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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE** D444,424 S * 7/2001 Habay D12/588

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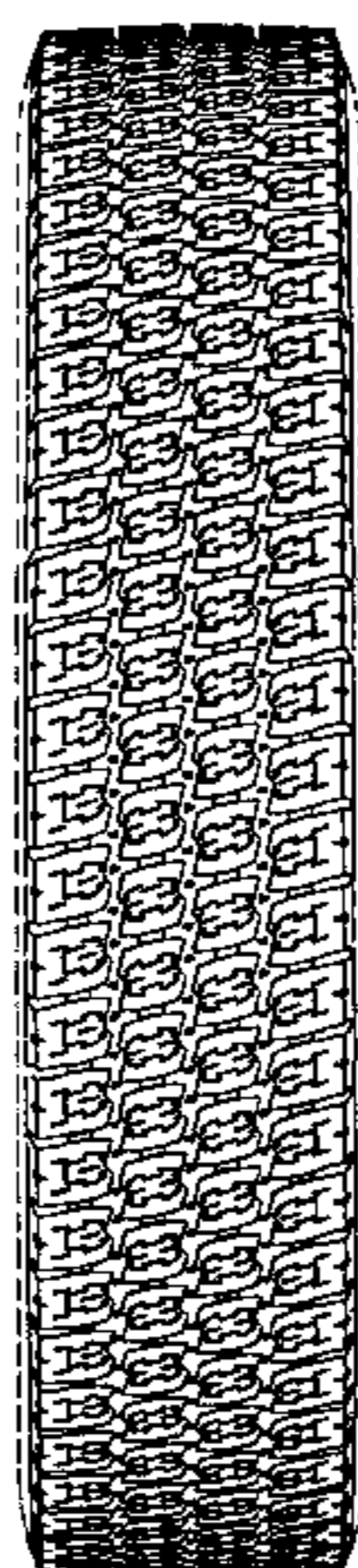
The ornamental design for a tread of a tire, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

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

The broken lines showing the inner bead in FIG. 1 and the sidewalls in FIG. 2 are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



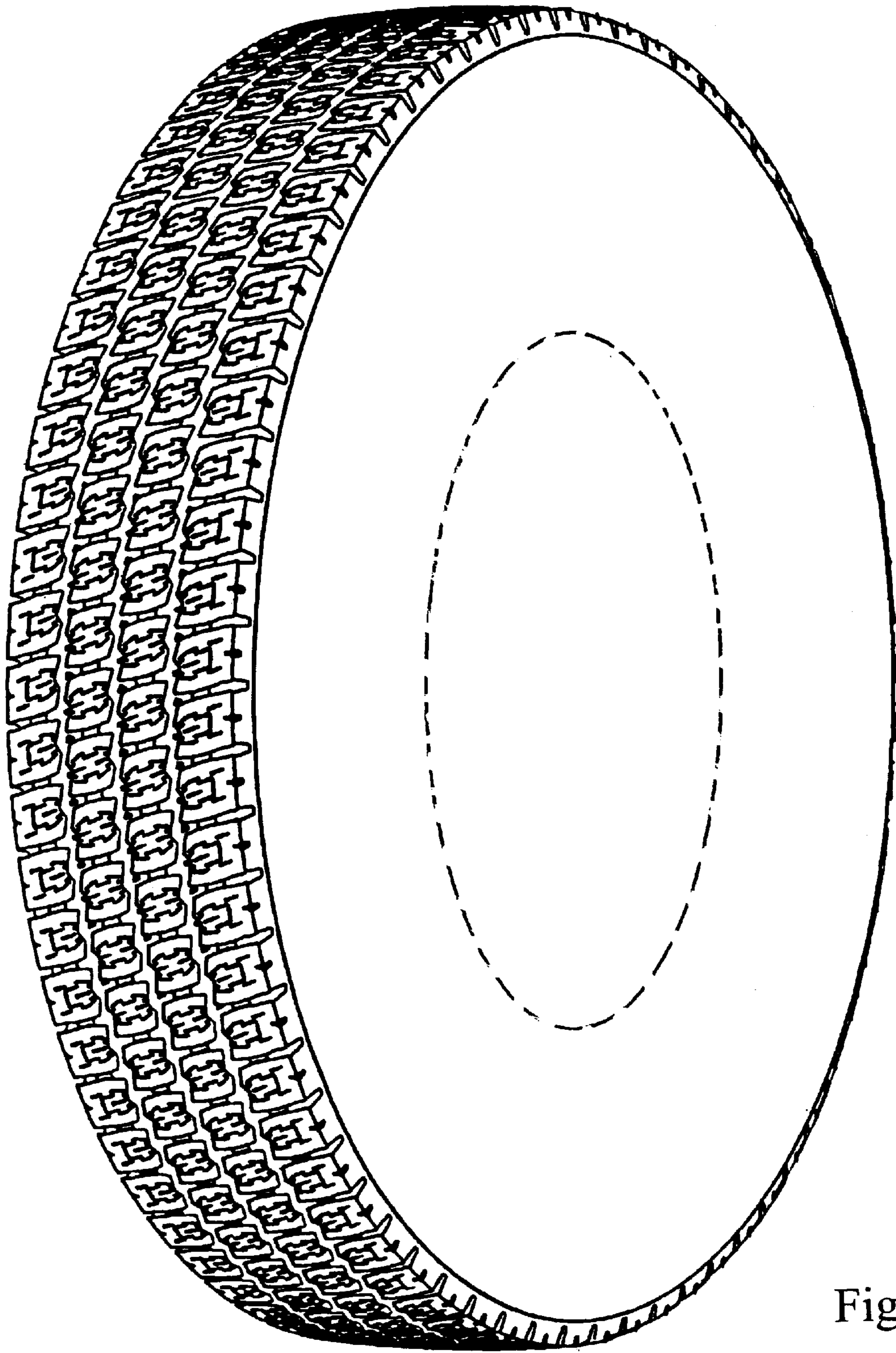


Figure 1

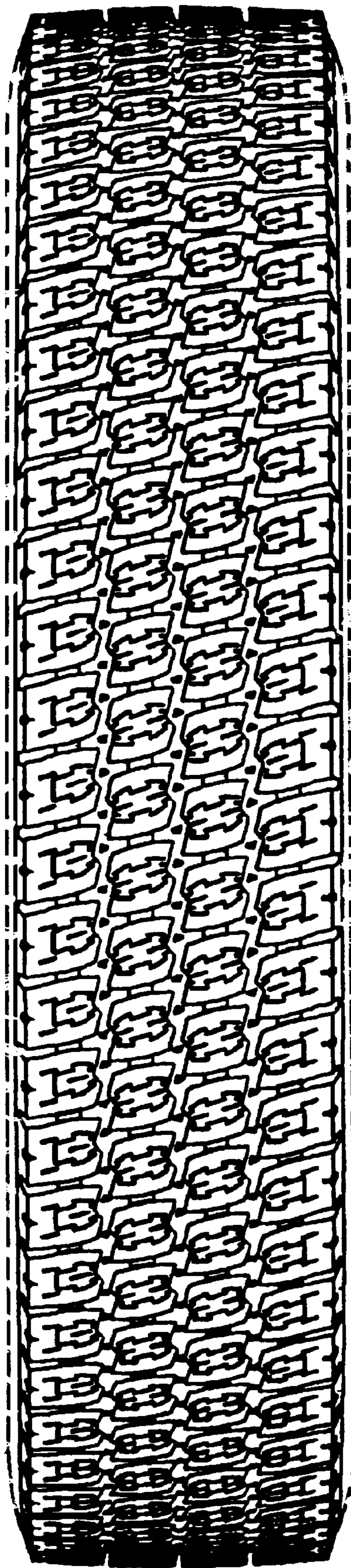


Figure 2