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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 my new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats throughout the outer surface and shoulder circumference of the tire tread, the opposite side perspective view being identical thereto; and,

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the tread pattern of the tire tread thereof.

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

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

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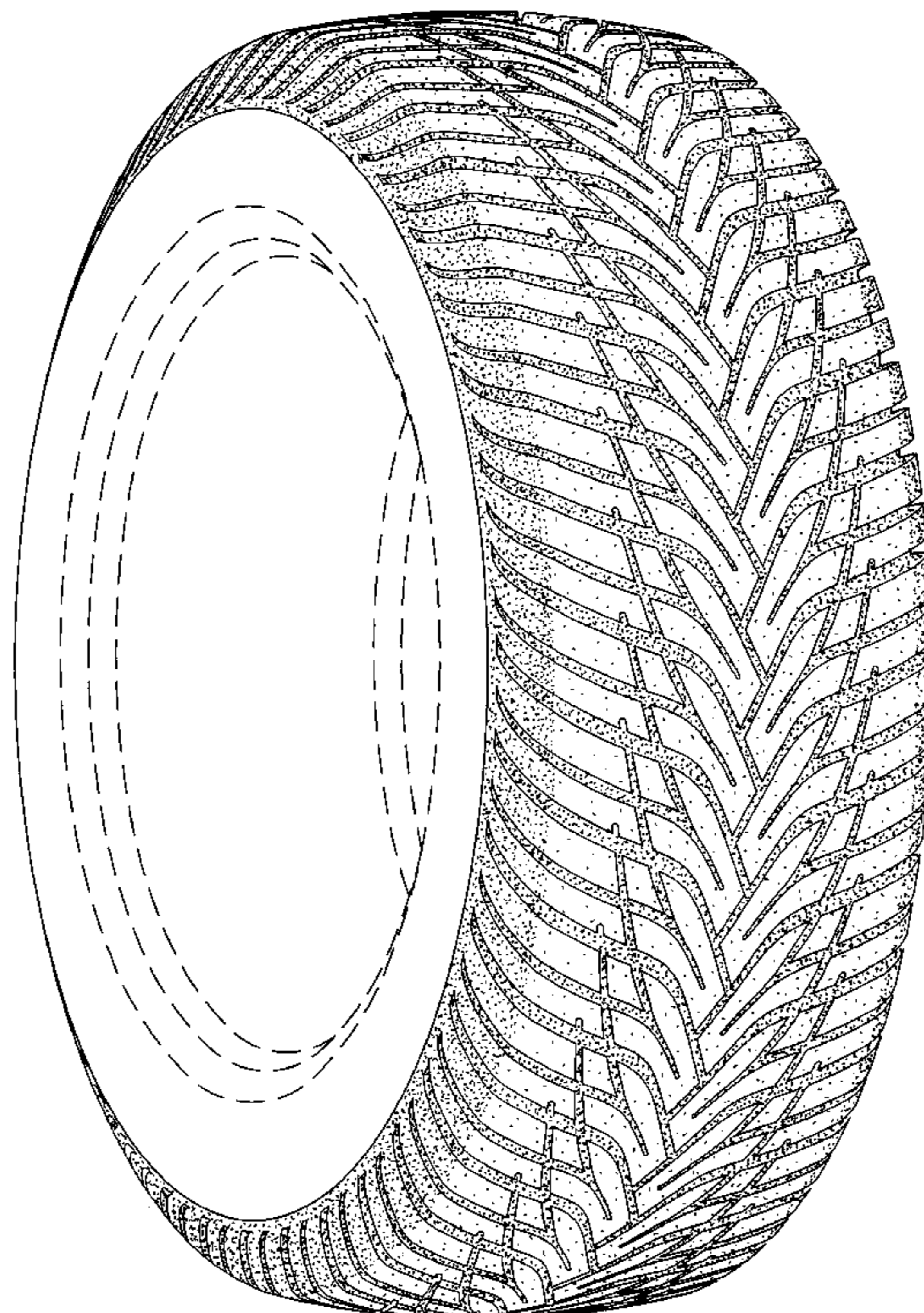
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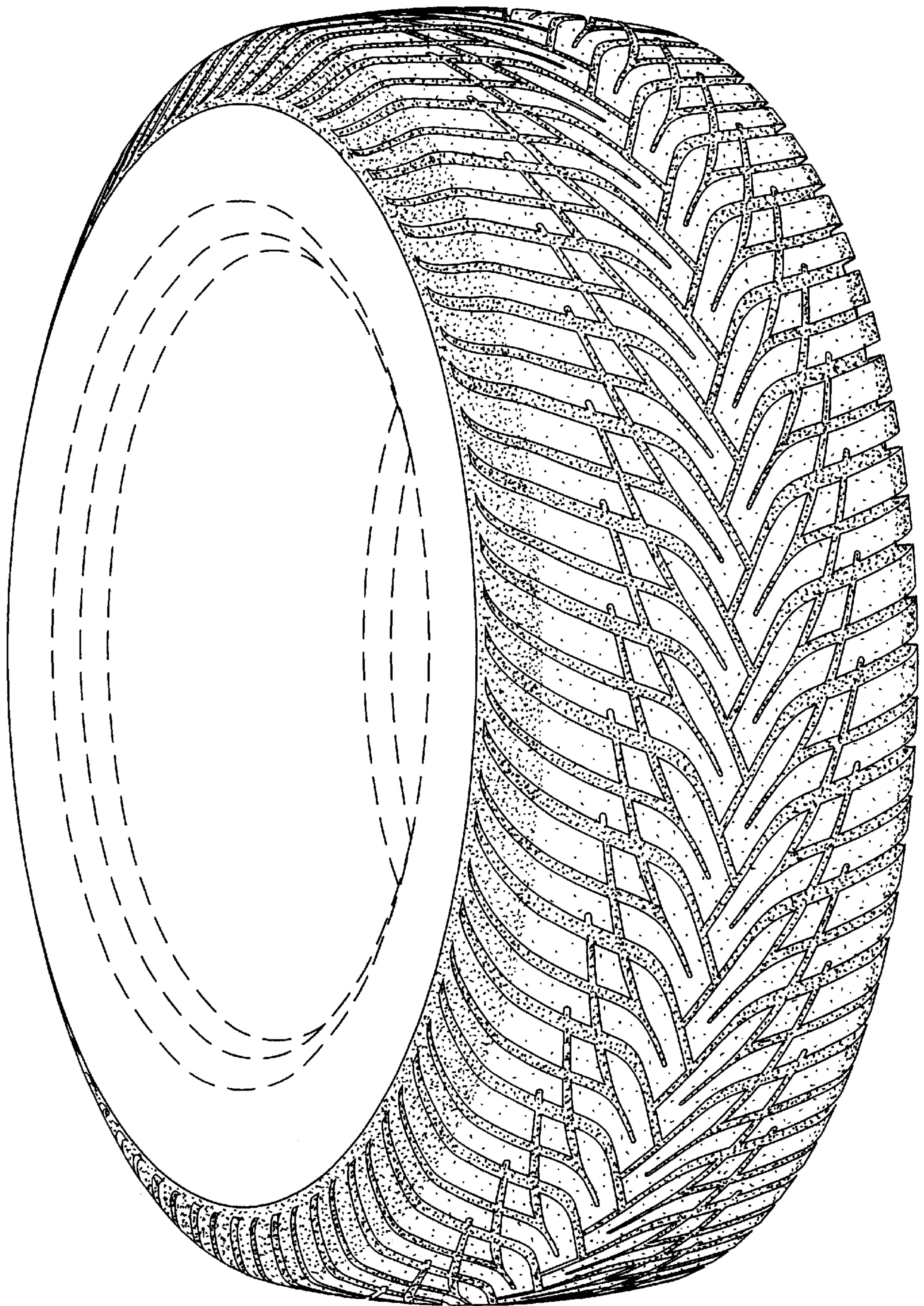


Fig. 1

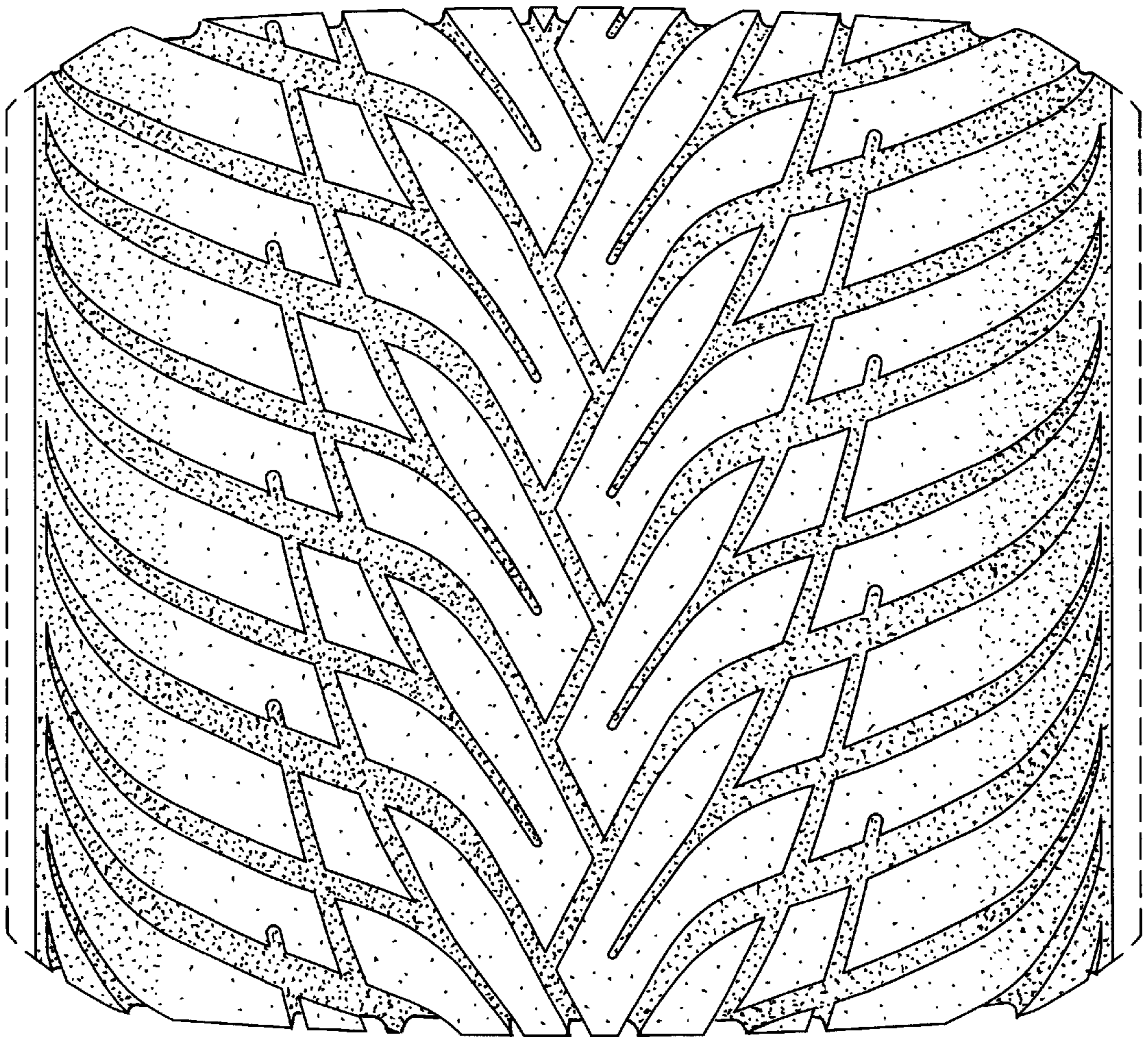


Fig. 2