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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

DESCRIPTION

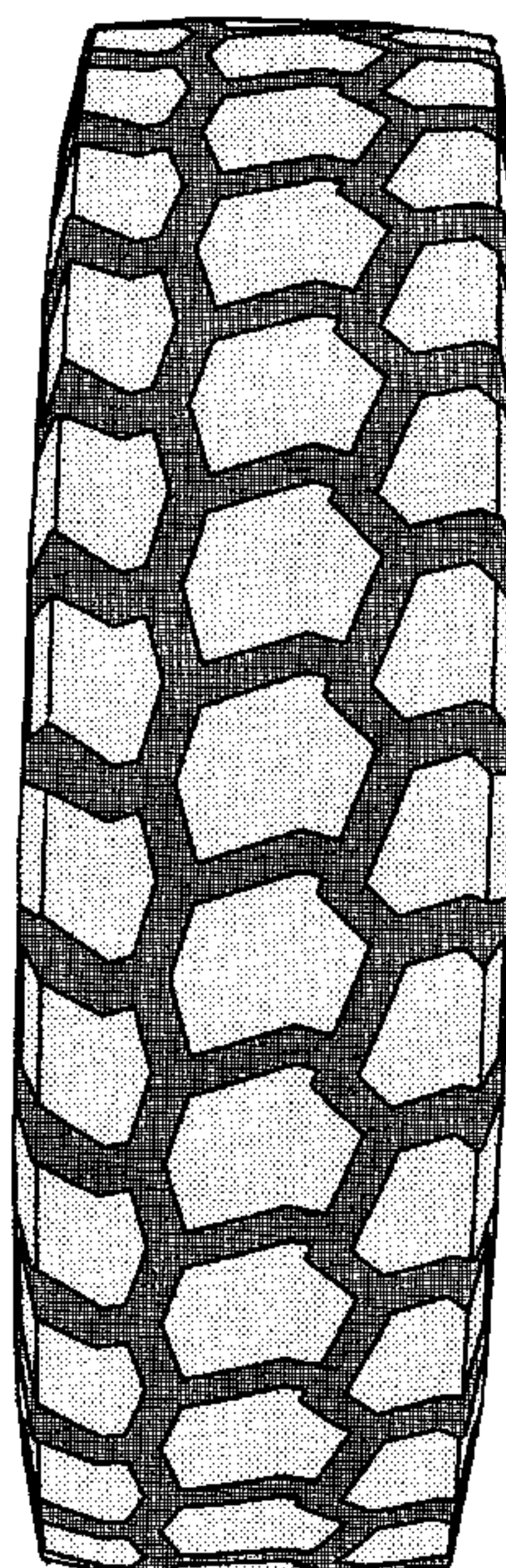
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tread of a tire of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread; and,

FIG. 2 is an elevational view of the tread of the tire shown in FIG. 1.

In FIG. 1, the broken lines defining the inner bead and sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as best shown along the central right edge of FIG. 1.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



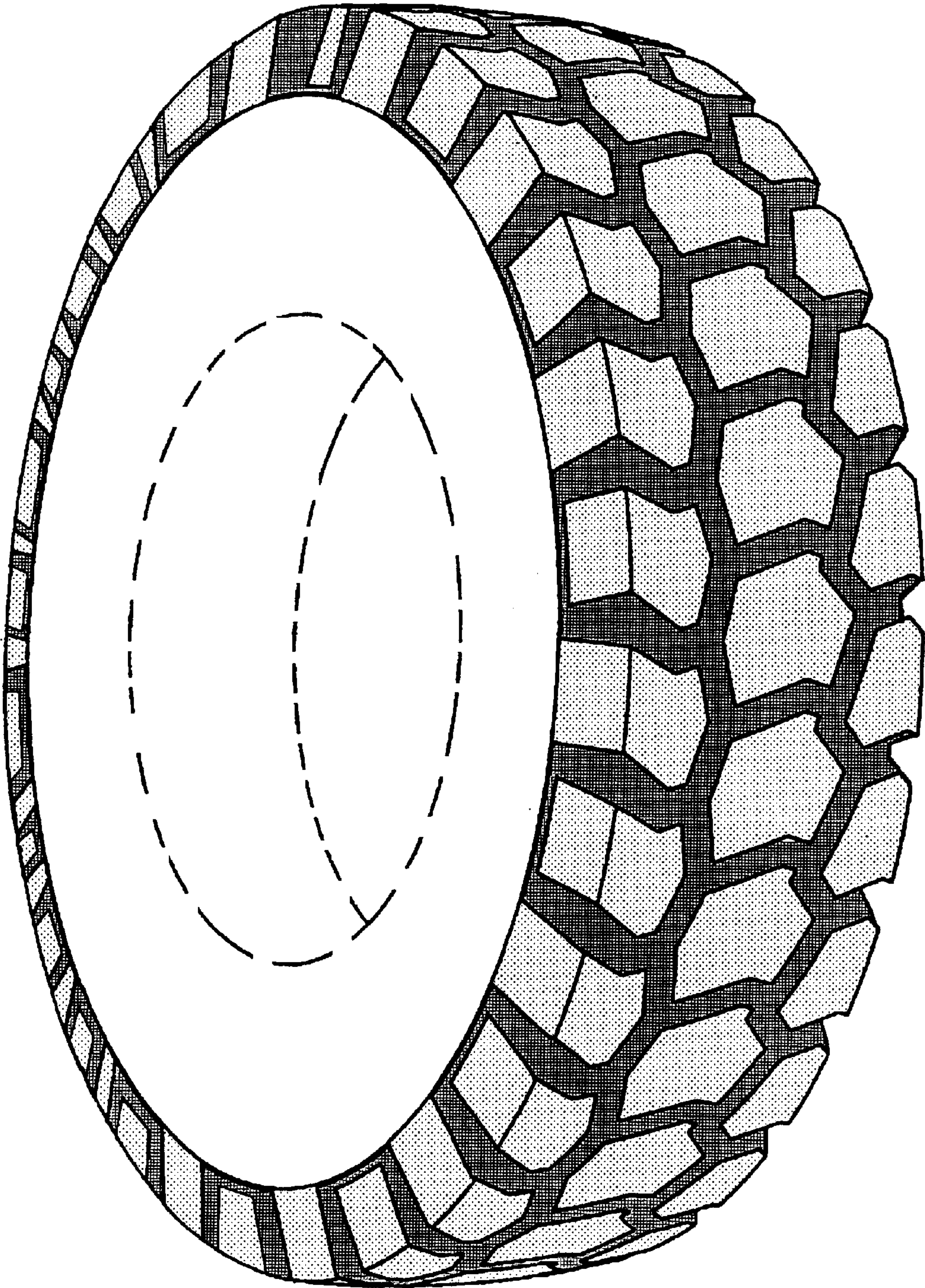


FIGURE 1

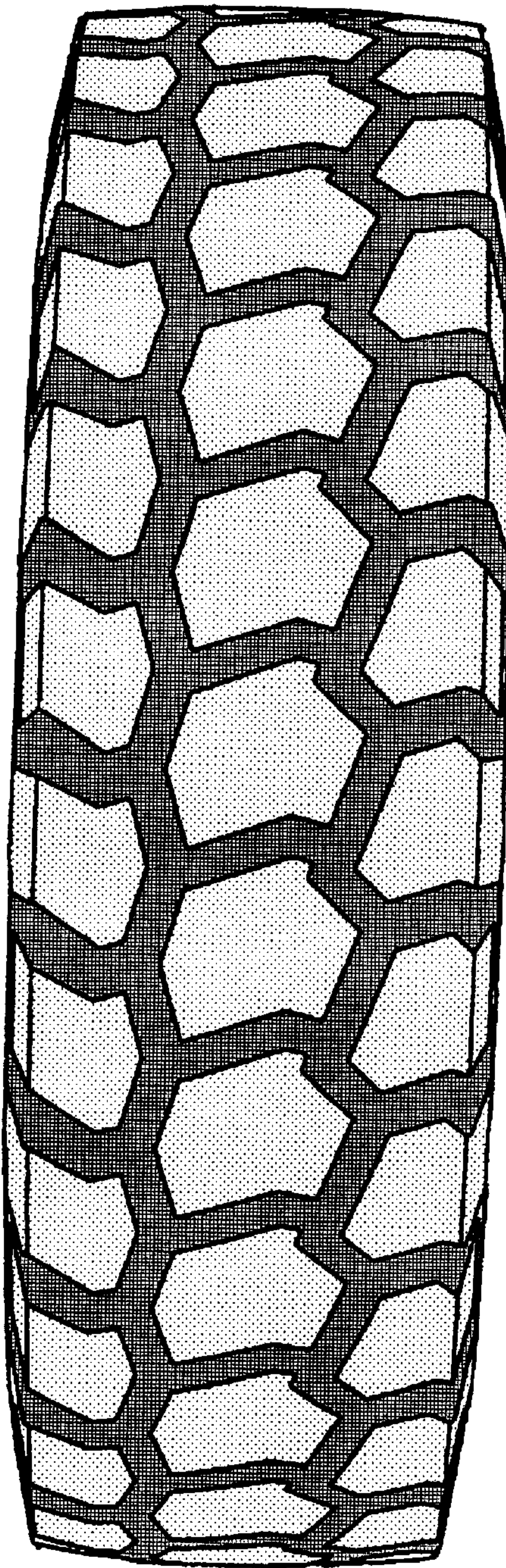


FIGURE 2