



US00D469398S

(12) **United States Design Patent**  
**Thompson et al.**

(10) **Patent No.: US D469,398 S**

(45) **Date of Patent: \*\* Jan. 28, 2003**

(54) **TIRE TREAD**

(75) Inventors: **Ronald H. Thompson**, Greenville, SC (US); **Stephen J. Lash**, Simpsonville, SC (US); **Scott M. Waters**, Hollis, NH (US); **Shih-Tao Chang**, Nashua, NH (US)

(73) Assignee: **Michelin Recherche et Technique, S.A.**, Grange-Paccot (CH)

(\*\*) Term: **14 Years**

(21) Appl. No.: **29/153,564**

(22) Filed: **Jan. 9, 2002**

**Related U.S. Application Data**

(63) Continuation of application No. 29/146,694, filed on Aug. 14, 2001.

(51) **LOC (7) Cl.** ..... **12-15**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **D12/569**

(58) **Field of Search** ..... D12/534, 535, D12/536, 537, 538, 552, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 587, 209.1, 209.11, 209.12, 209.13

(56) **References Cited**

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

D43,439 S	*	1/1913	Sempe	.....	D12/570
D49,953 S	*	11/1916	Denman	.....	D12/571
D62,172 S	*	4/1923	Paull	.....	D12/534
D63,900 S	*	2/1924	Hoyt	.....	D12/569
D64,193 S	*	3/1924	Marshall	.....	D12/534
D64,741 S	*	5/1924	Germain	.....	D12/534
D64,811 S	*	6/1924	Pfeiffer	.....	D12/571
D64,814 S	*	6/1924	Pfeiffer	.....	D12/570
4,289,182 A	*	9/1981	Sato et al.	.....	152/209.11

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Tread Design Guide, 1999. p. 217, FIRESTONE MCS VT-01R.

Tread Design Guide, 1987, p. 249, CONTINENTAL TKV 11 (Front).

Tread Design Guide, 1987, p. 253, YOKOHAMA F210.

Tread Design Guide, 2000, p. 207, METZELER BLOCK K.

Tread Design Guide, 2000, p. 209, MICHELIN T66 (Front).

Tread Design Guide, 2000, p. 209, MICHELIN Macadam 90X (Front).

\* cited by examiner

*Primary Examiner*—Robert M. Spear

(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Martin Farrell; Alan A. Csontos; Robert R. Reed

(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 tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the outer surface and shoulder circumference of the tire tread, the diametrically opposite side perspective view being identical thereto;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the tire tread of FIG. 1, the enlarged fragmentary rear elevation being identical thereto;

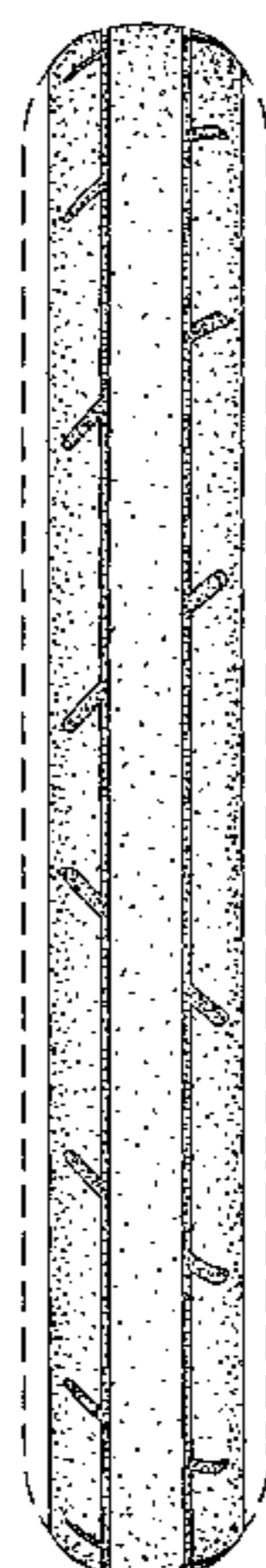
FIG. 3 is a full front elevation view of the tire tread thereof, the full rear elevation view being identical thereto; and,

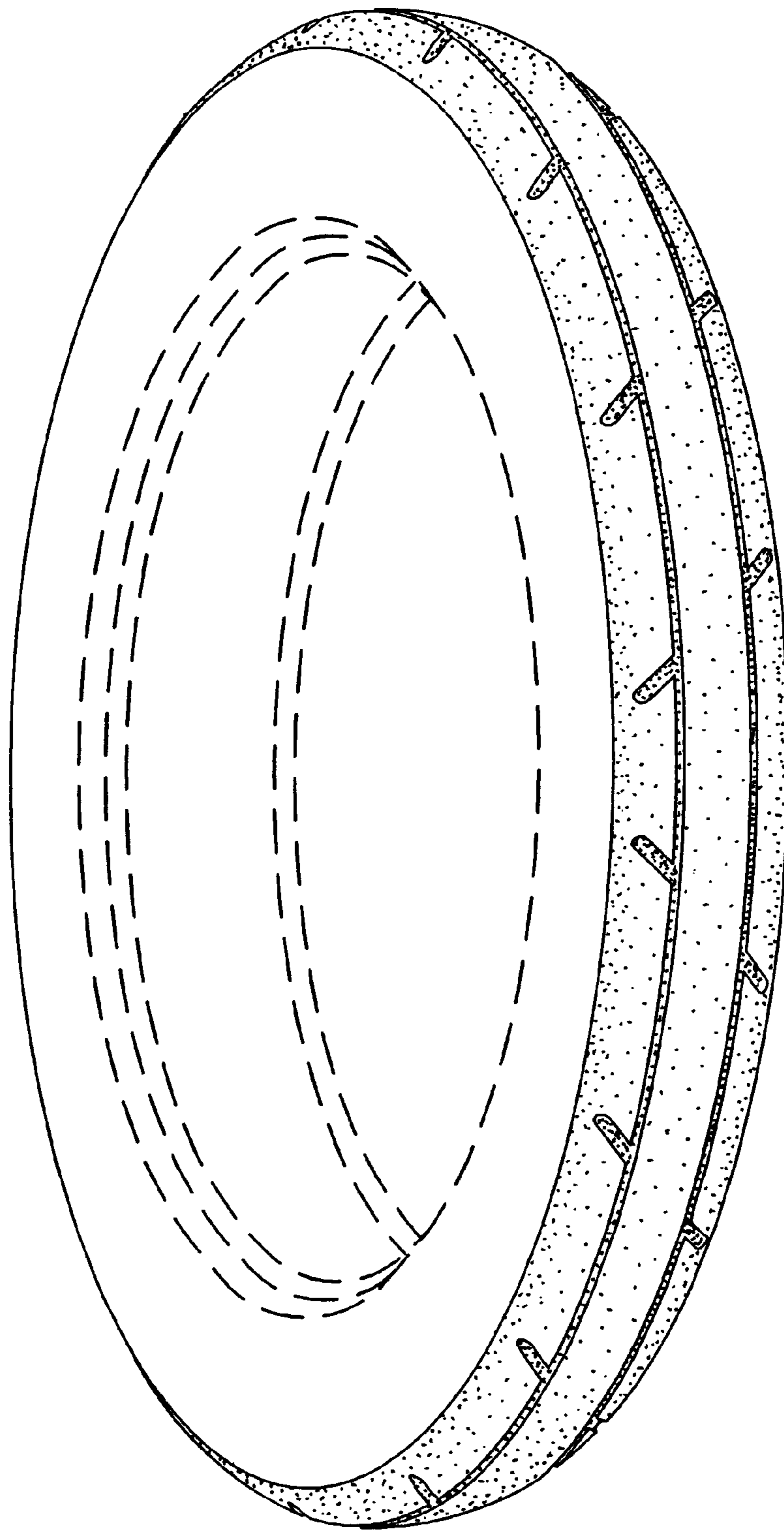
FIG. 4 is a full side elevation view of the tire tread thereof, the opposite side elevation view being identical thereto.

The broken line disclosure of the tire sidewall and inner bead is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

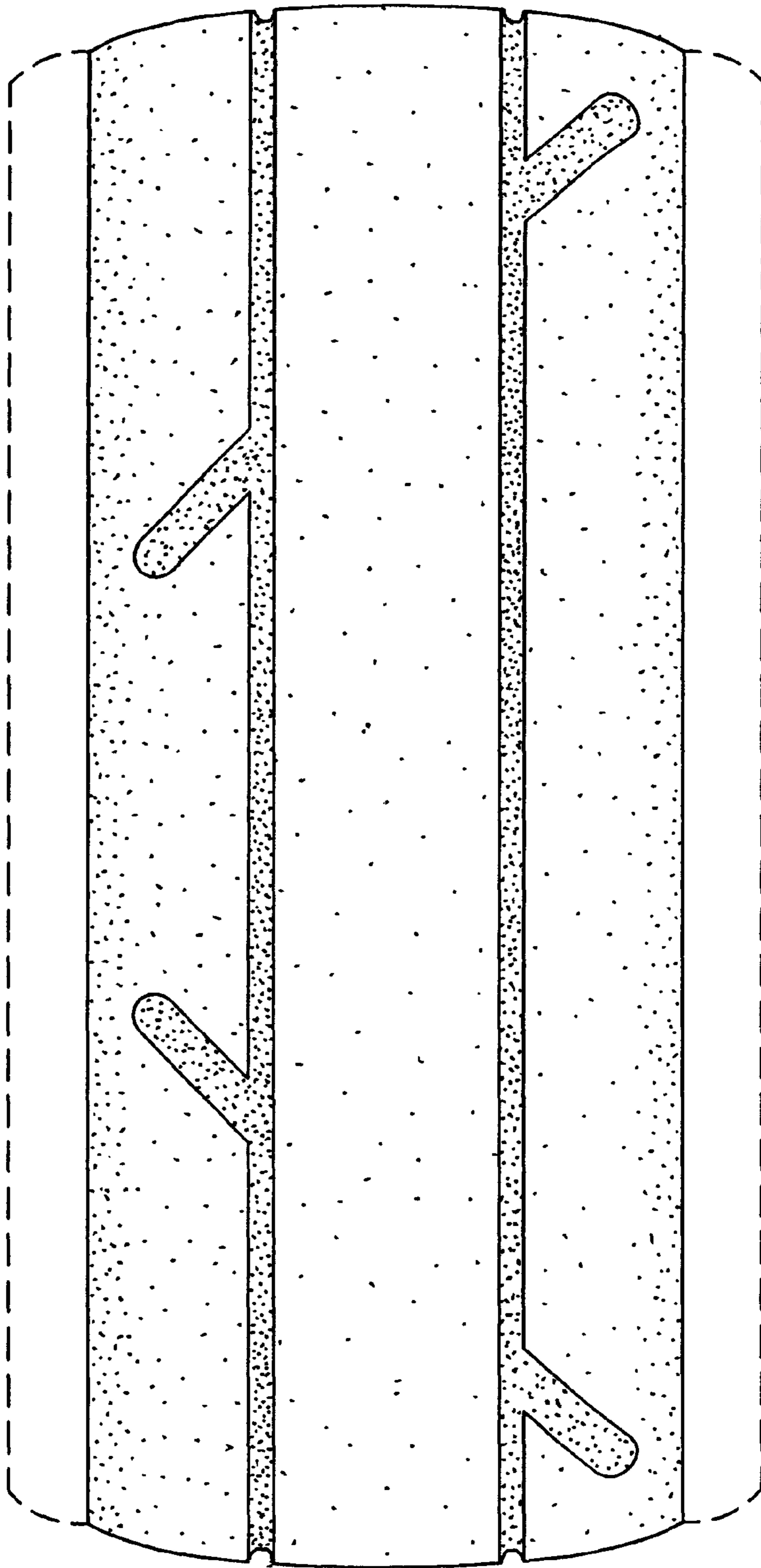
In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having a depth as best shown at the top and bottom edges of FIG. 3.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

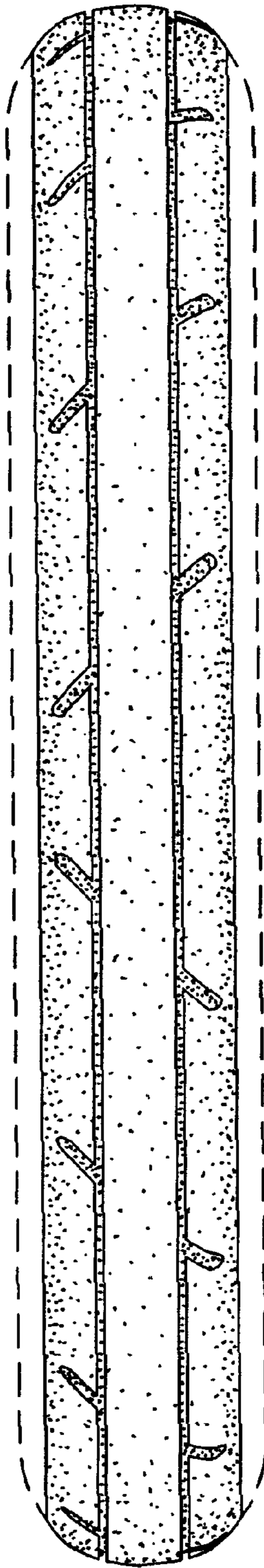




*Fig. 1*

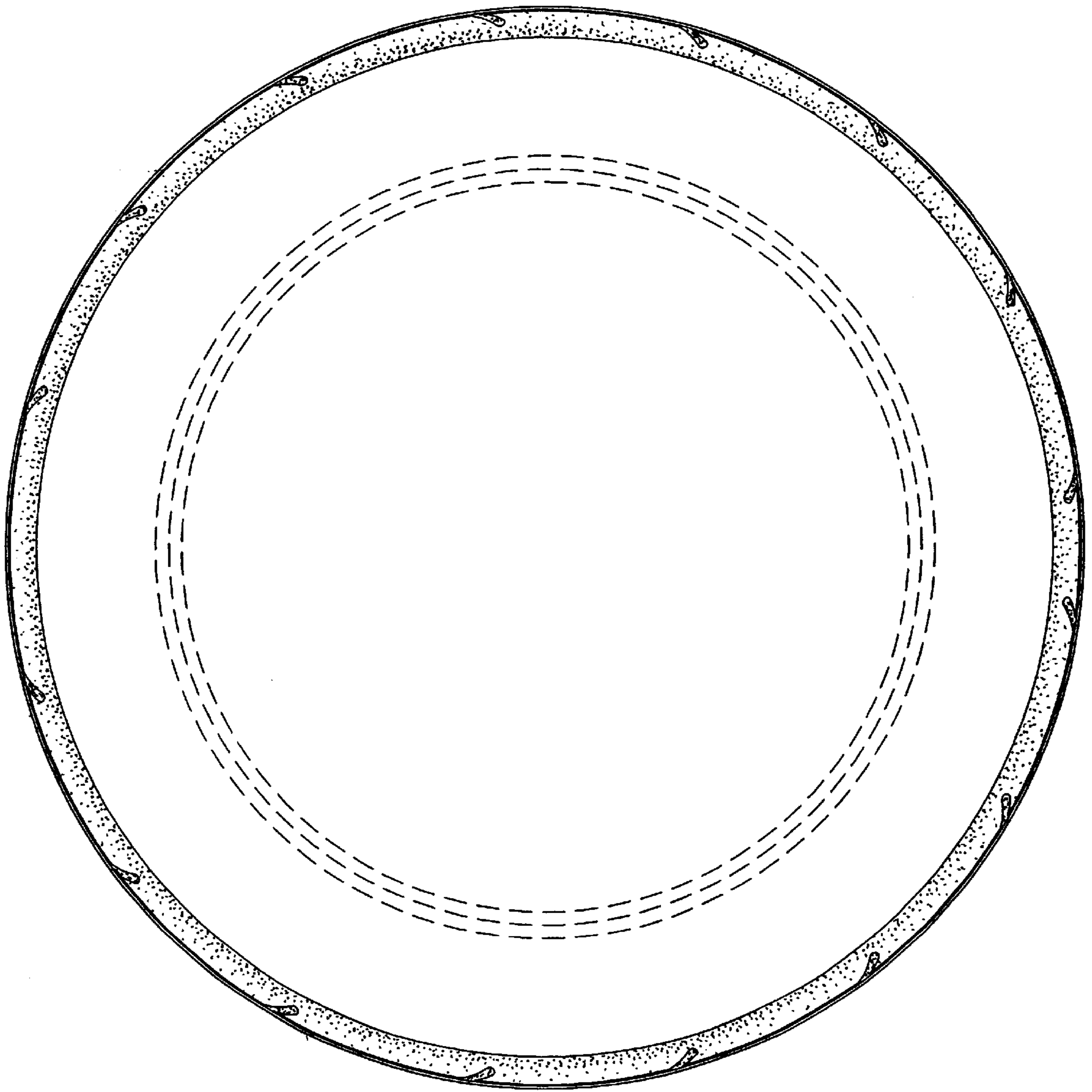


*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3*





*Fig. 4*