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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

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

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

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FIG. 3 is a side view of the tread shown in FIG. 1.

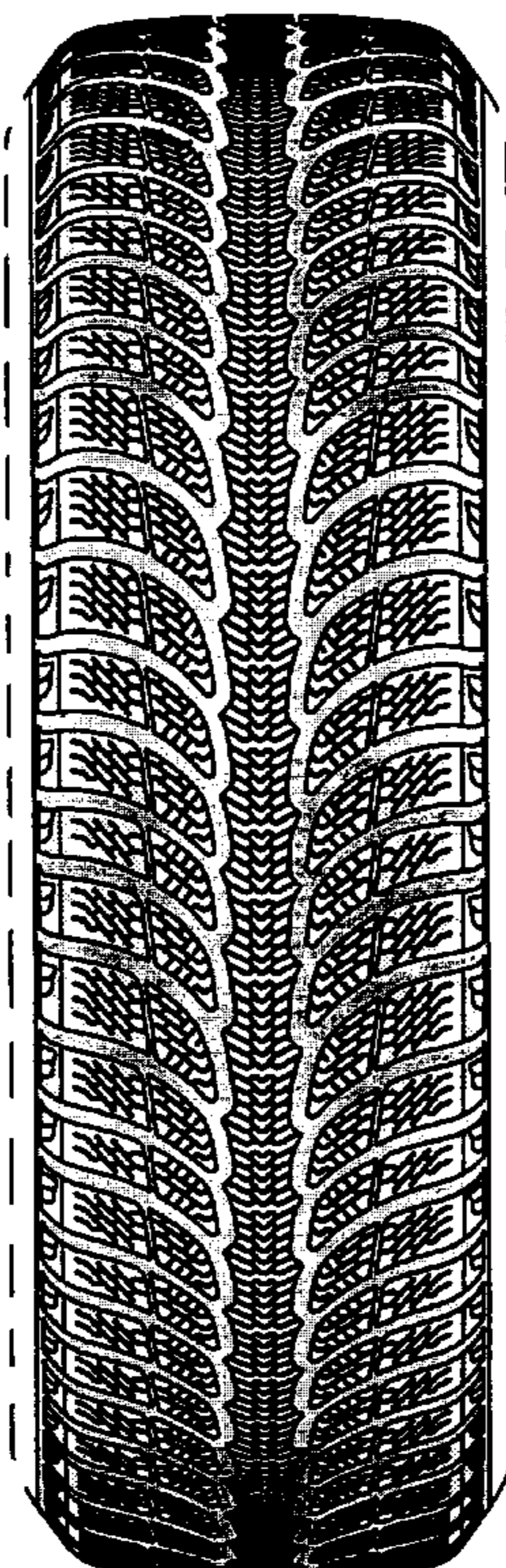
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The broken lines showing the inner bead and sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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In the drawings, the dark surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as best shown at the top and bottom edges of FIG. 2.

**1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets**



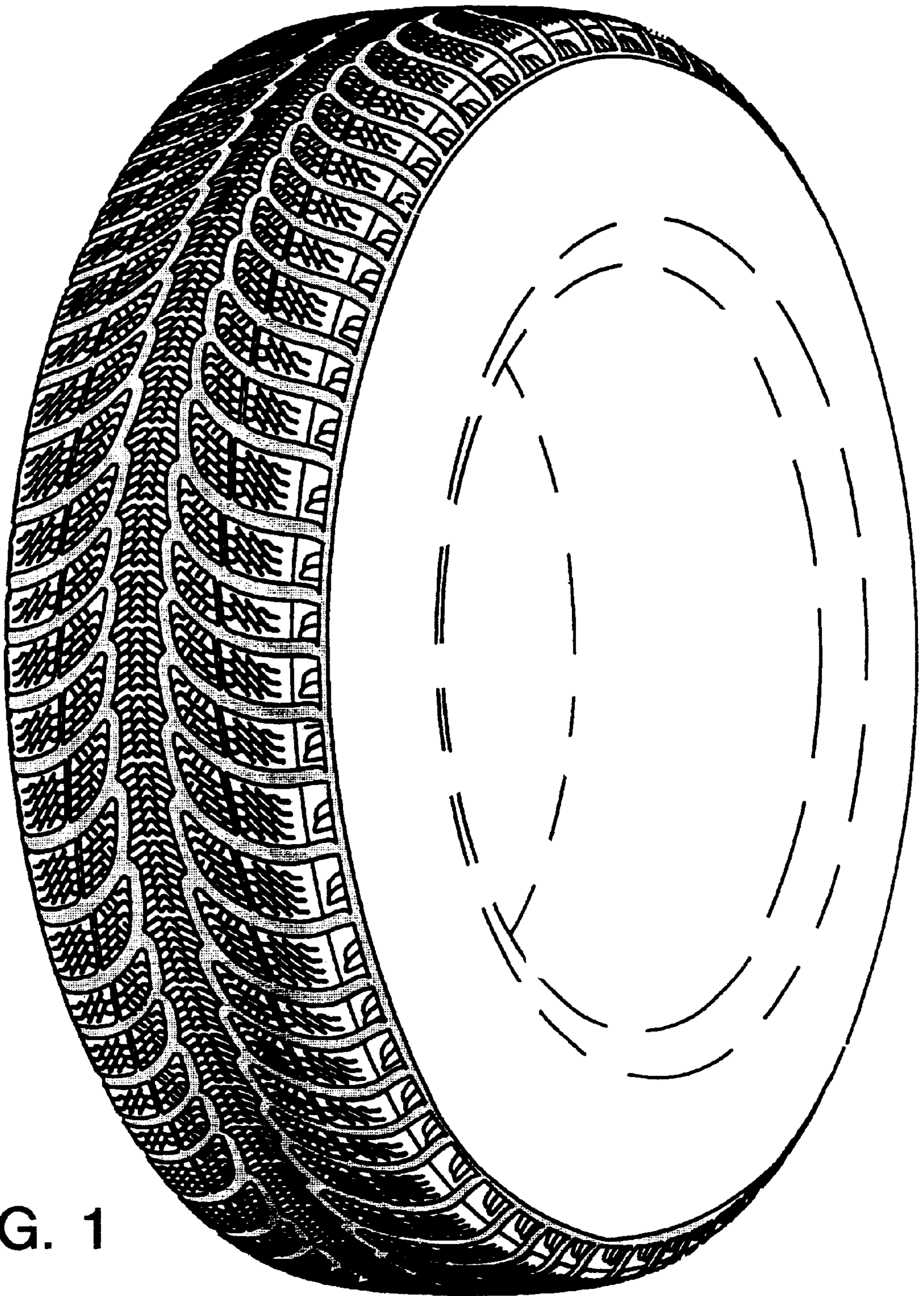


FIG. 1

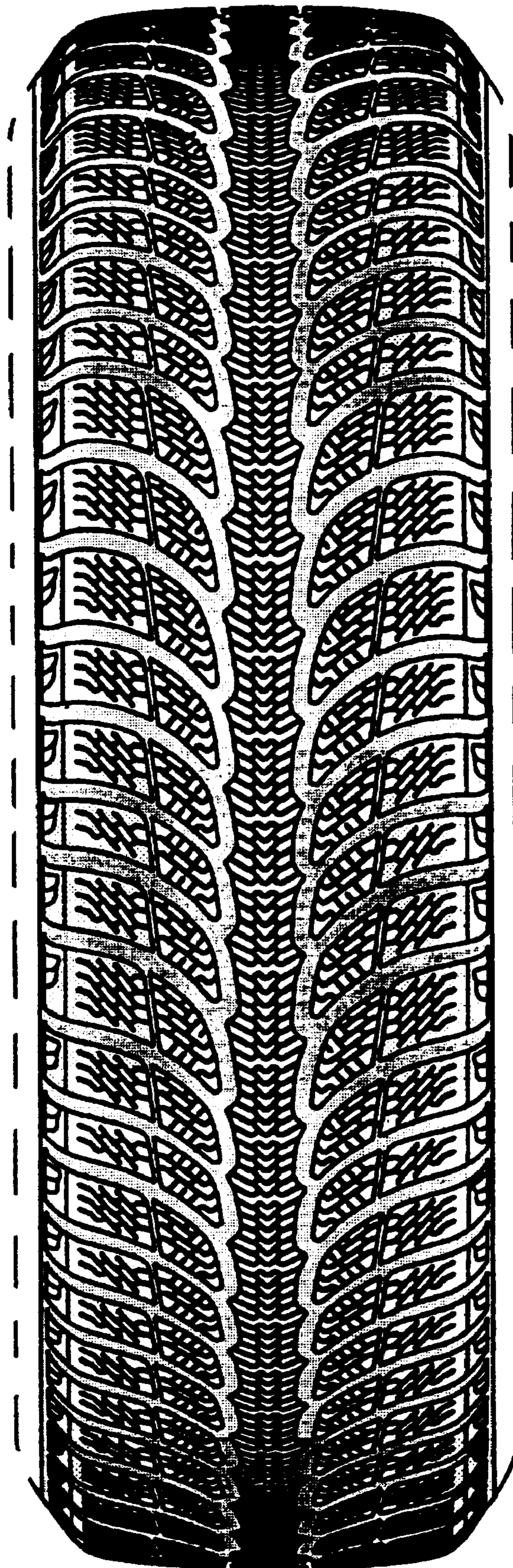


FIG. 2

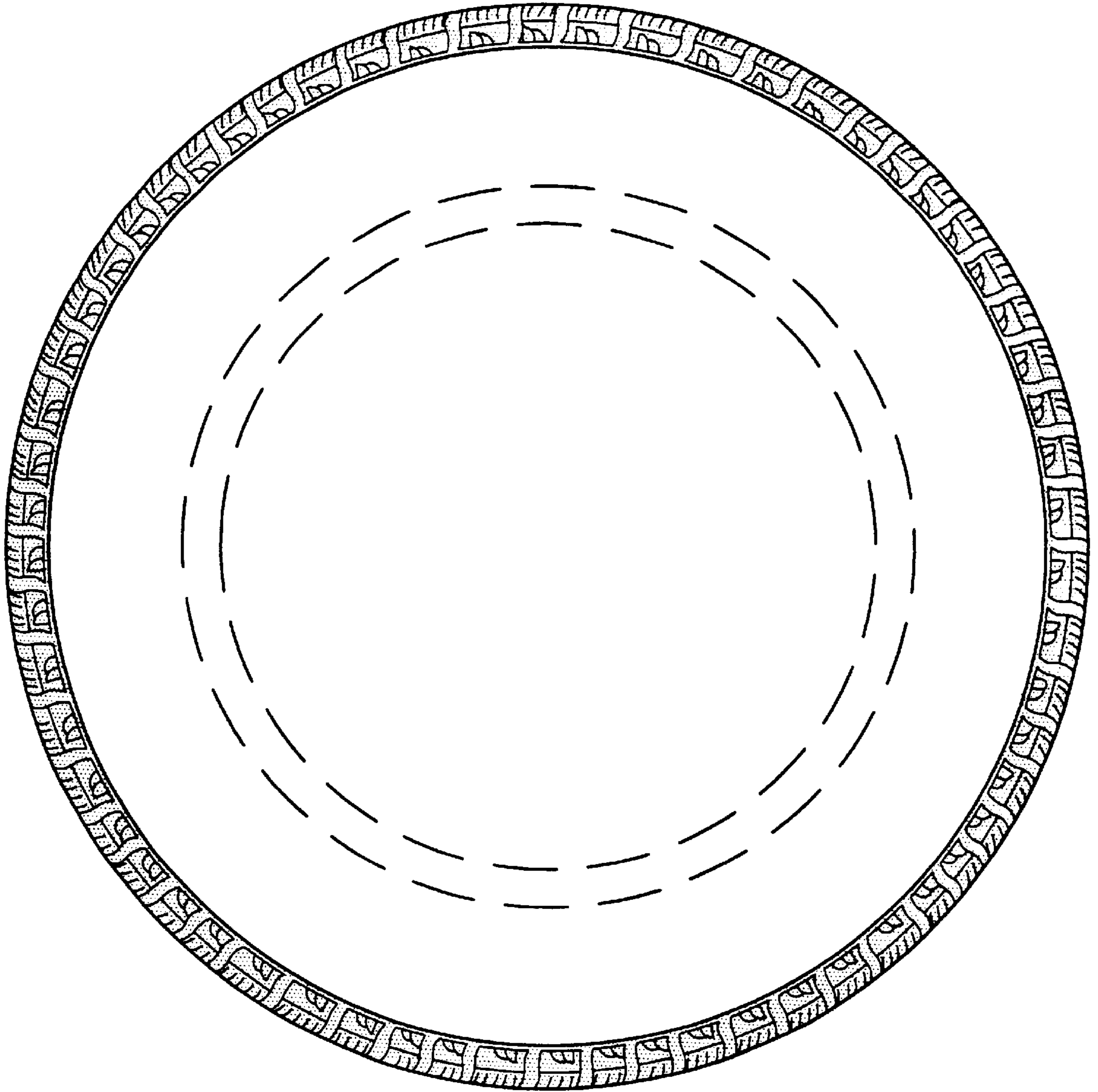


FIG. 3