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(54) **TREAD PORTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

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

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tread portion of an automobile tire, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire; FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof, the top view and the bottom view are identical with the front elevational view;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevational view thereof;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary front view thereof; and, FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 7—7 in FIG. 6.

The portion of the article shown in broken lines is for illustrative purposes only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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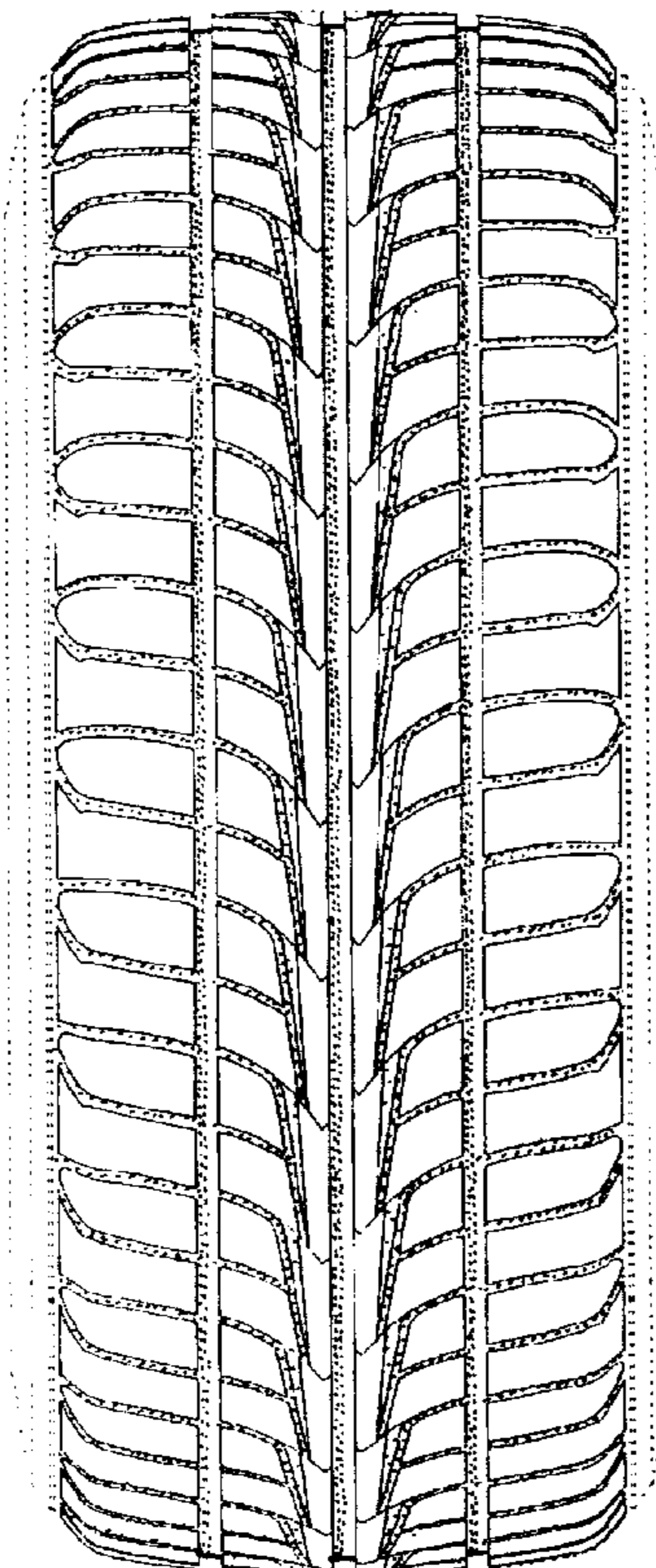


FIG. 1

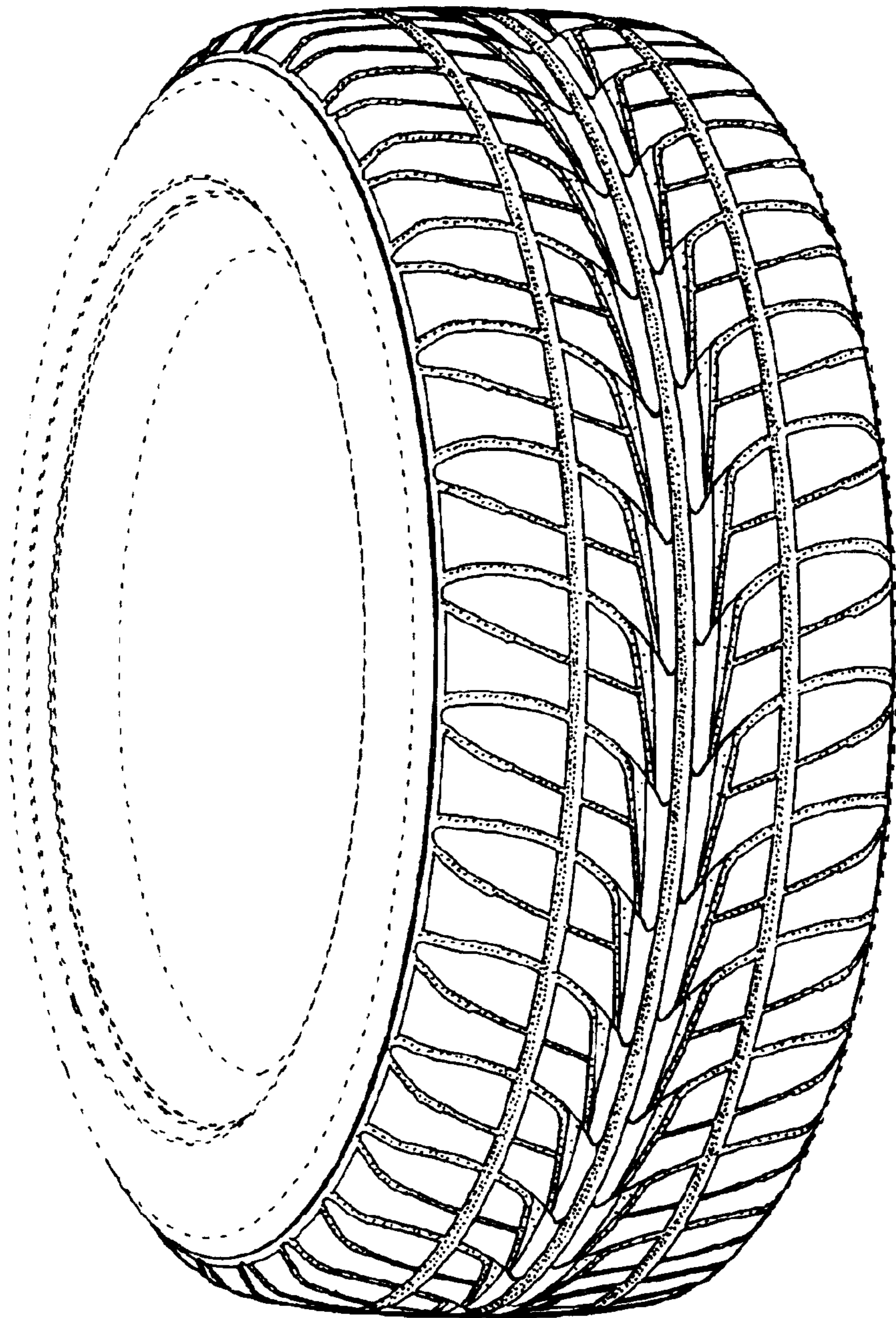


FIG. 2

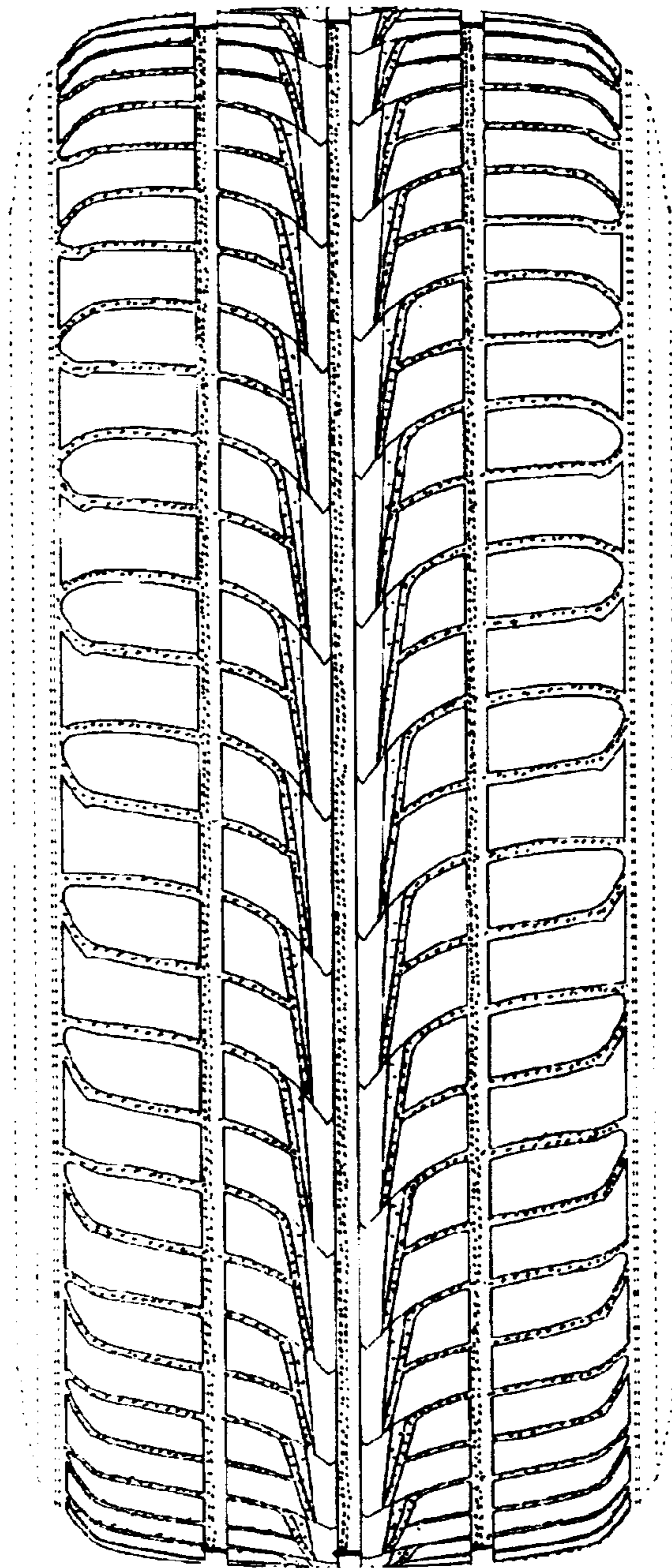


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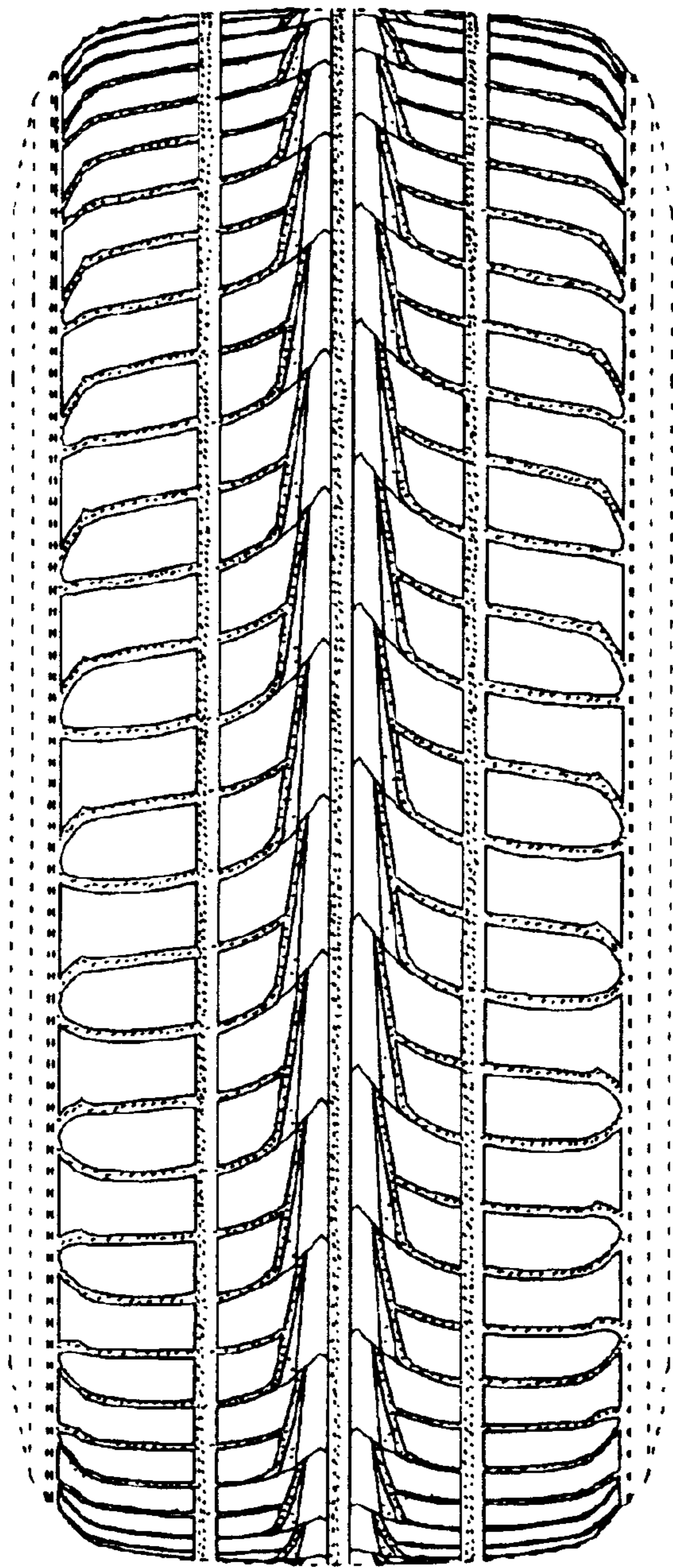


FIG. 4

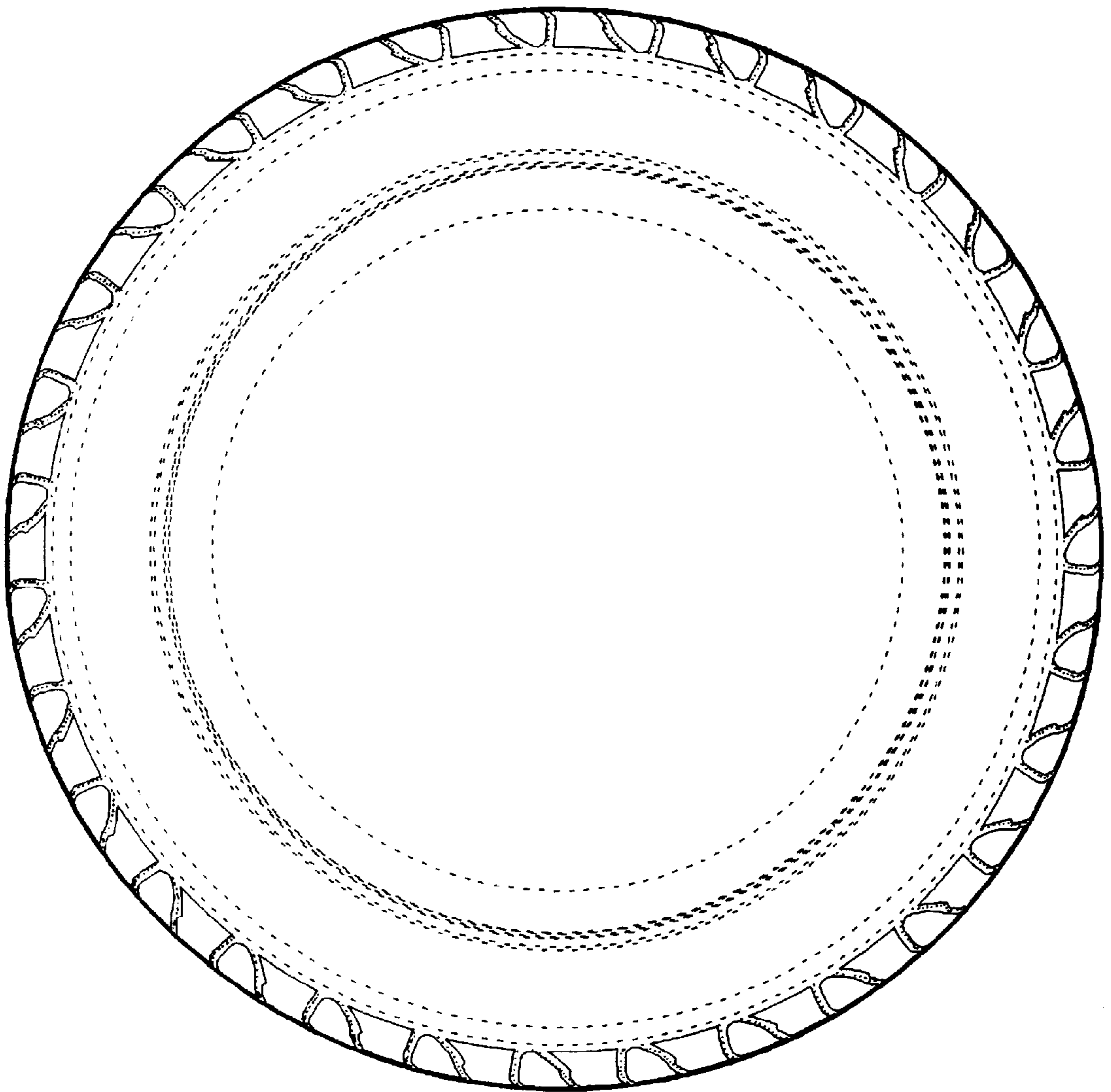


FIG. 5

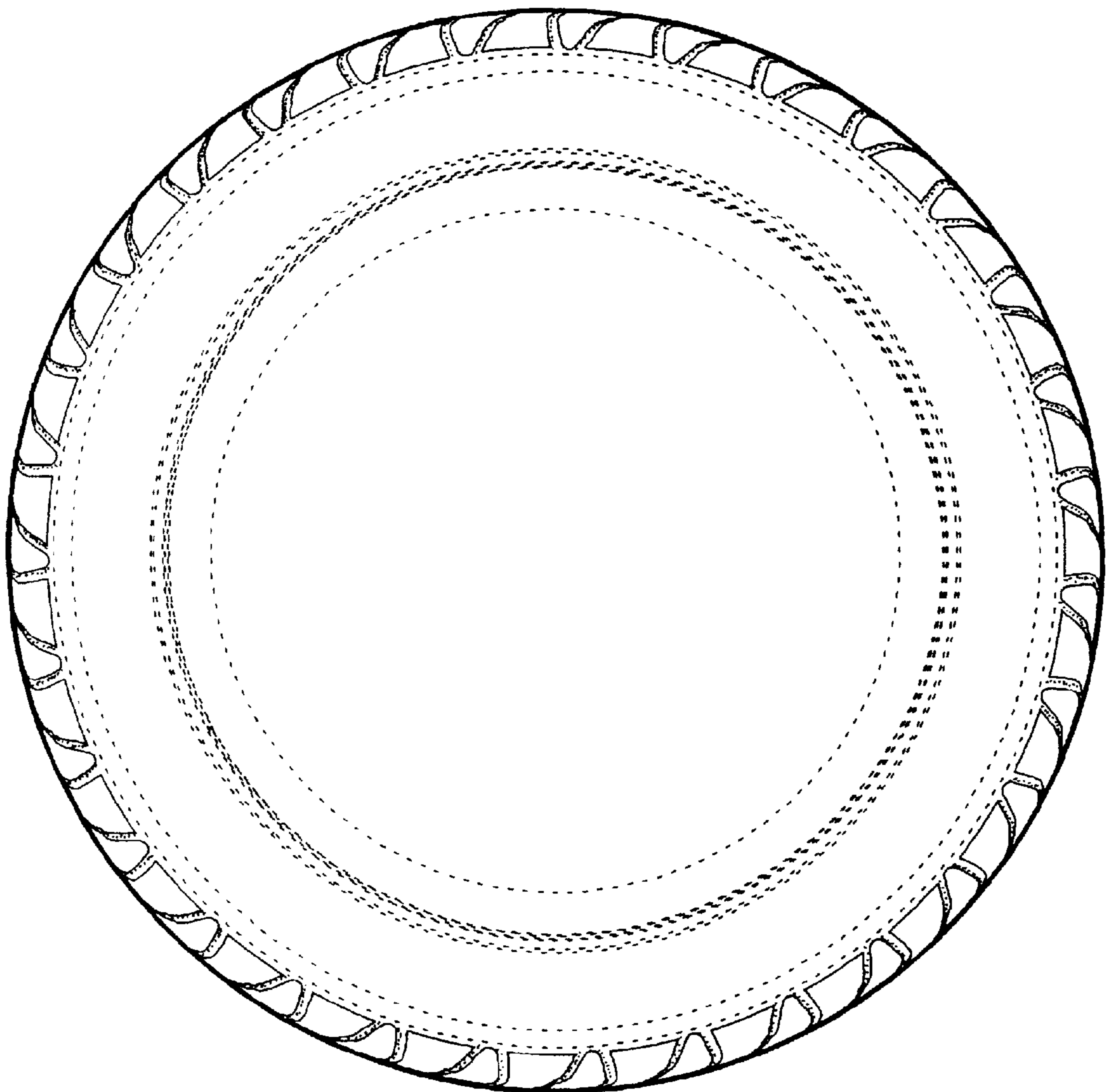


FIG. 6

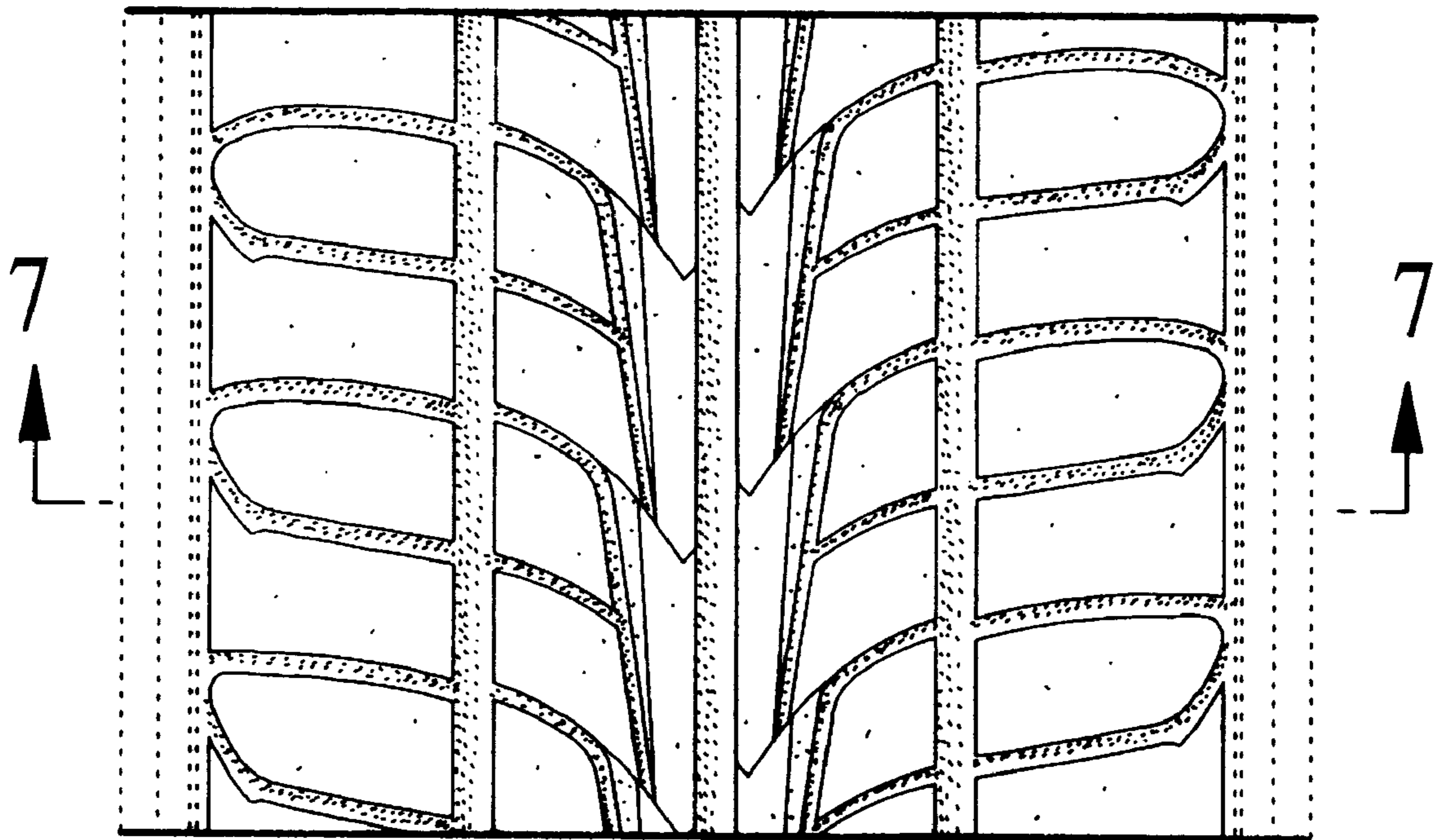


FIG. 7

