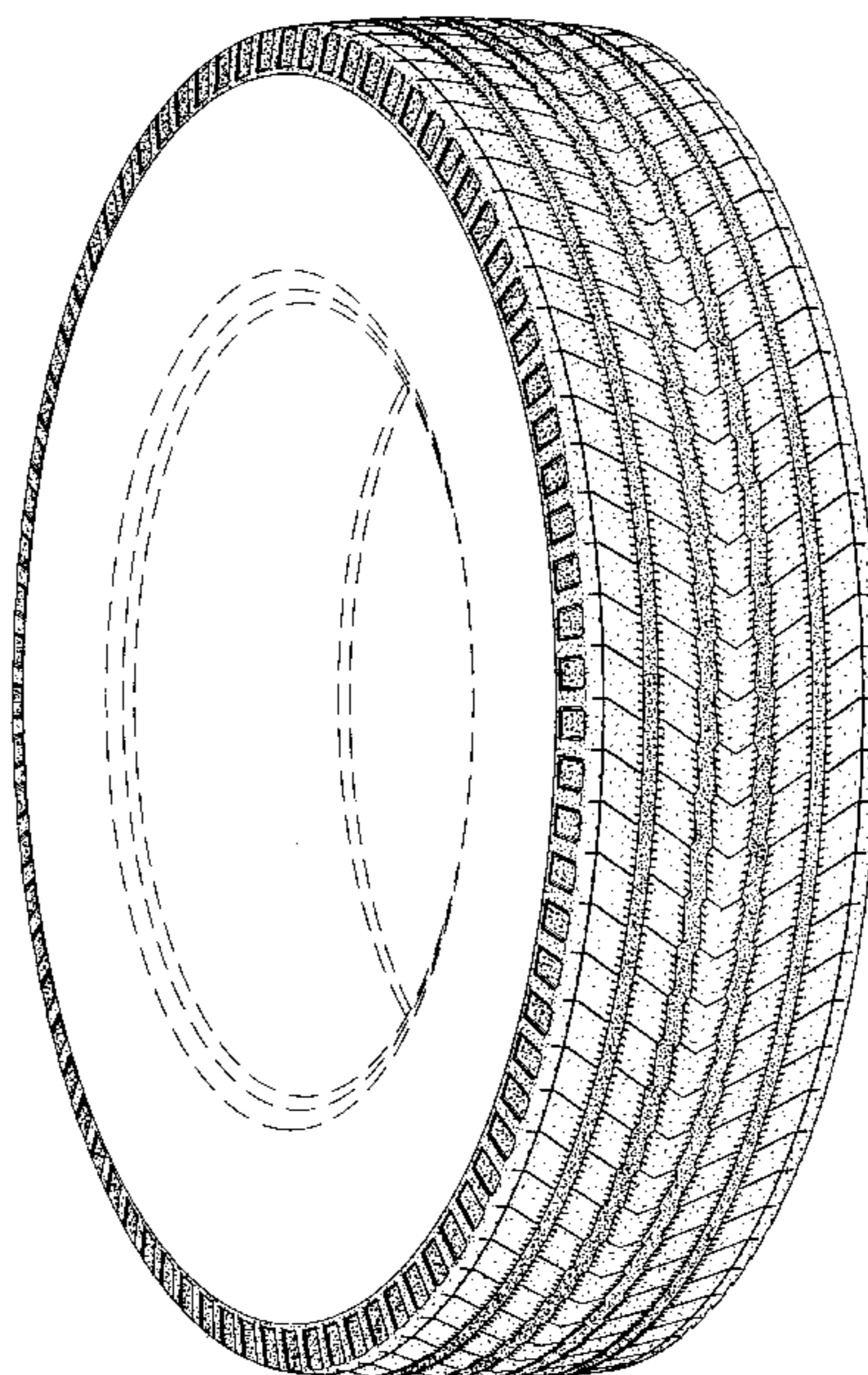
**DESCRIPTION**

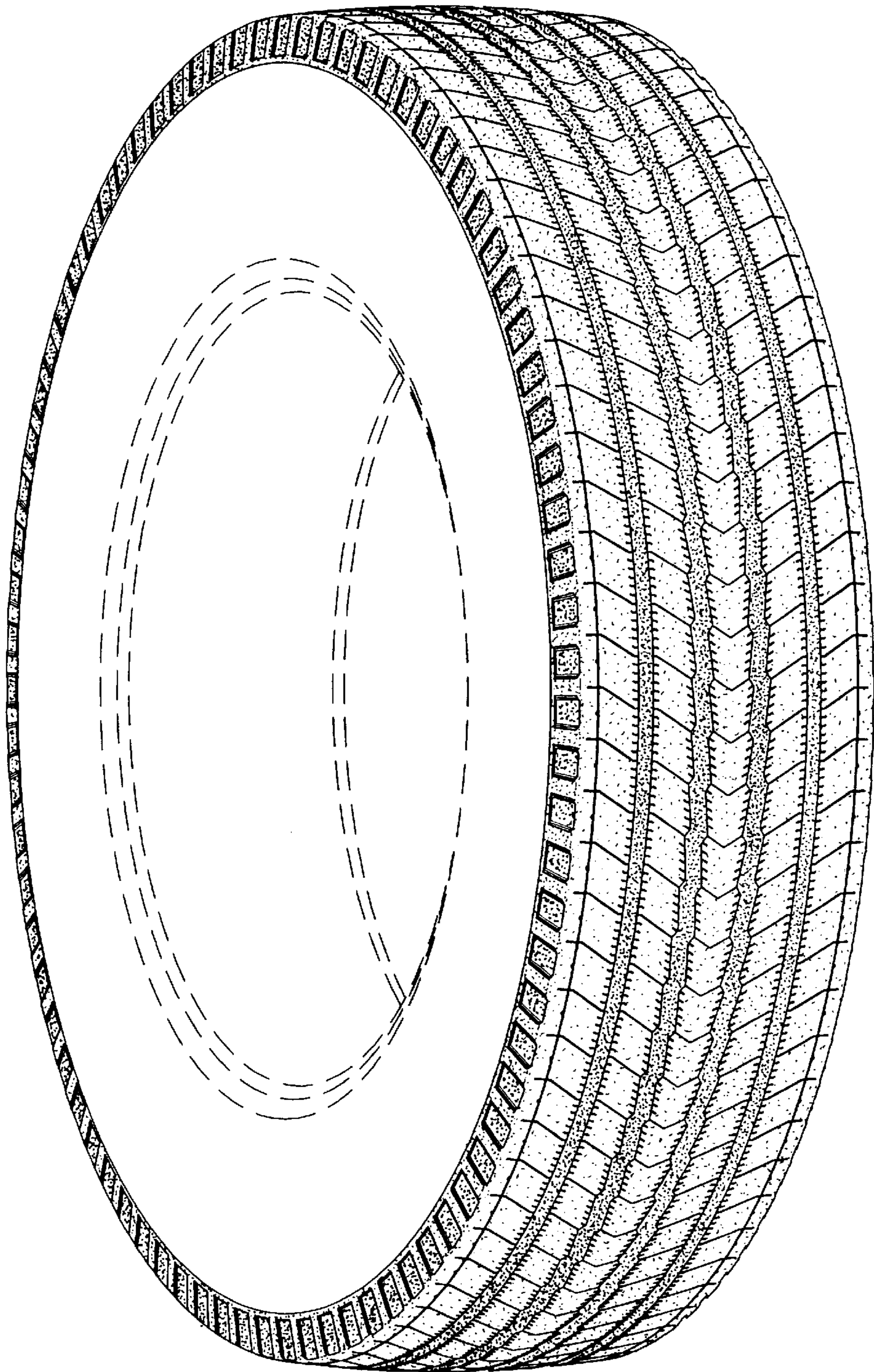
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that a tread pattern is repeated over the outer circumference and shoulder of a tire, the opposite side being substantially the same as that illustrated; and,

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the tread pattern of FIG. 1 showing our new design for the tire tread.

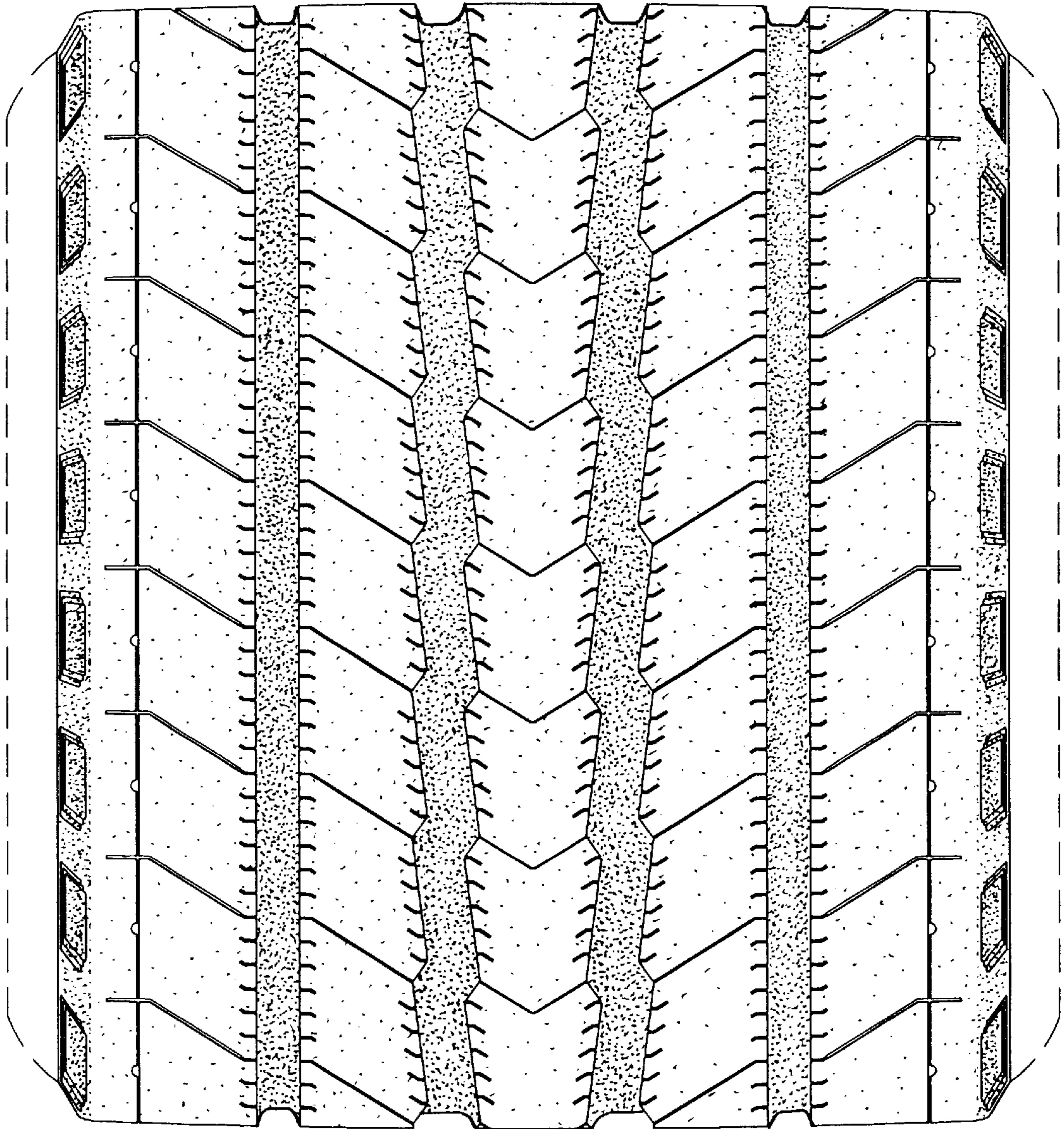
The broken line showing of a tire sidewall and inner bead is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**





*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*