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(54) **TIRE TREAD**

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(57) **CLAIM**

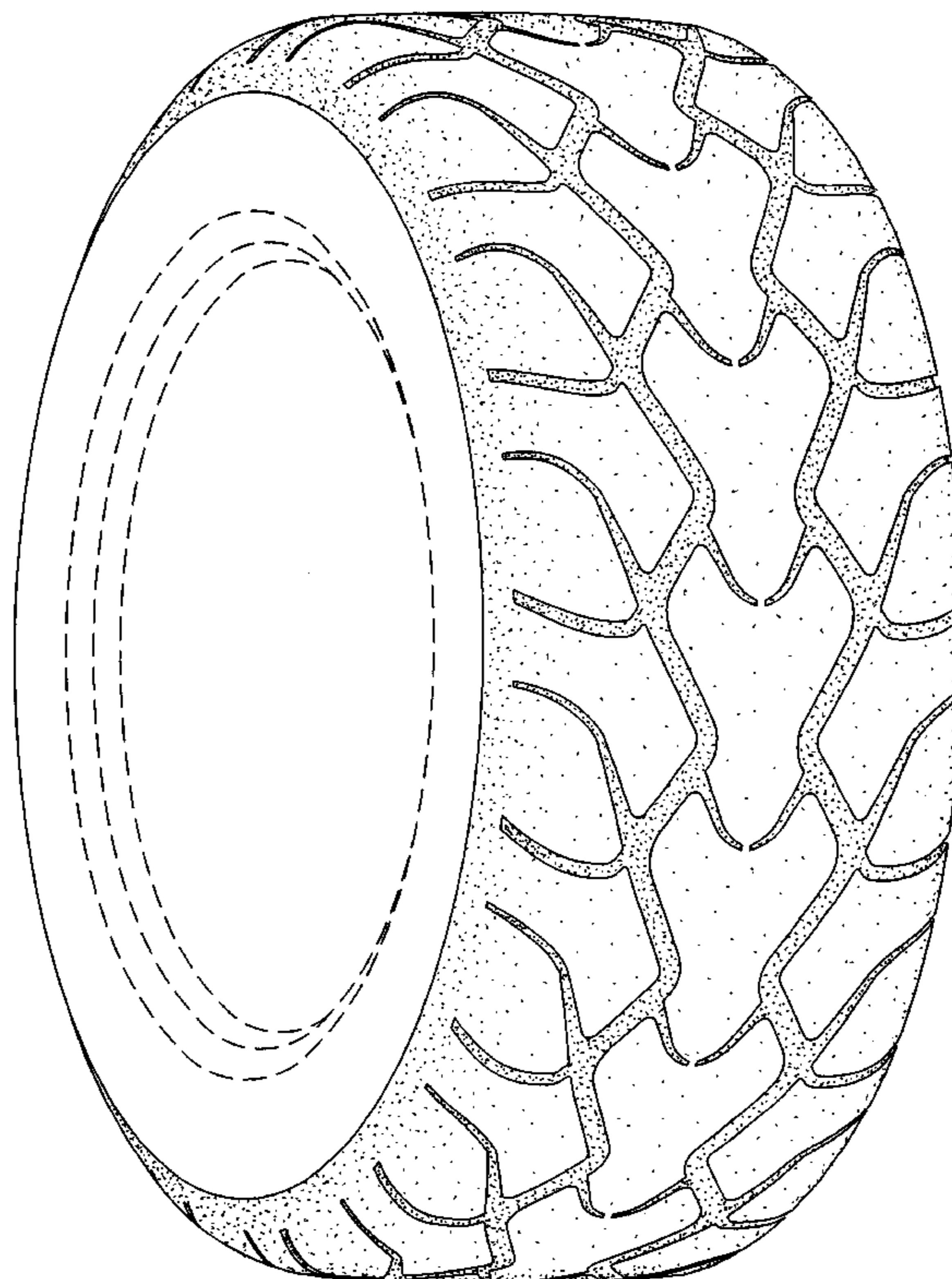
The ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and
described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new
design, it being understood that a tread pattern is repeated
over the outer circumference and shoulder of the tire, the
opposite side perspective view being identical thereto; and,
FIG. 2 is a enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the
tread pattern of FIG. 1.

In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents
the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as
best shown along the right edge of FIG. 1. The broken line
disclosure of a tire sidewall and inner bead is for illustrative
purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



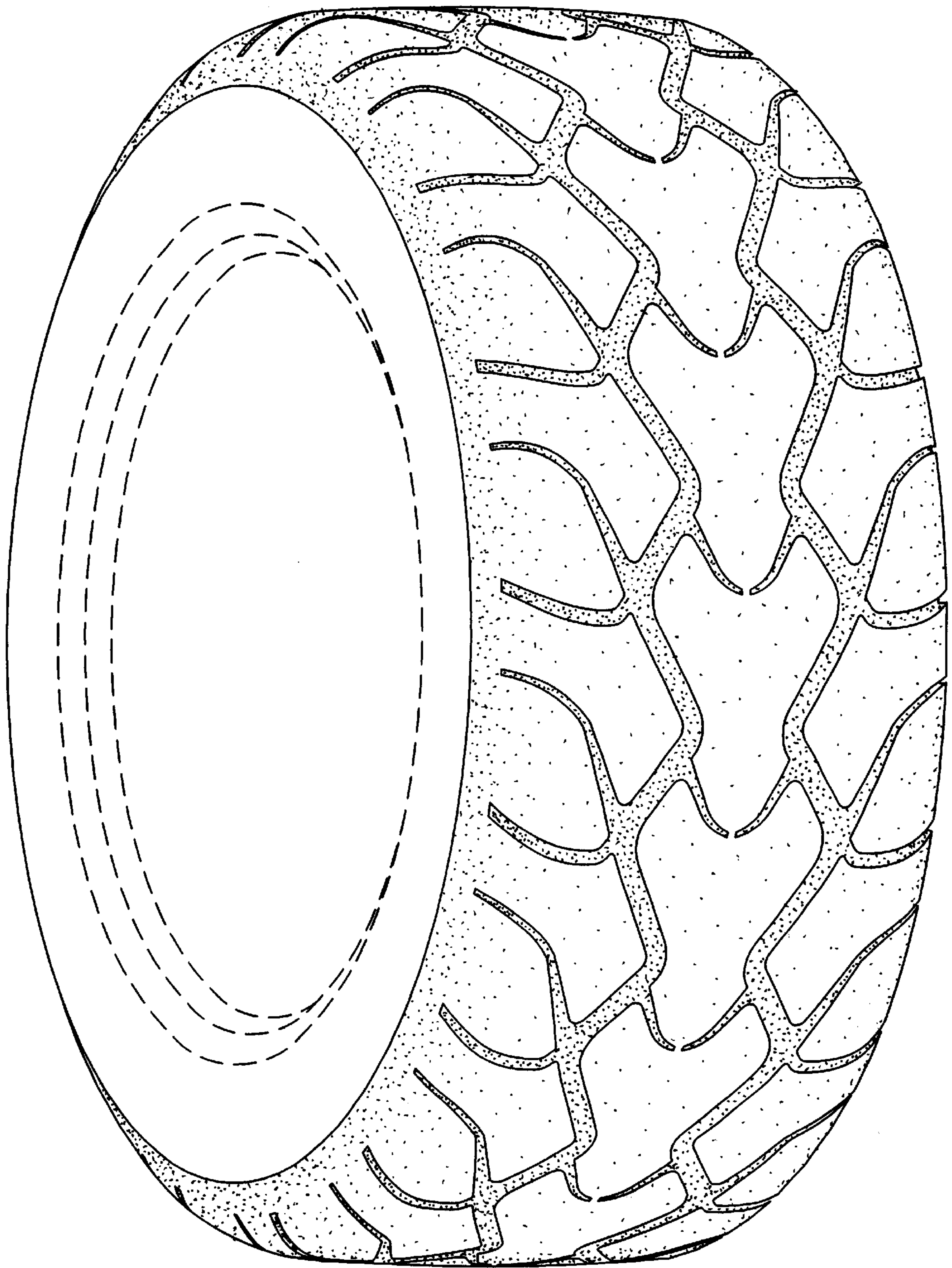


Fig. 1

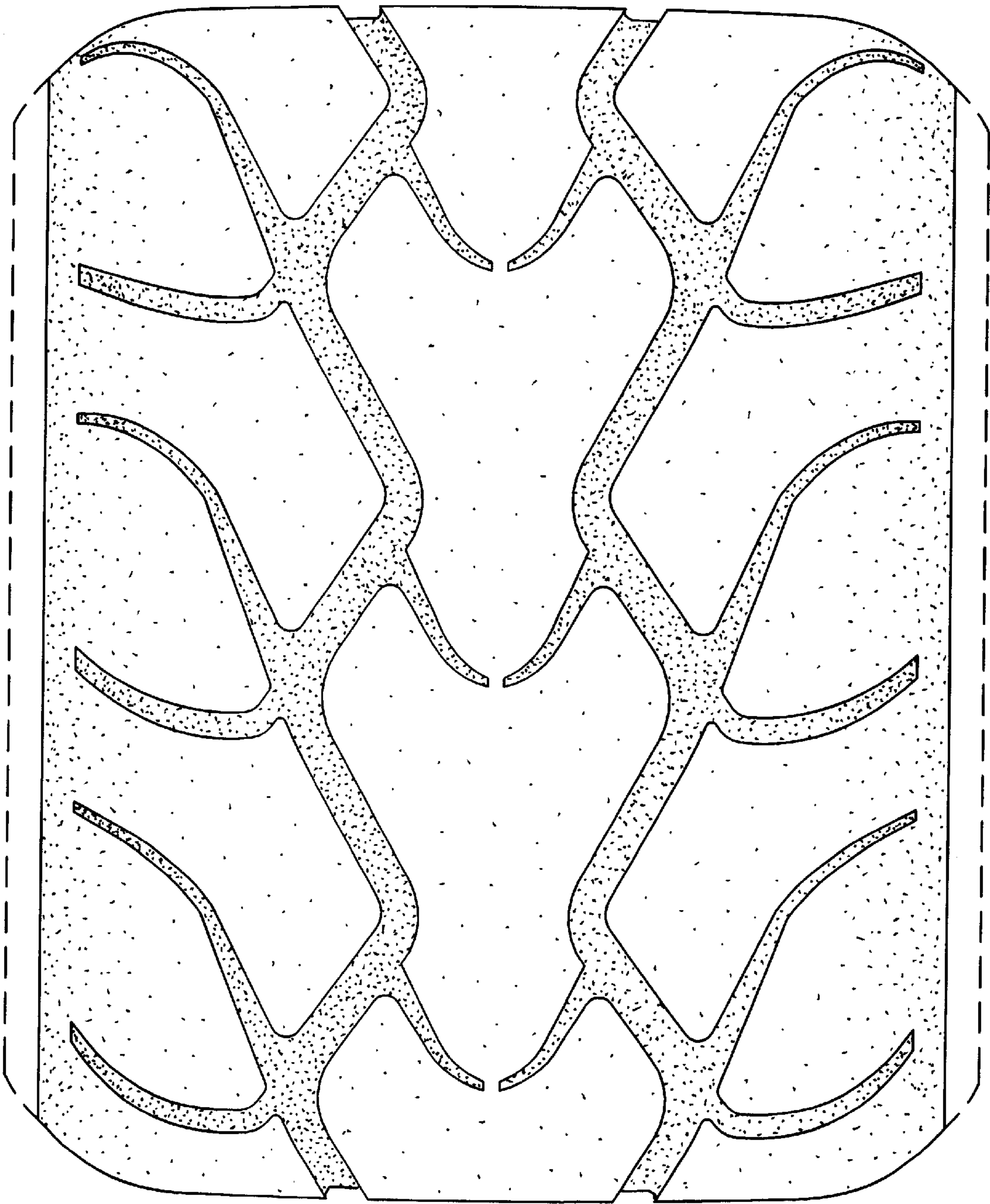


Fig. 2