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(54) **TIRE TREAD**

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

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DESCRIPTION

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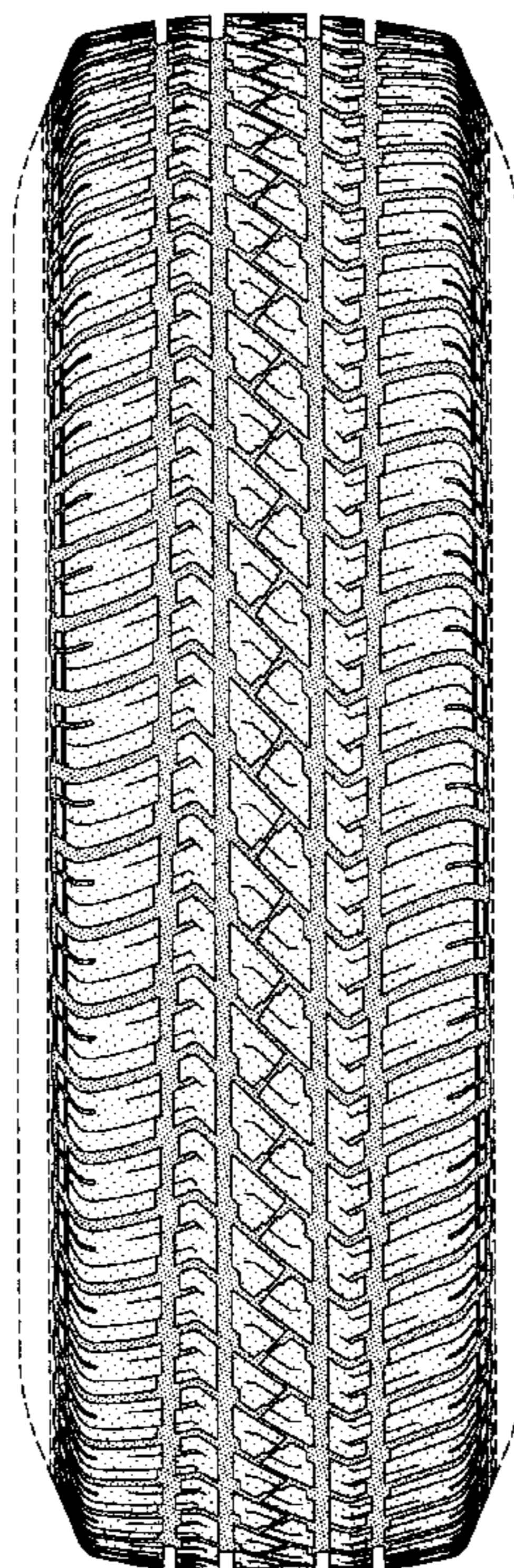
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FIG. 1 is a side perspective view of a tire tread showing our
new design, it being understood that the tread pattern is
repeated throughout the circumference of the tire tread, the
opposite side being the same as that shown;
FIG. 2 is a front elevational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

The dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed
portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as best shown
in FIG. 2; the broken lines defining the tire sidewall and
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.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



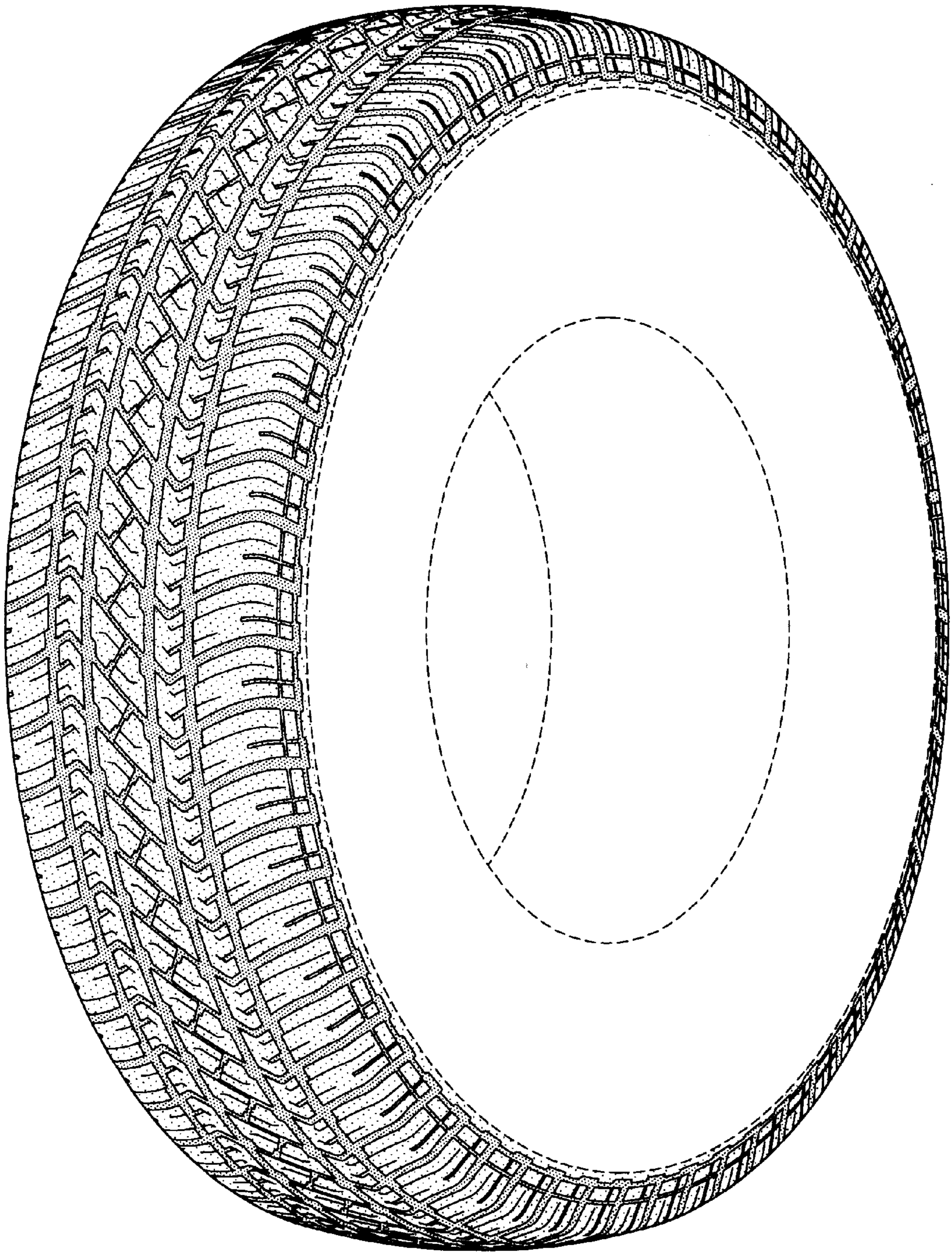


FIG-1

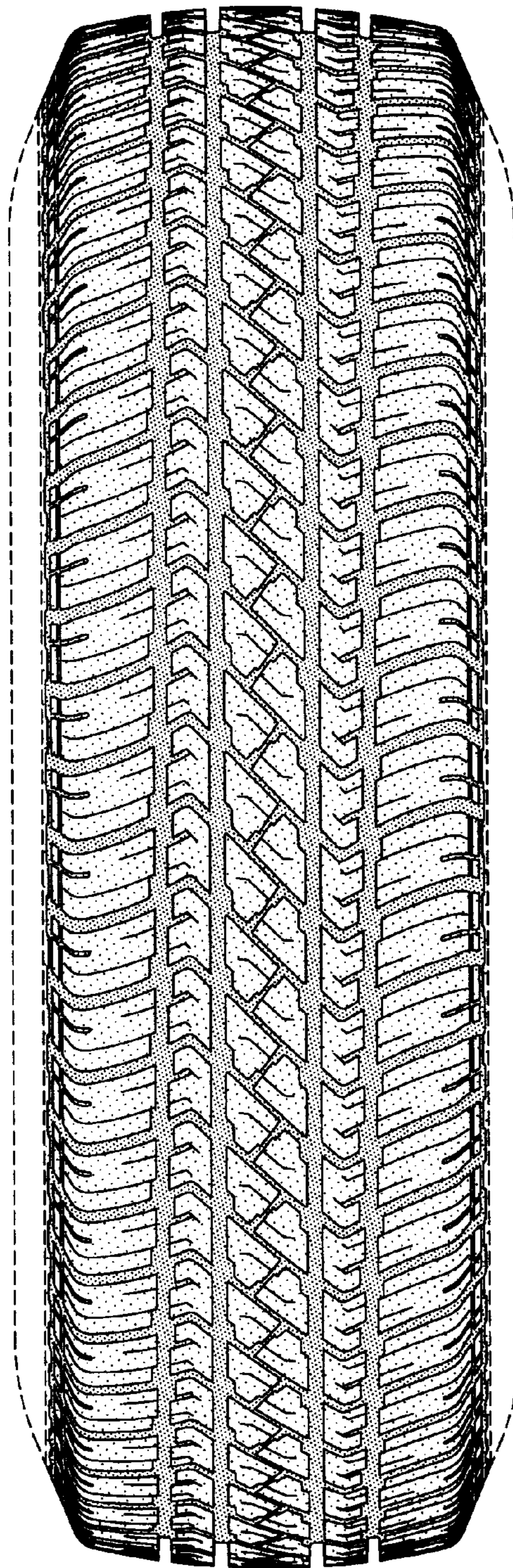


FIG-2

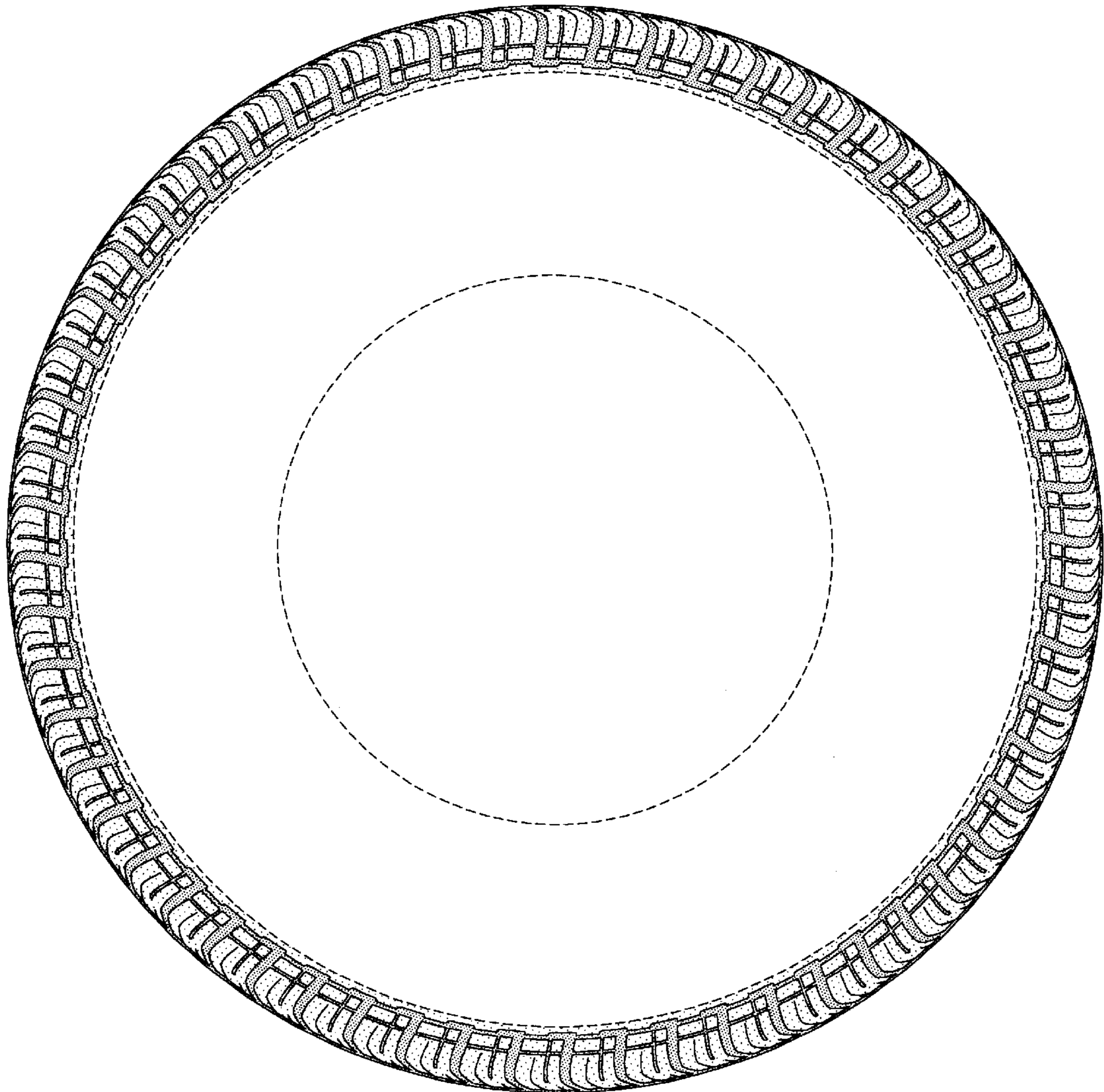


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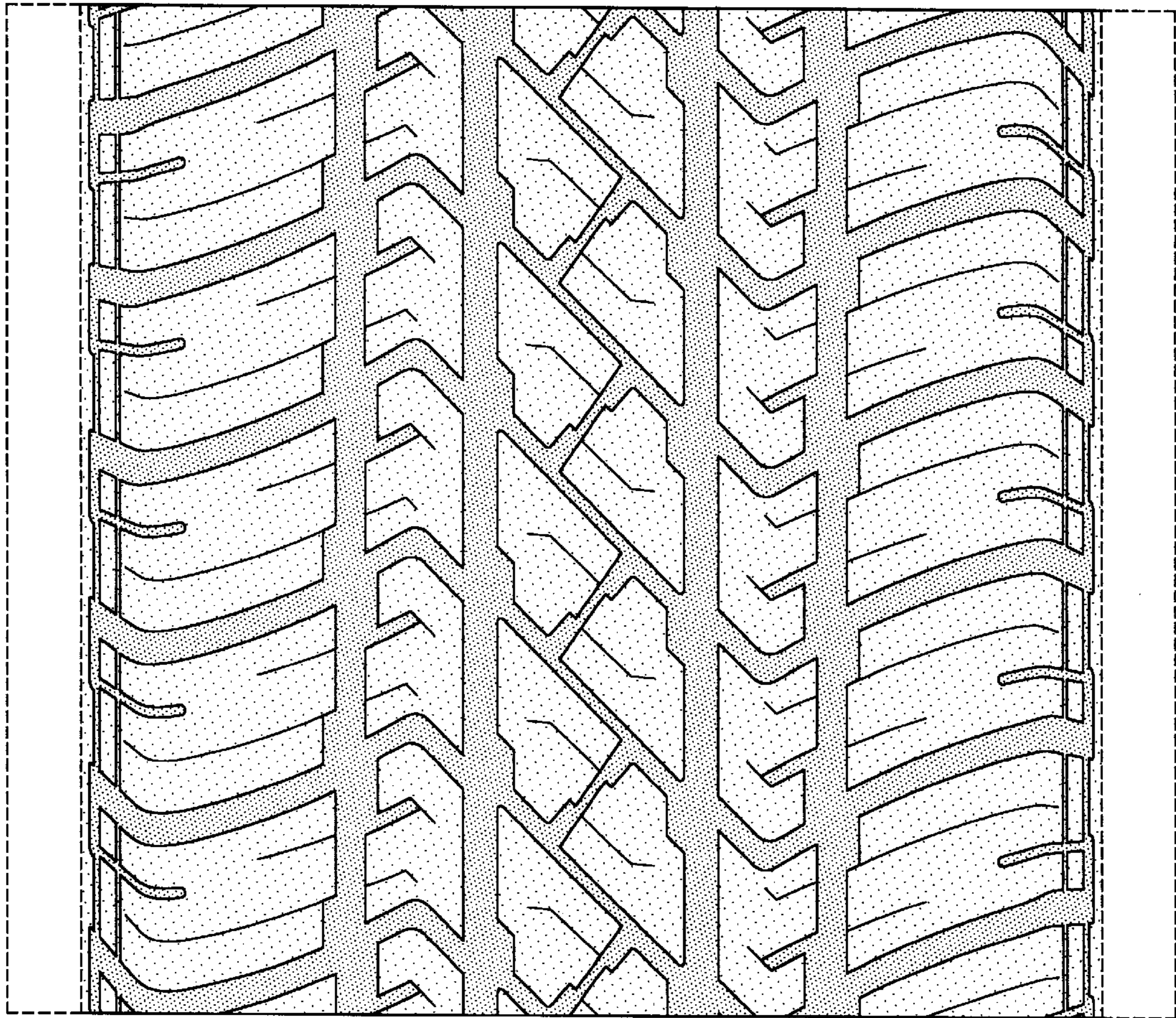


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