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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

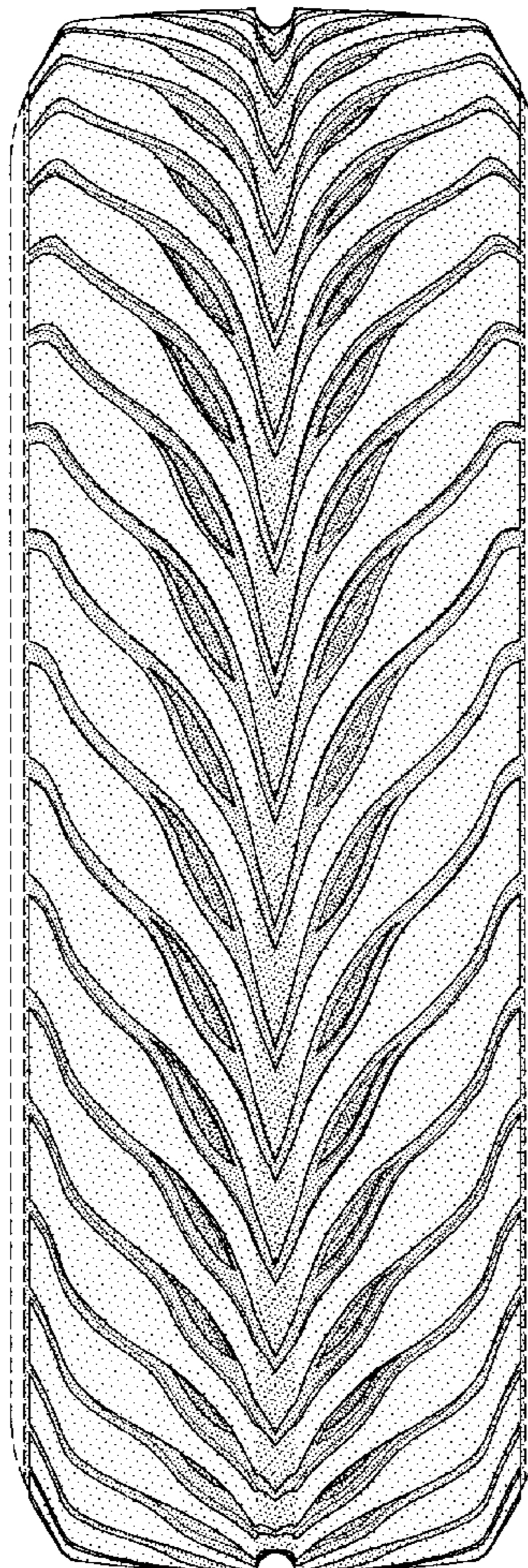
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof, the opposite side elevational view being a mirror image thereof.

In the drawings, the broken lines defining the inner bead and sidewall and the peripheral boundary between the tire tread and the sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 3 Drawing Sheets



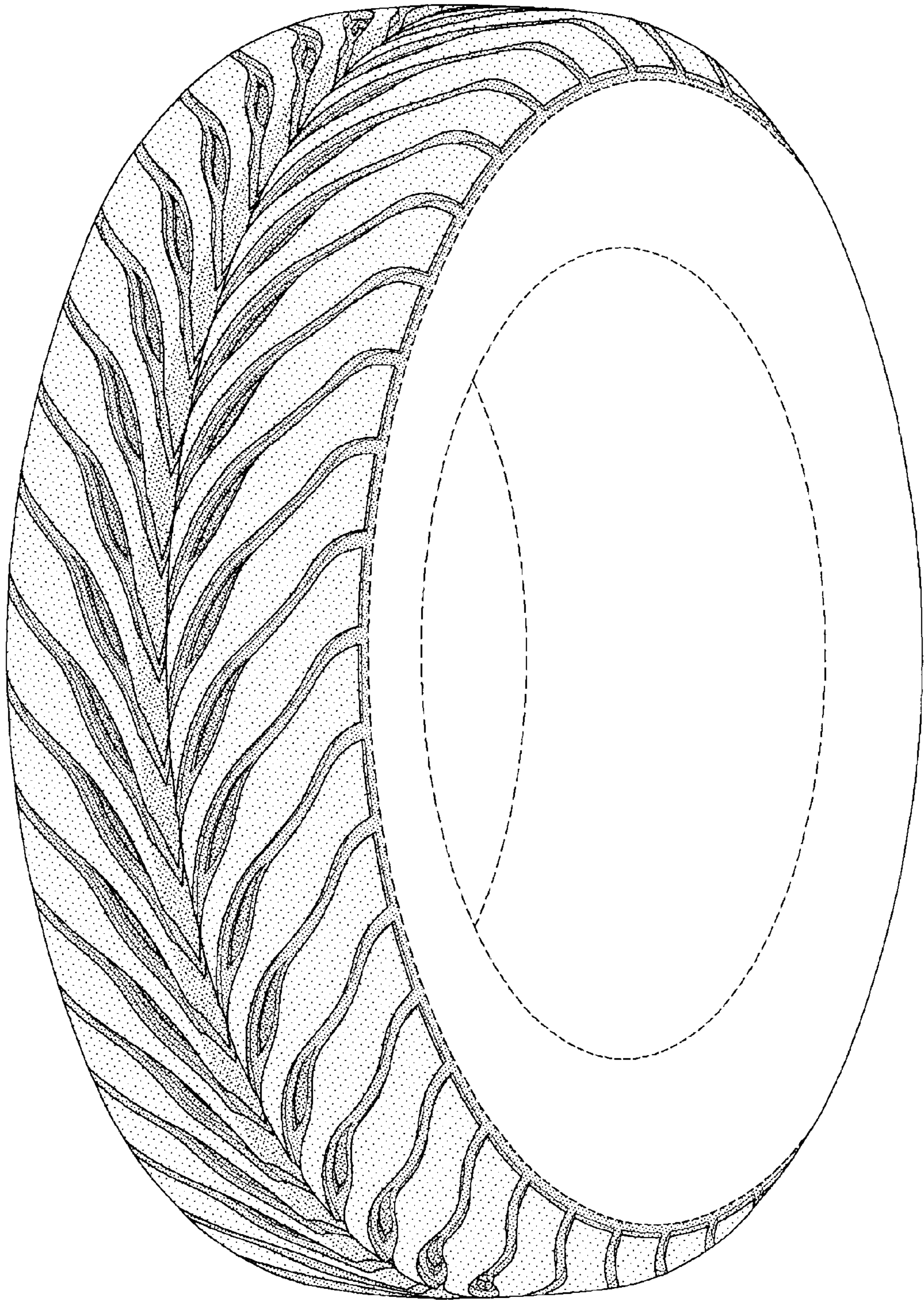


FIG-1

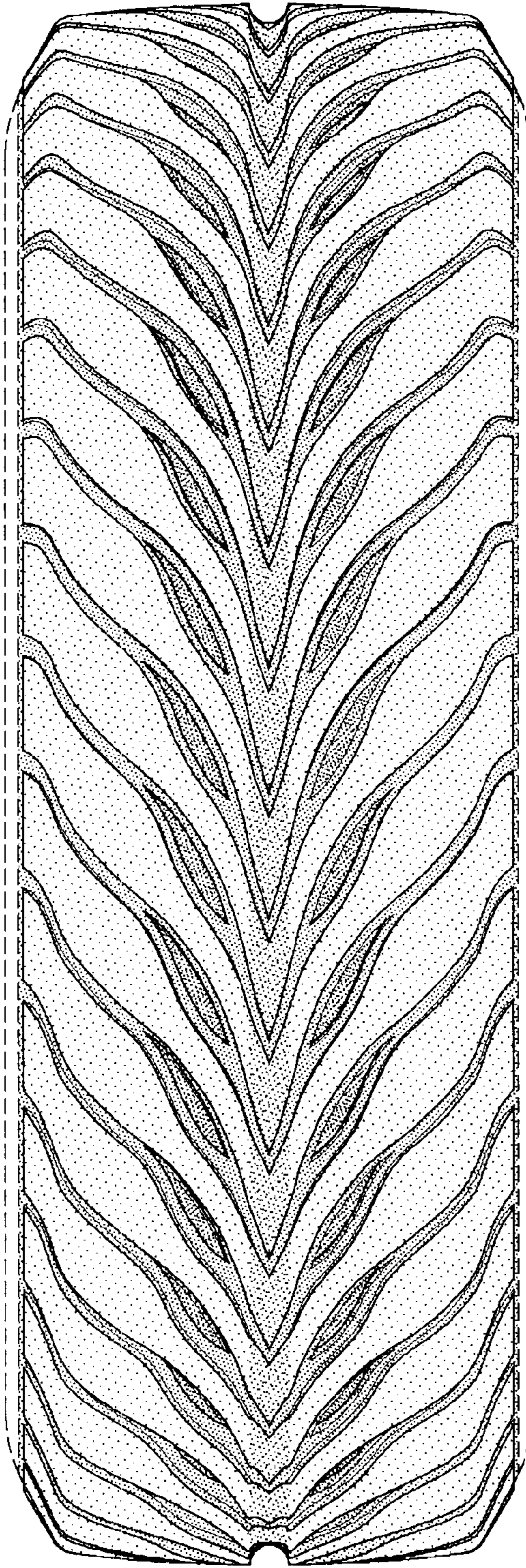


FIG-2

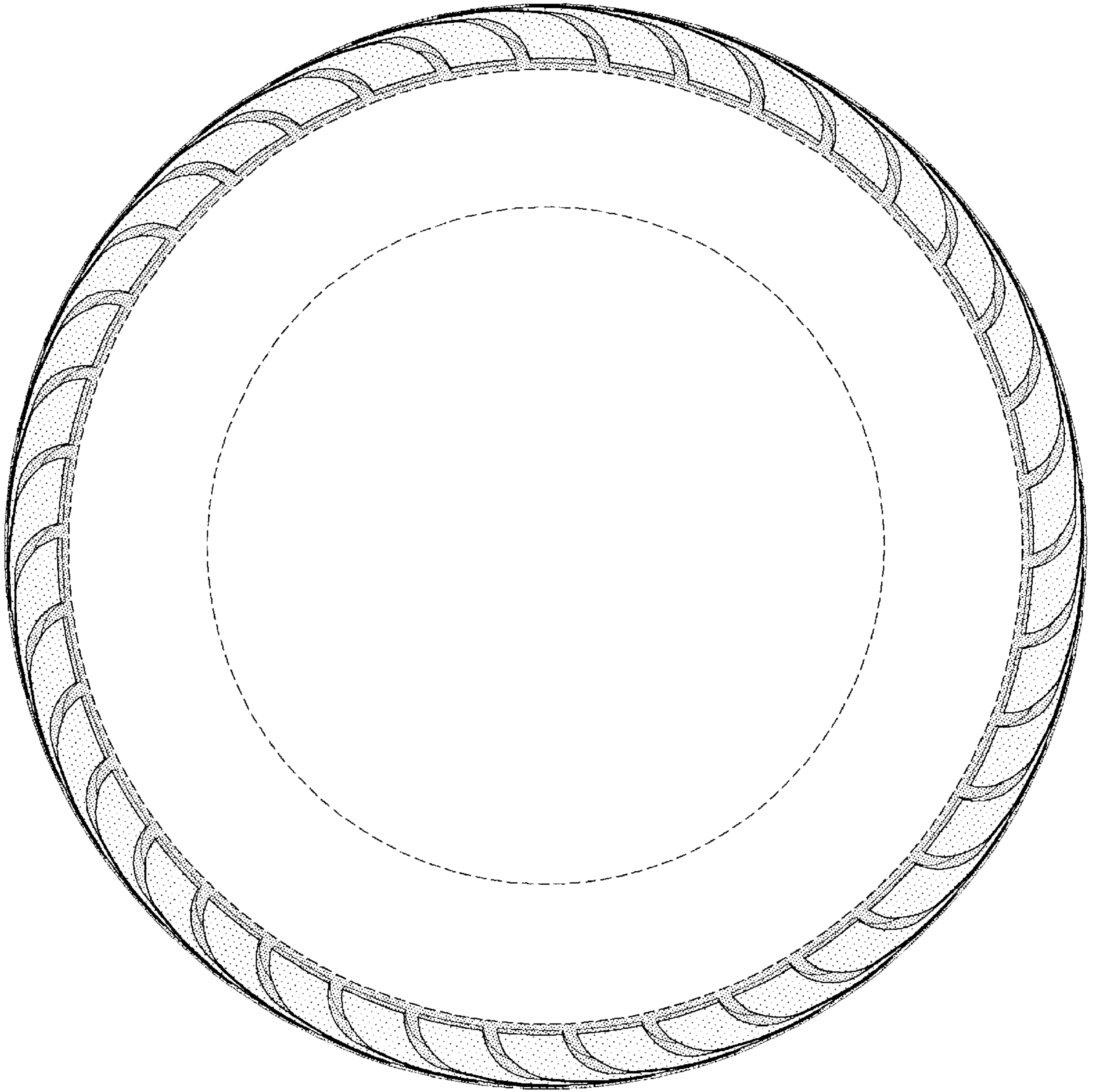


FIG-3