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[54] **AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

Stratton Apache AP Flotation Tire, Jan. 1997 Tread Design Guide, p. 121, 1/4.

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The ornamental design for an automobile tire, as shown and described.

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## DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a front view of the automobile tire, showing the new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire, the top plan view and bottom plan view appearing the same as the front view;

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FIG. 2 is a rear view of the automobile tire;

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FIG. 3 is a left side view of the automobile tire;

FIG. 4 is a right side view of the automobile tire;

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FIG. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary front view, showing in enlargement the portion of 5—5 in FIG. 1; and,

FIG. 6 is a sectional view, taken on line 6—6 and in the direction of arrows in FIG. 5.

Parkway Apache Radial A/P Tire, Jan. 1997 Tread Design Guide, p. 113. 4/4.

In the drawings, the stippled surface shading in the groove areas portray the recessed surfaces of the grooves having a depth as best shown in FIG. 6.

**1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets**

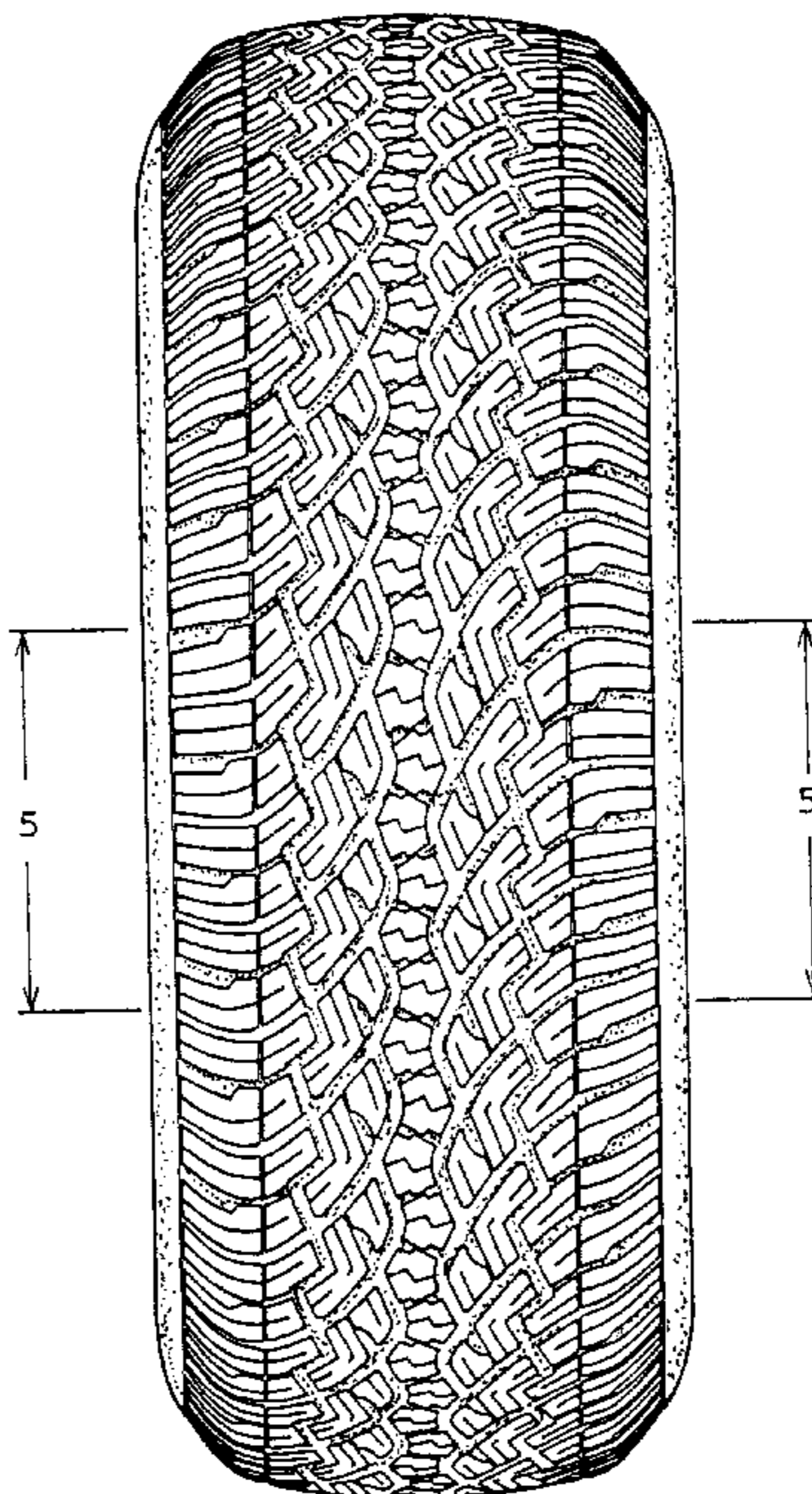


FIG. 1

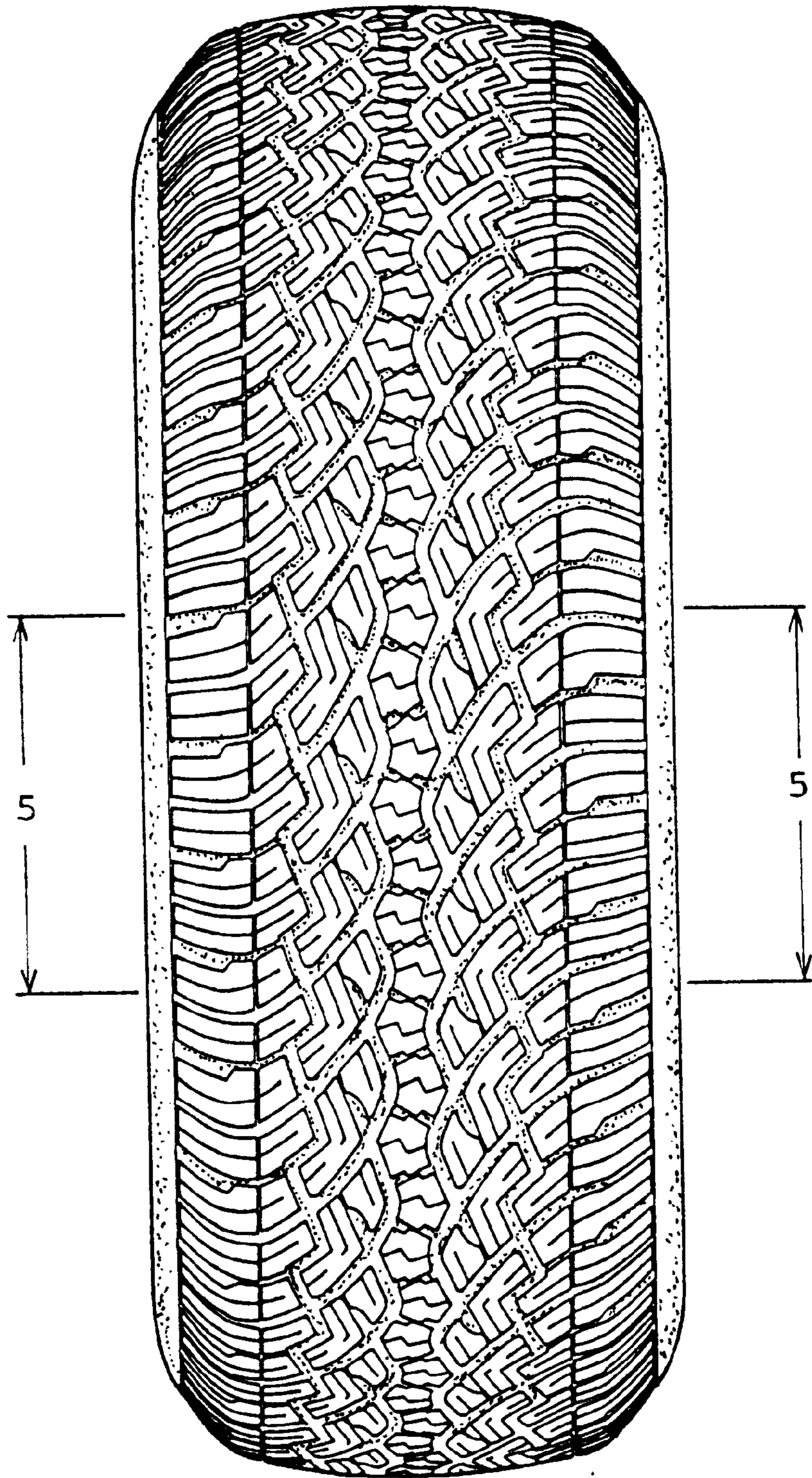




FIG. 2

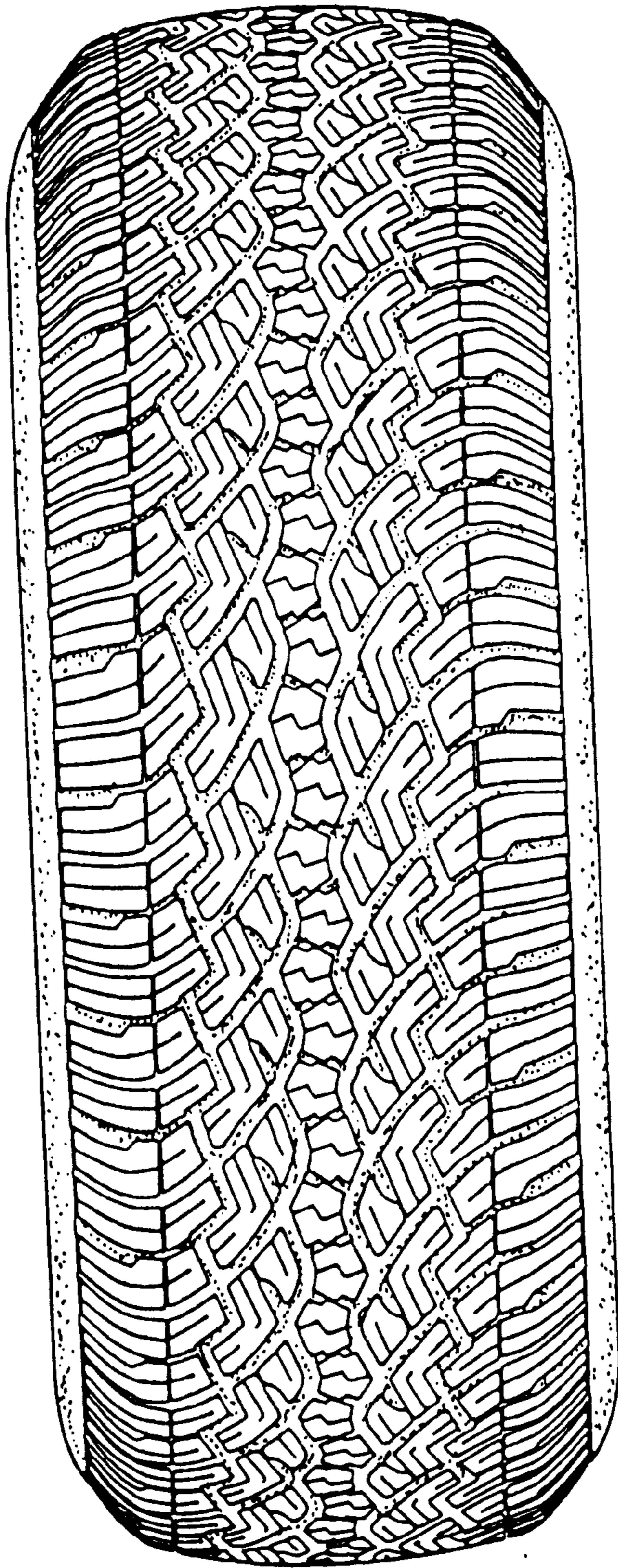


FIG. 3

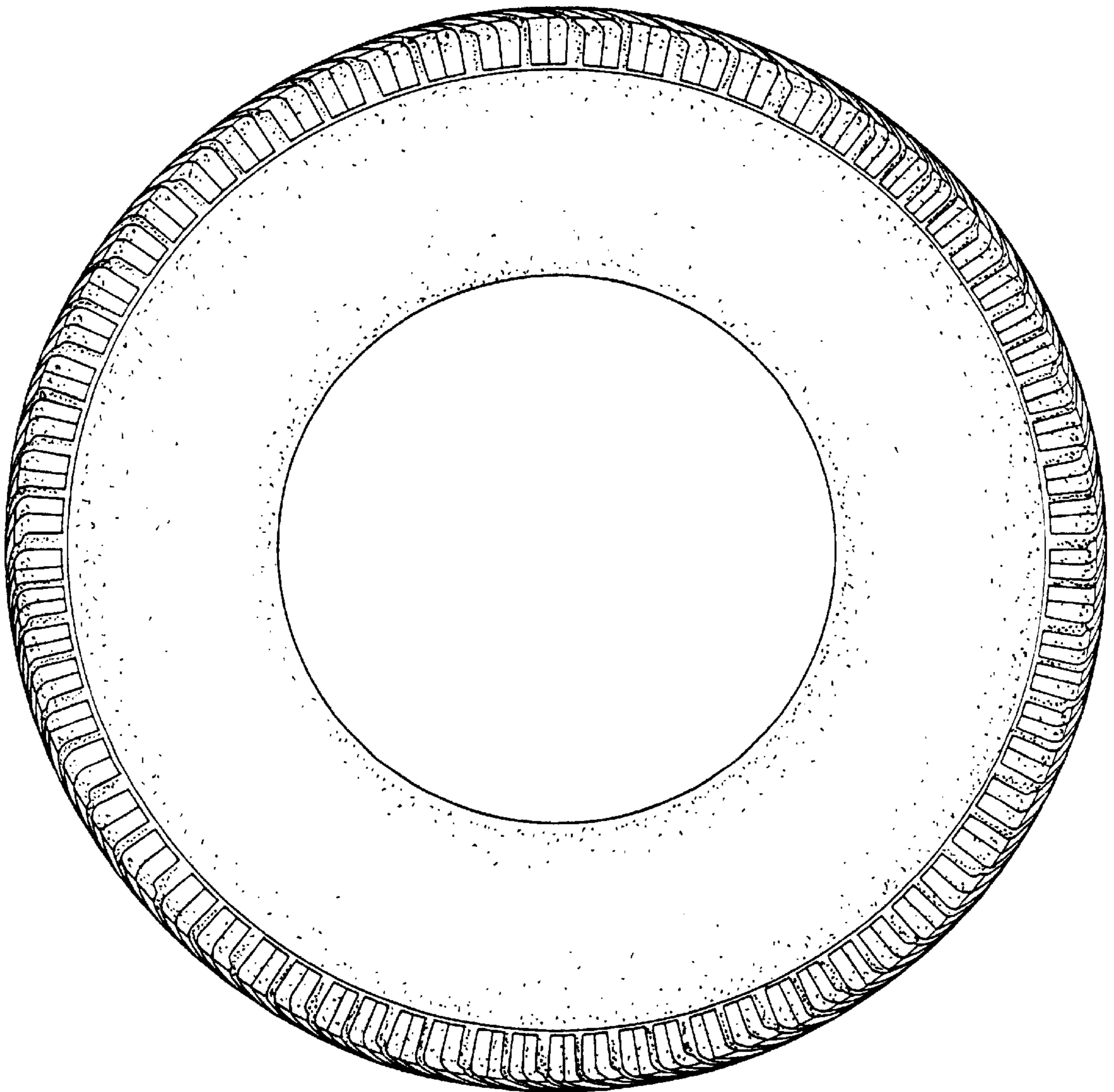


FIG. 4

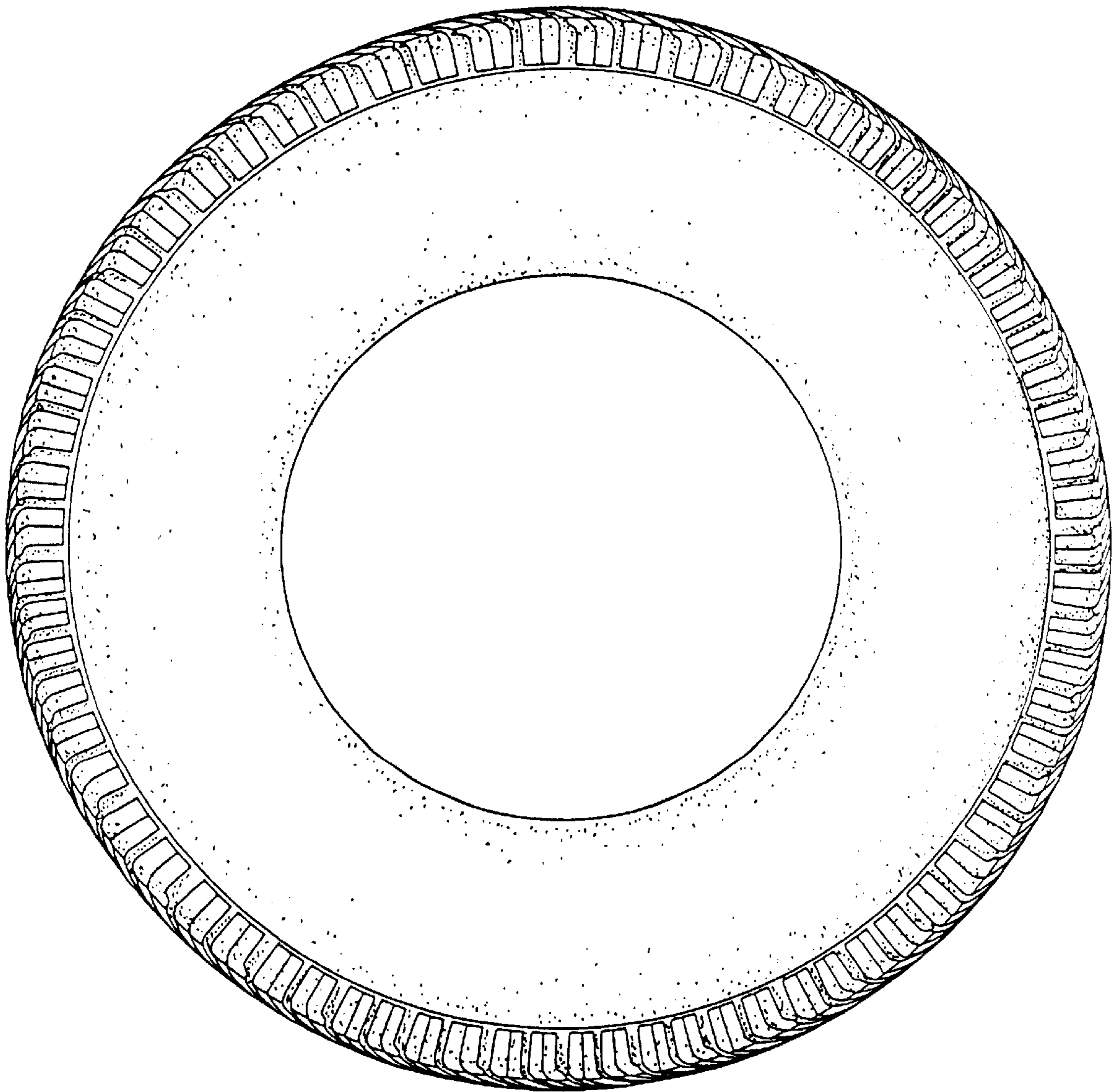




FIG. 5

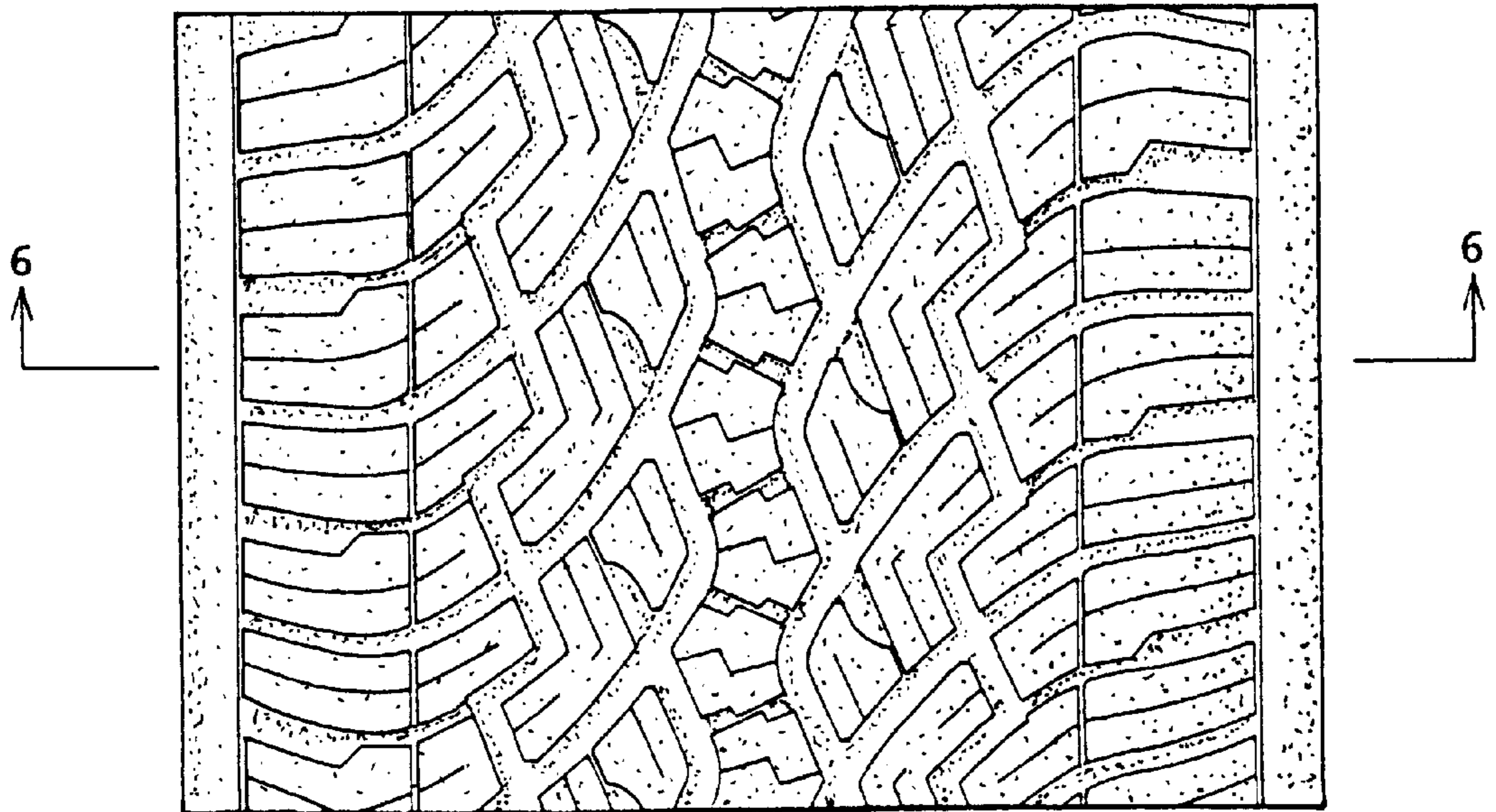


FIG. 6

