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(54) **TIRE TREAD**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

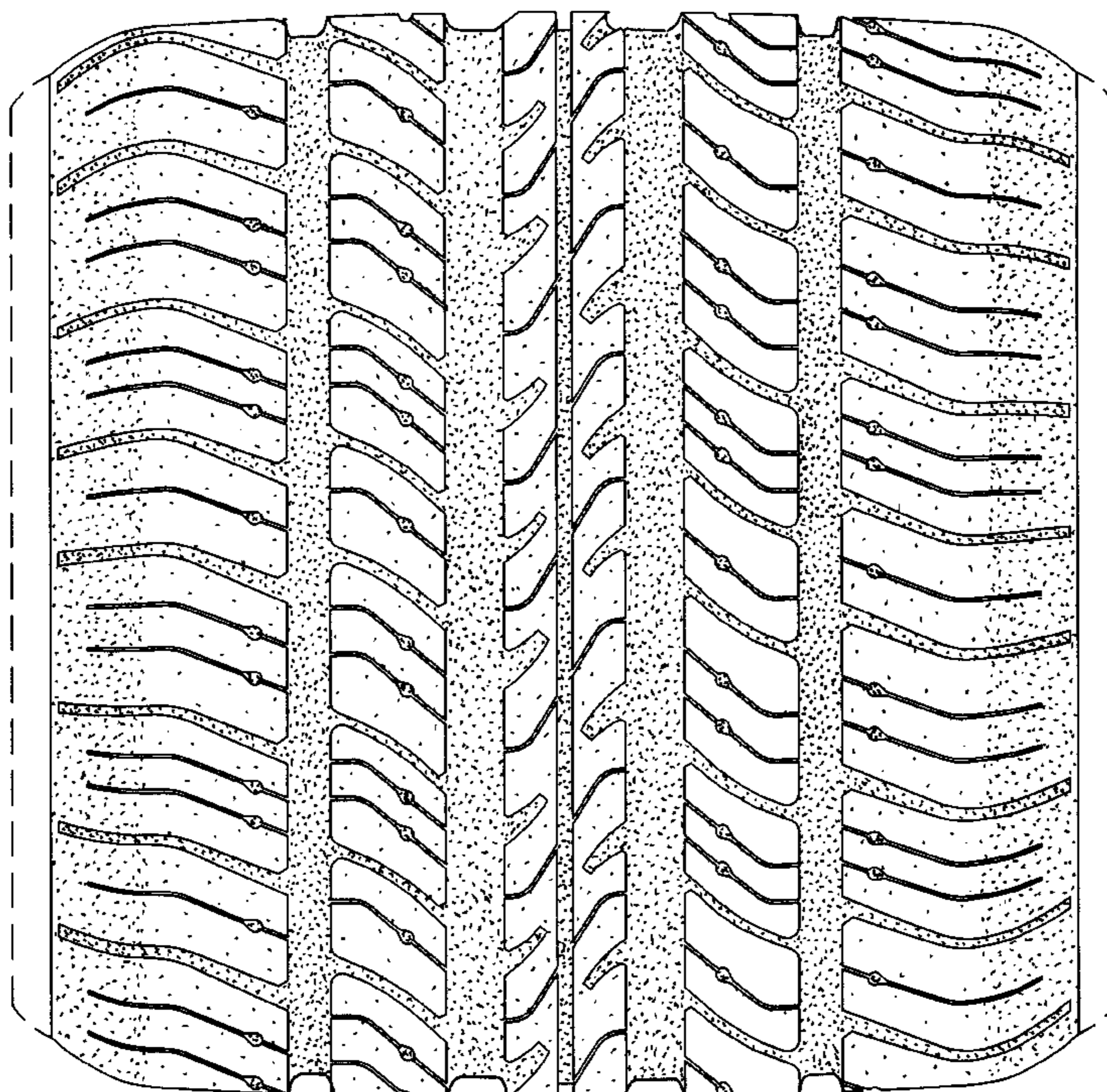
**DESCRIPTION**

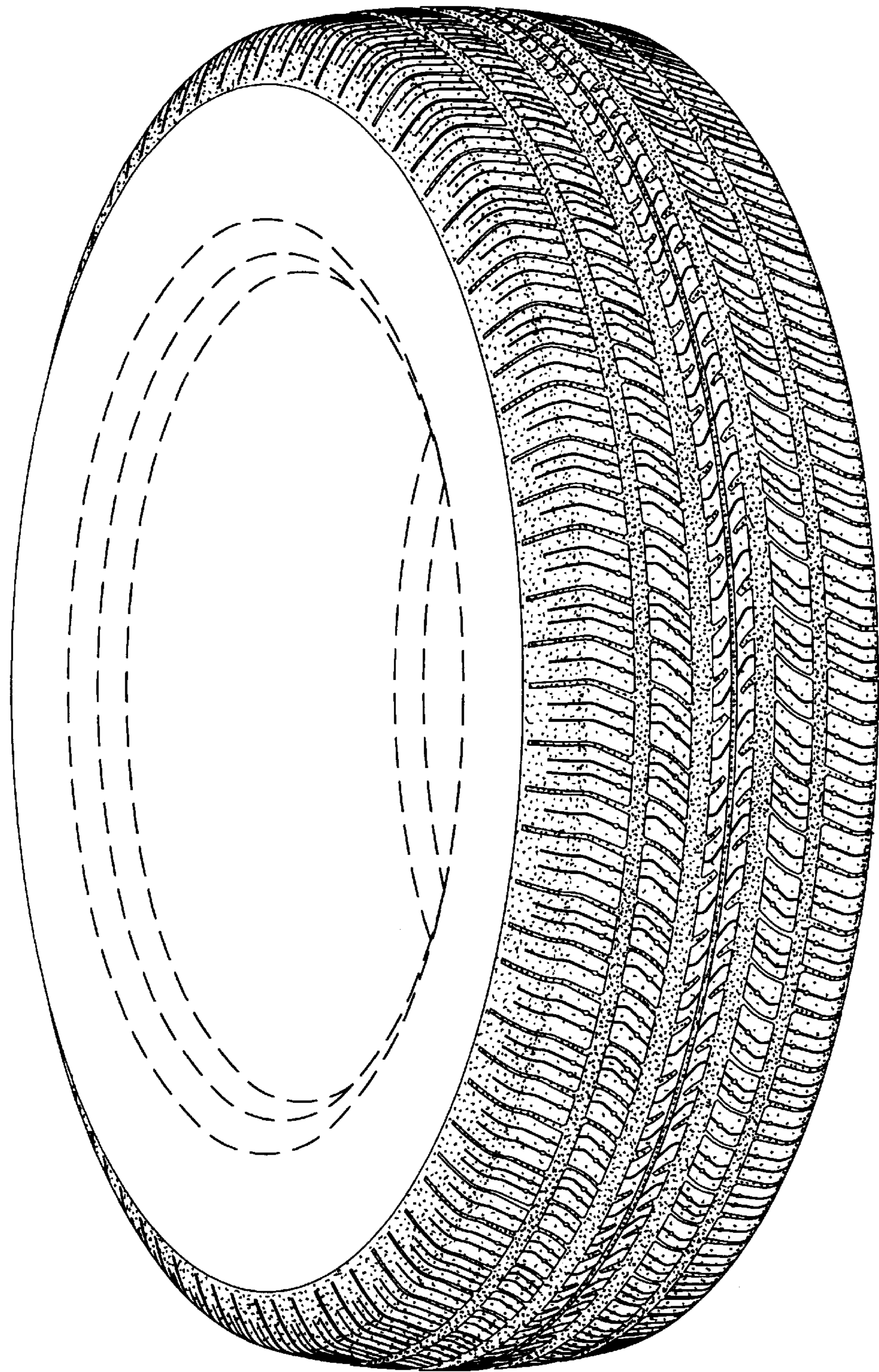
FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a tire tread showing our new  
design, it being understood that the tread pattern is repeated  
over the outer circumference of the tread and the adjacent  
shoulders of the tire, the opposite side perspective view  
being identical thereto; and,

FIG. 2 is a enlarged fragmentary front elevation view of the  
tread pattern of FIG. 1.

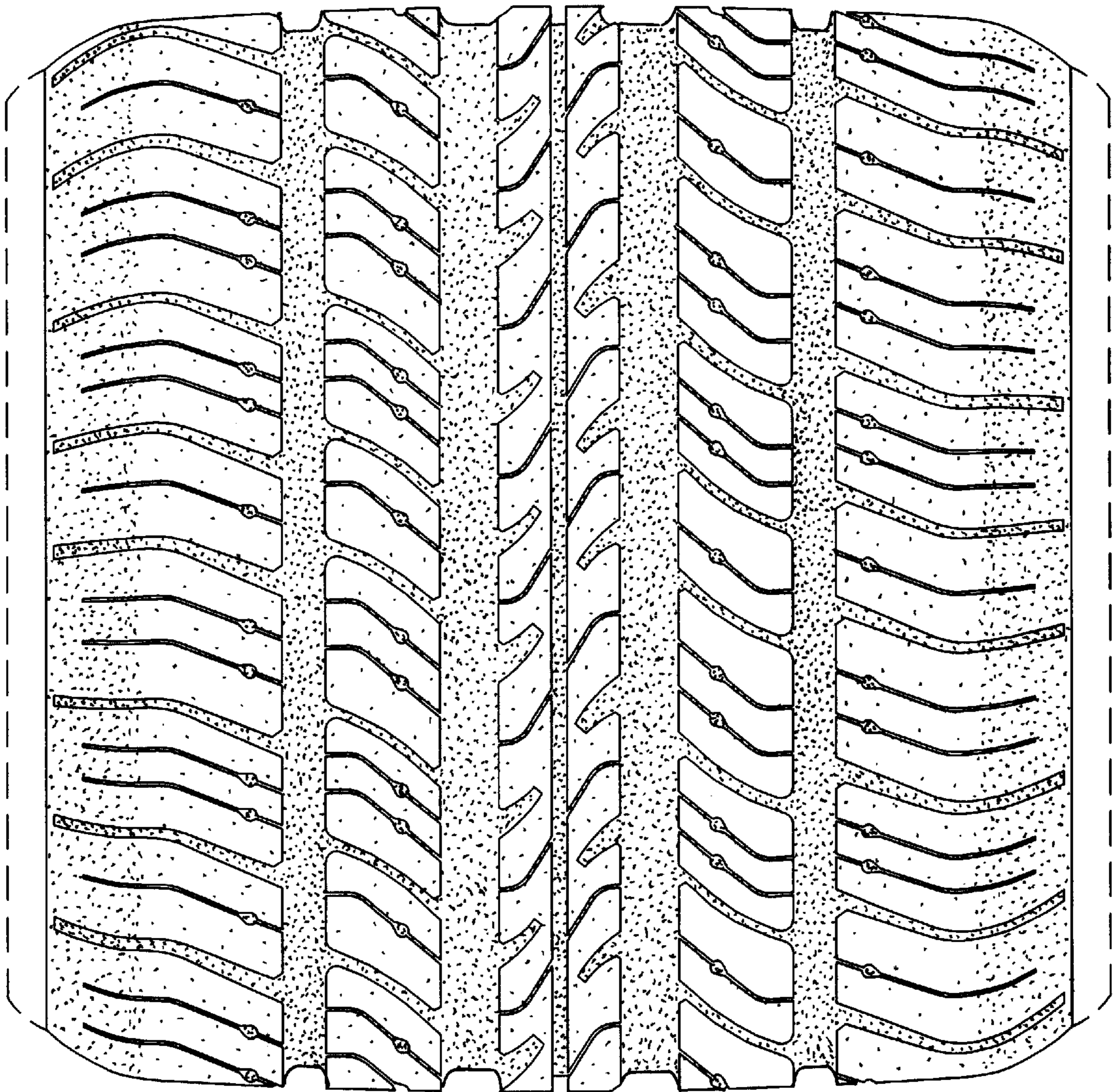
In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents  
the recessed portion of the tread grooves having a depth as  
best shown along the right edge of FIG. 1. The broken line  
disclosures of a tire sidewall and inner bead are for illustrative  
purposes only and form no part of the claimed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

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**





*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*