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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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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;

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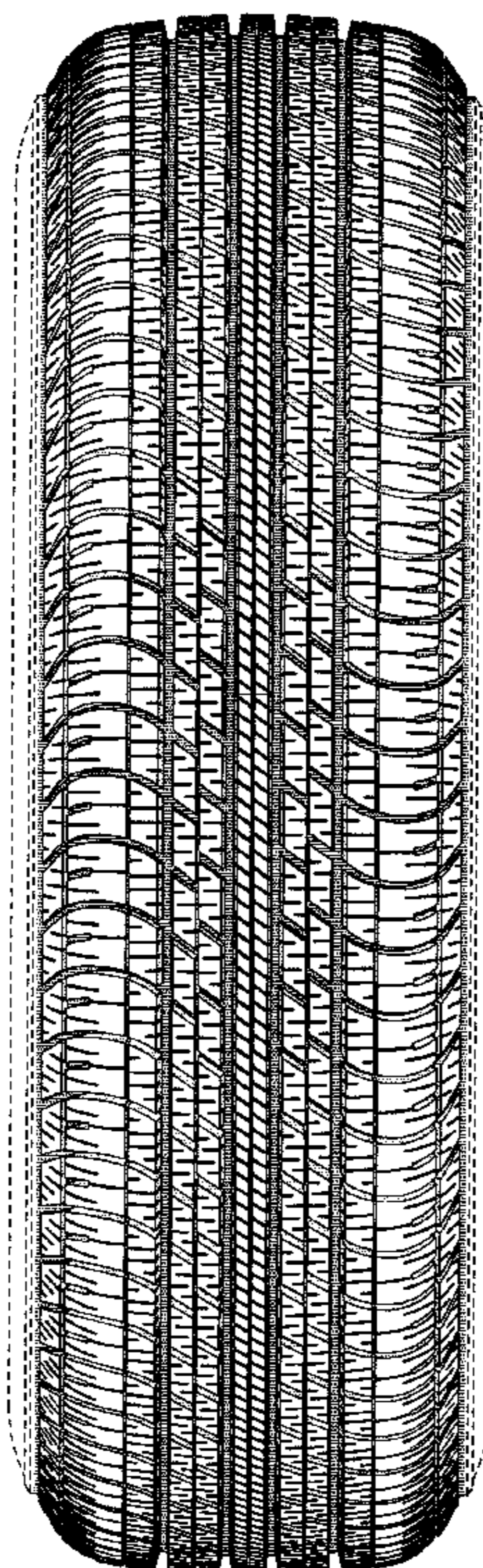
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FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a reduced scale front elevational view of the right  
side thereof, the opposite side being identical thereto; and,  
FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary side perspective view  
thereof.

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

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**





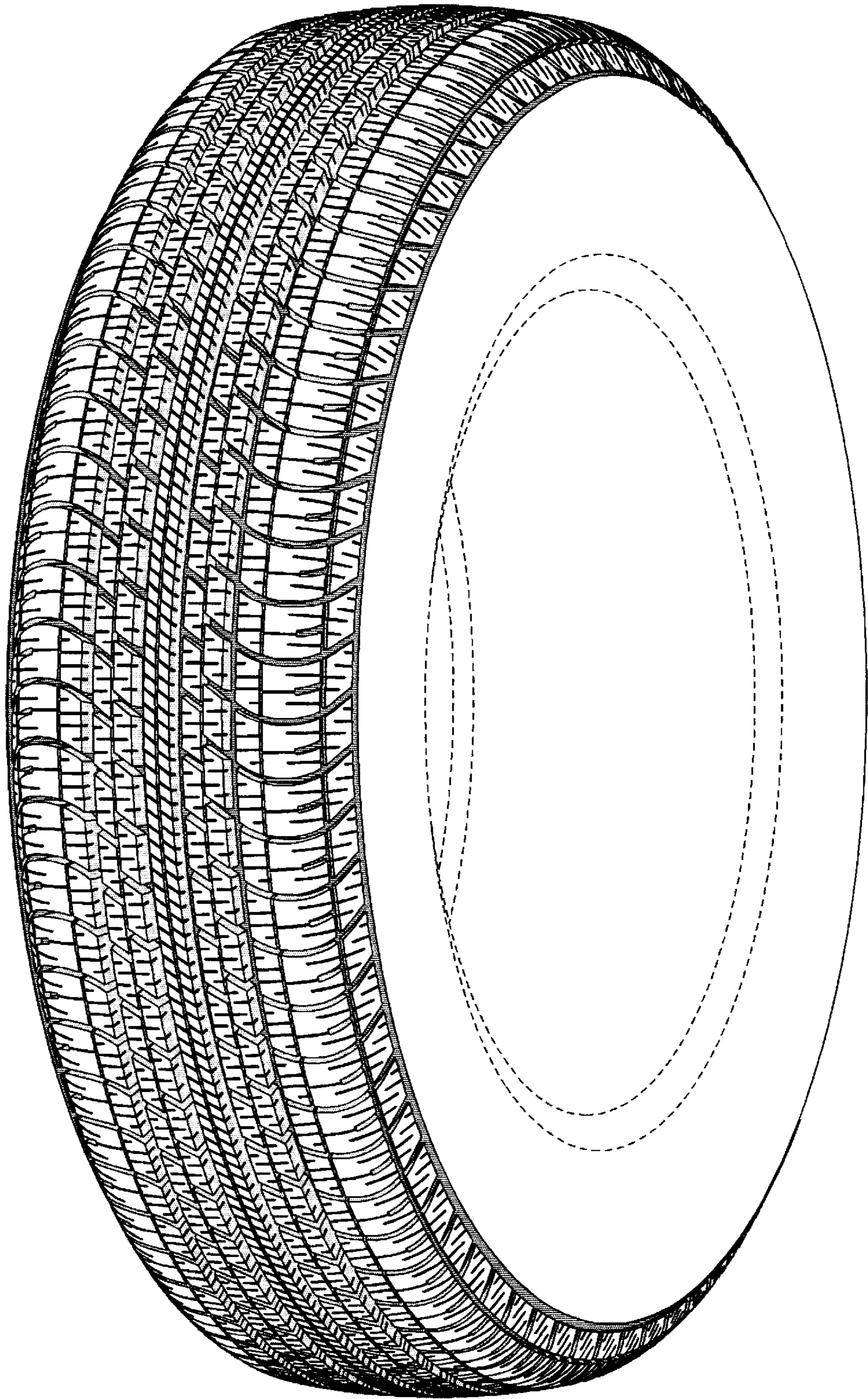


FIG-1



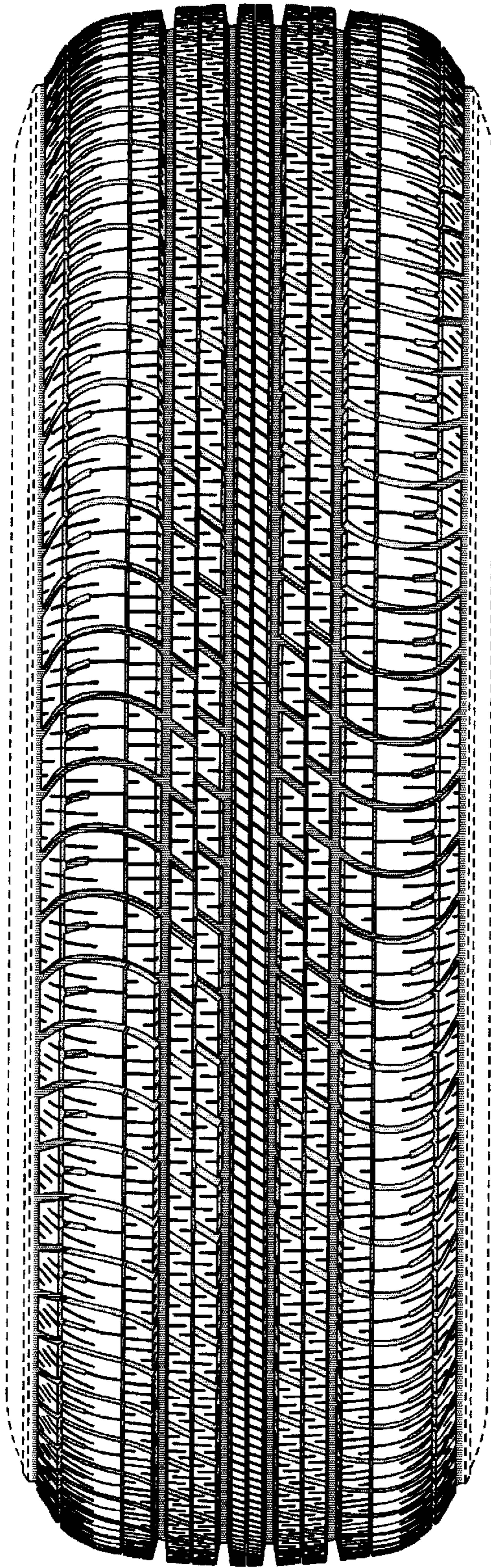


FIG-2

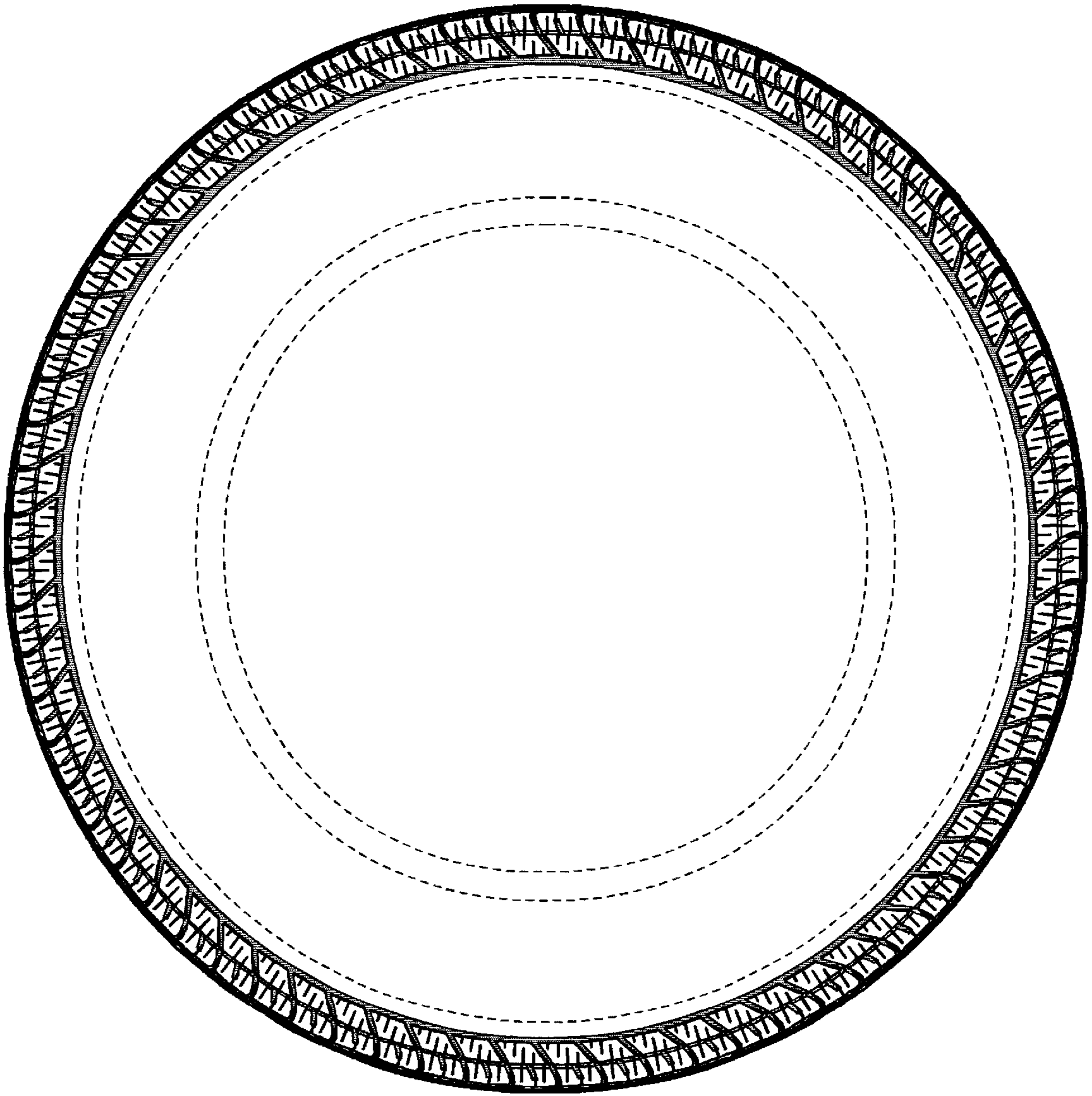


FIG-3



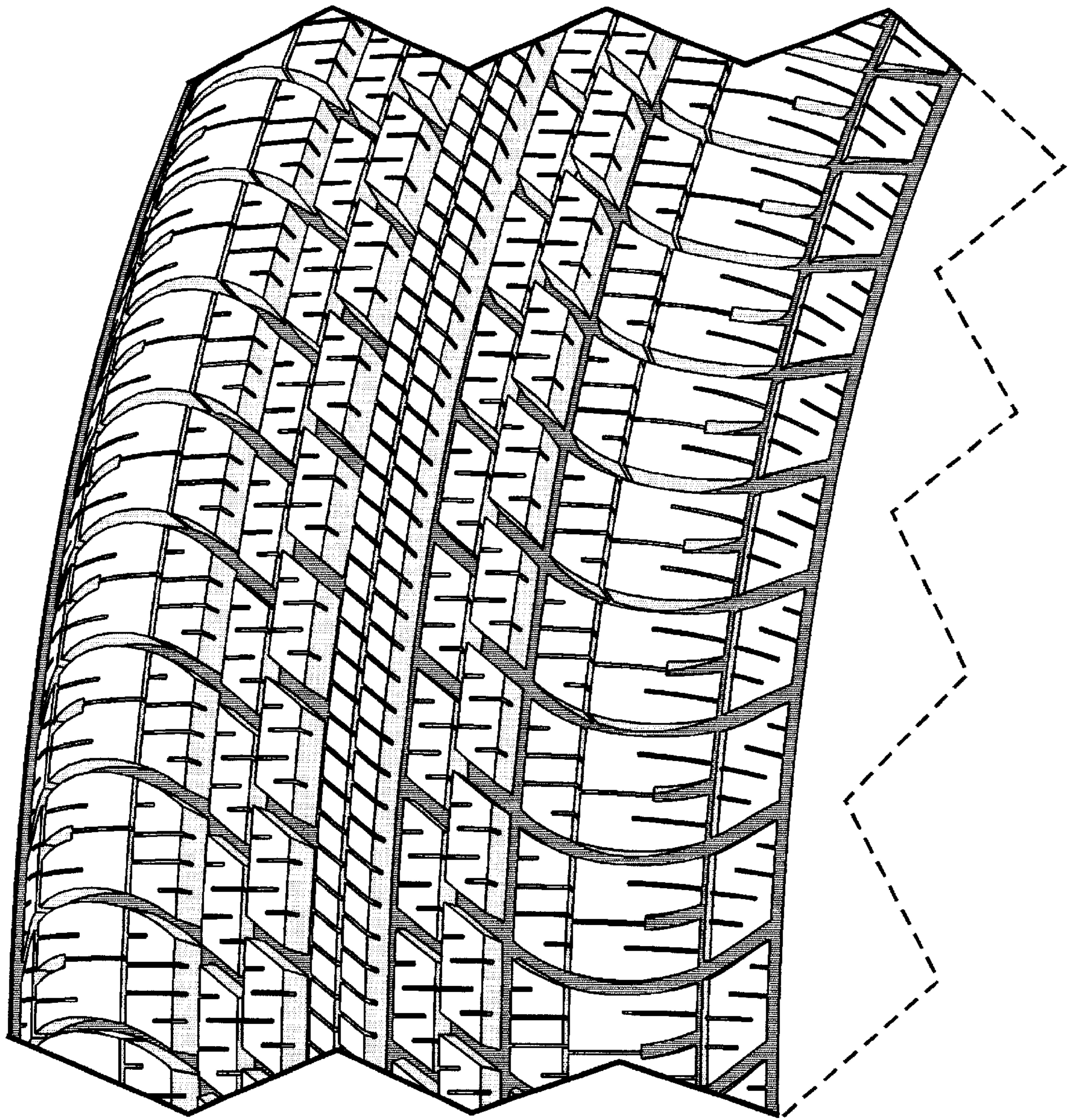


FIG-4