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(54) **TIRE TREAD**

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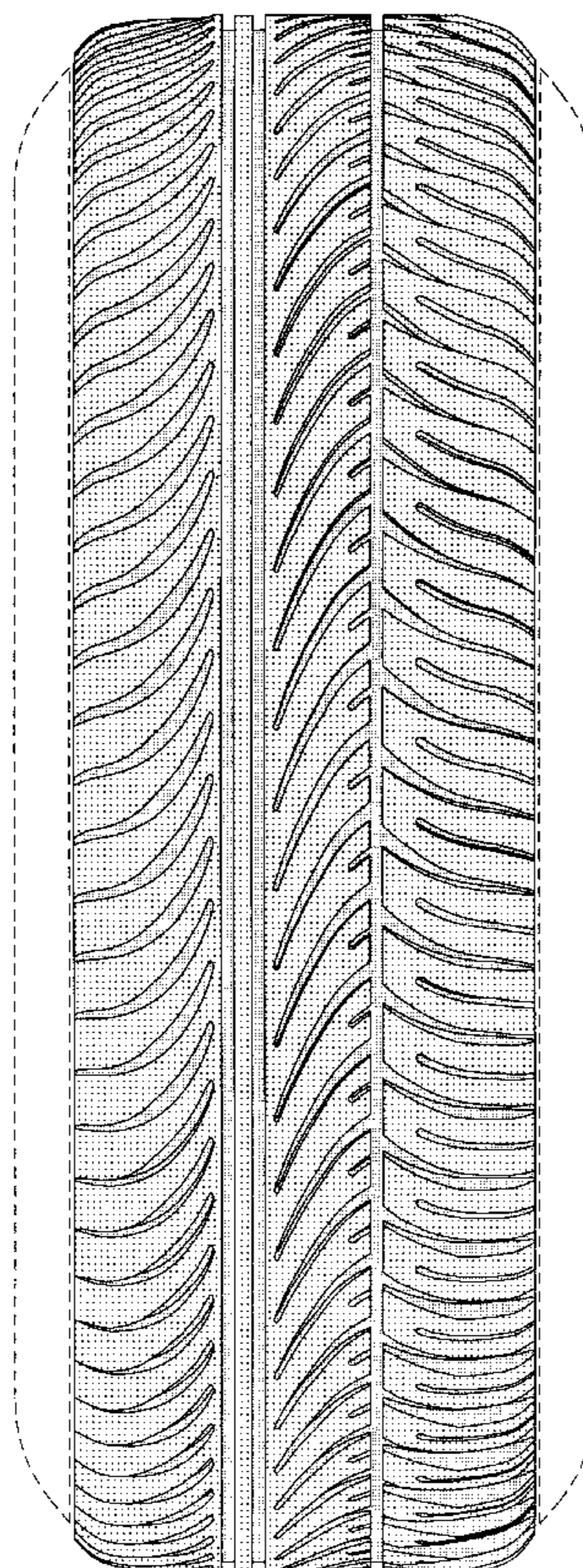
(57) **CLAIM**

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;
FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof;
FIG. 4 is a side elevational view the opposite side; and,
FIG. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view thereof.
In the drawings, the broken lines defining the sidewall and inner bead of the tire are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets



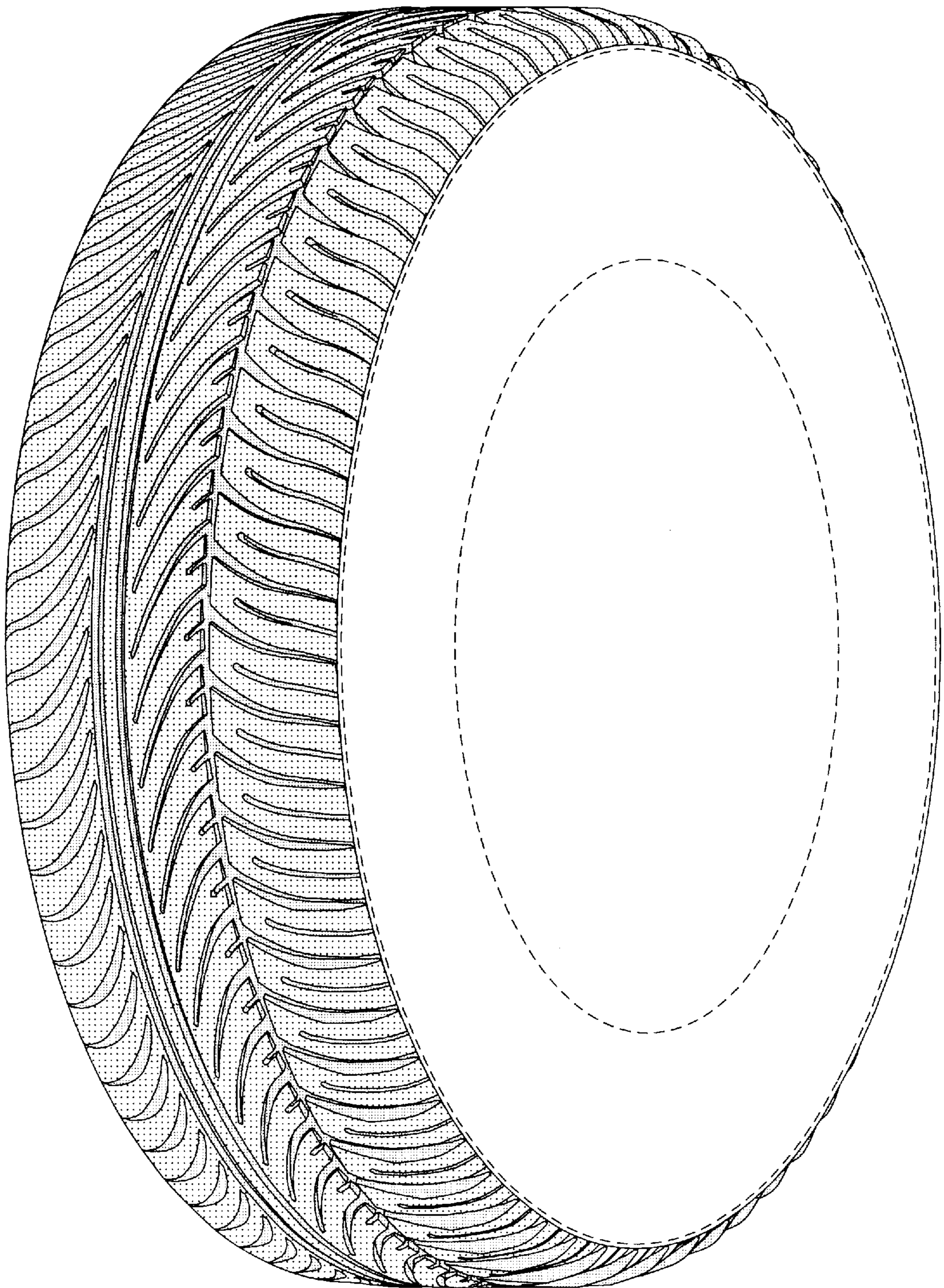


FIGURE 1

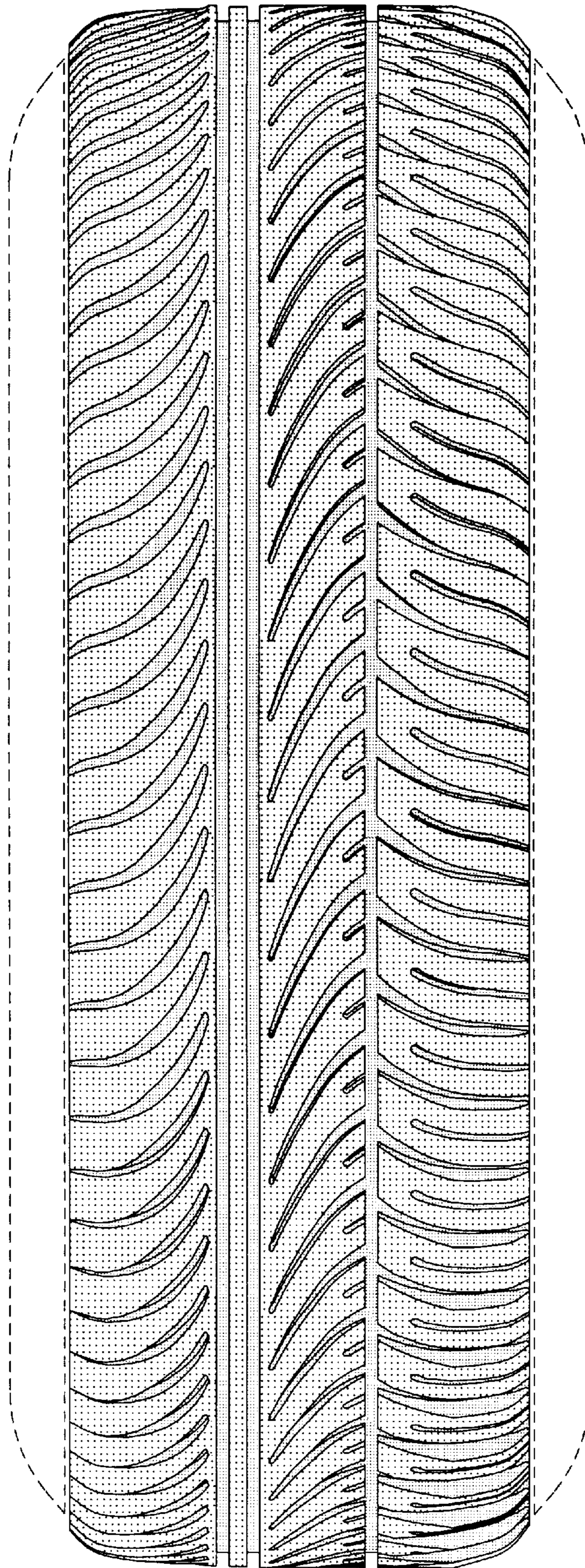


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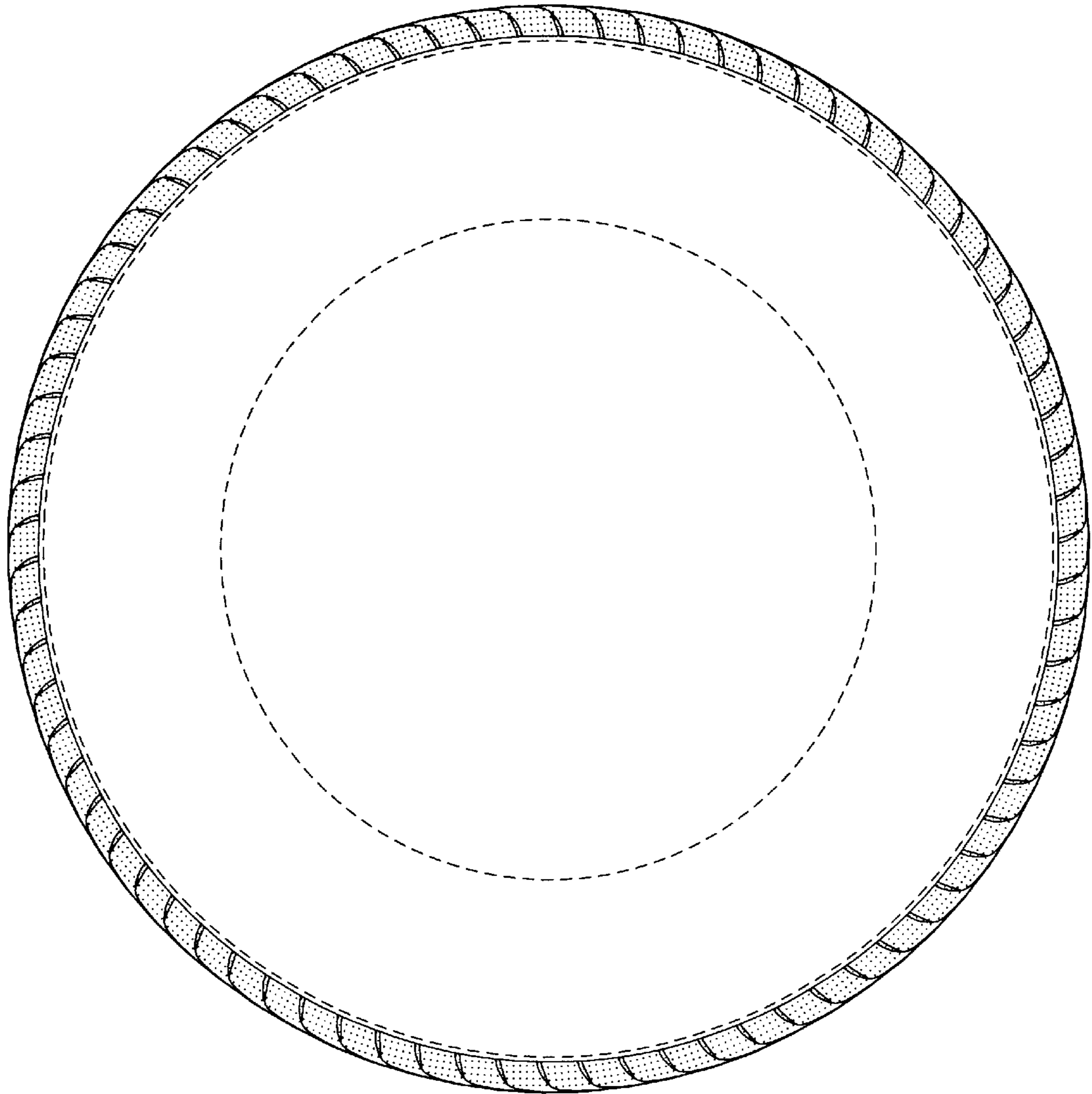


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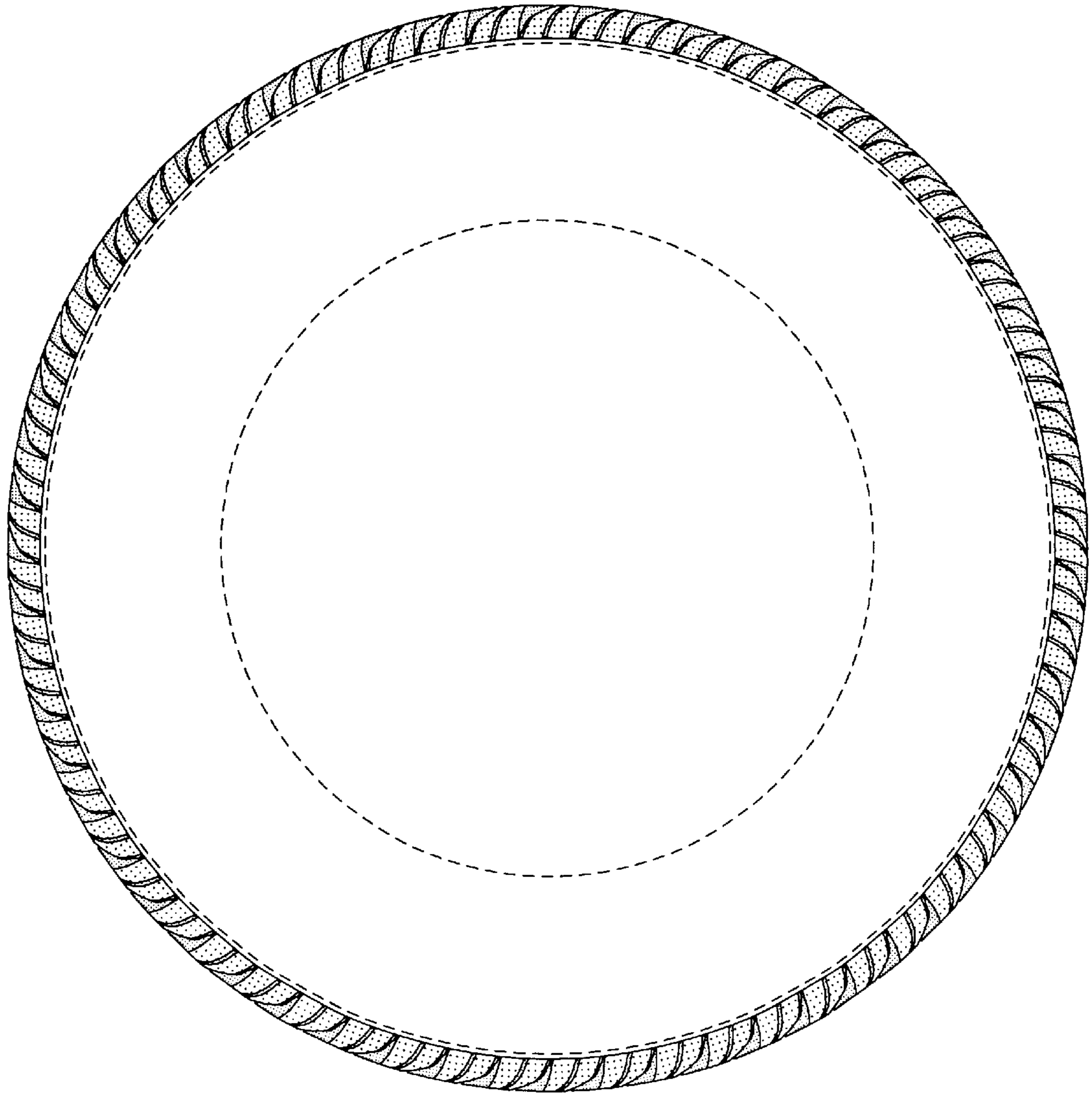


FIGURE 4

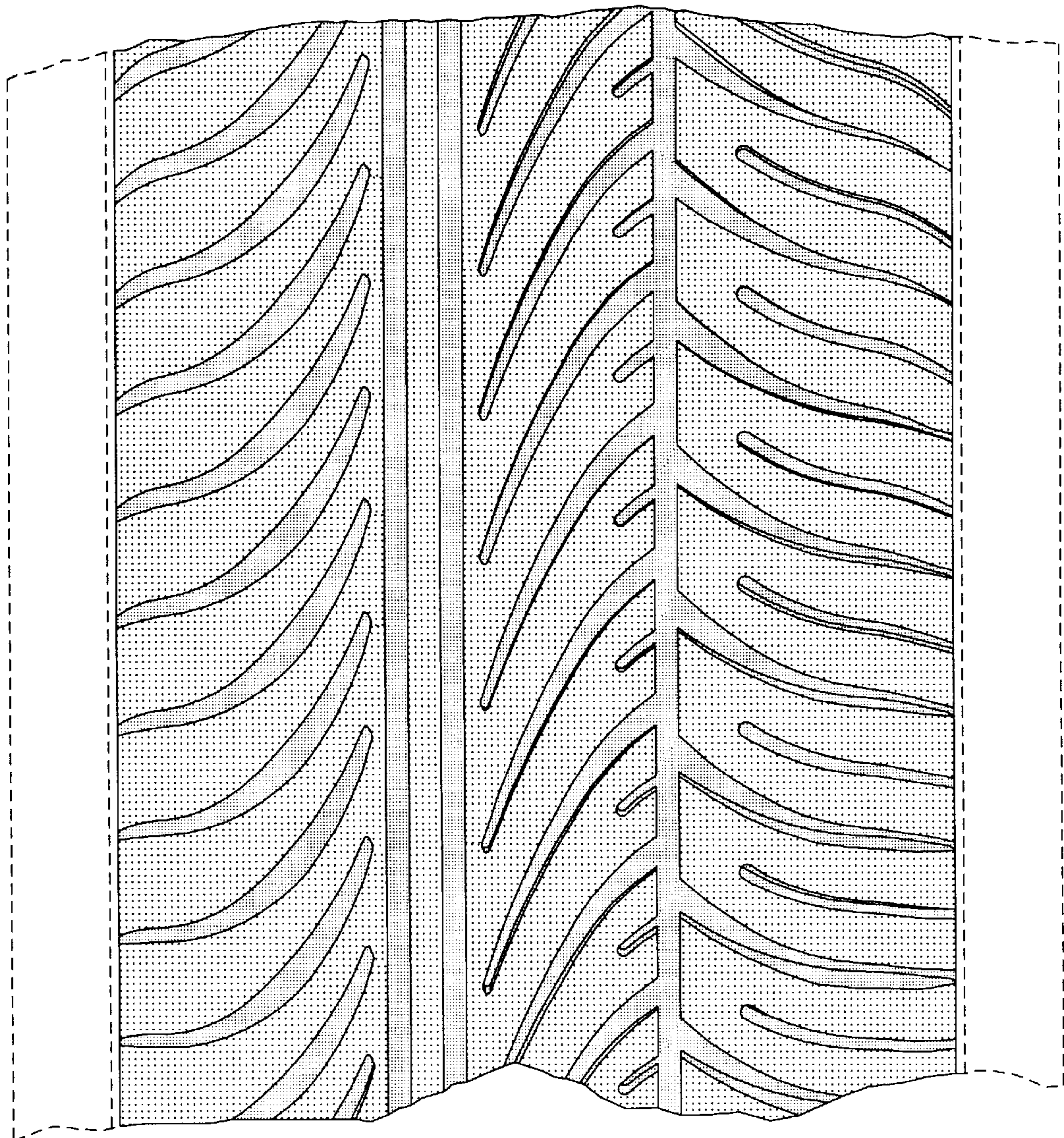


FIGURE 5