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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 pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

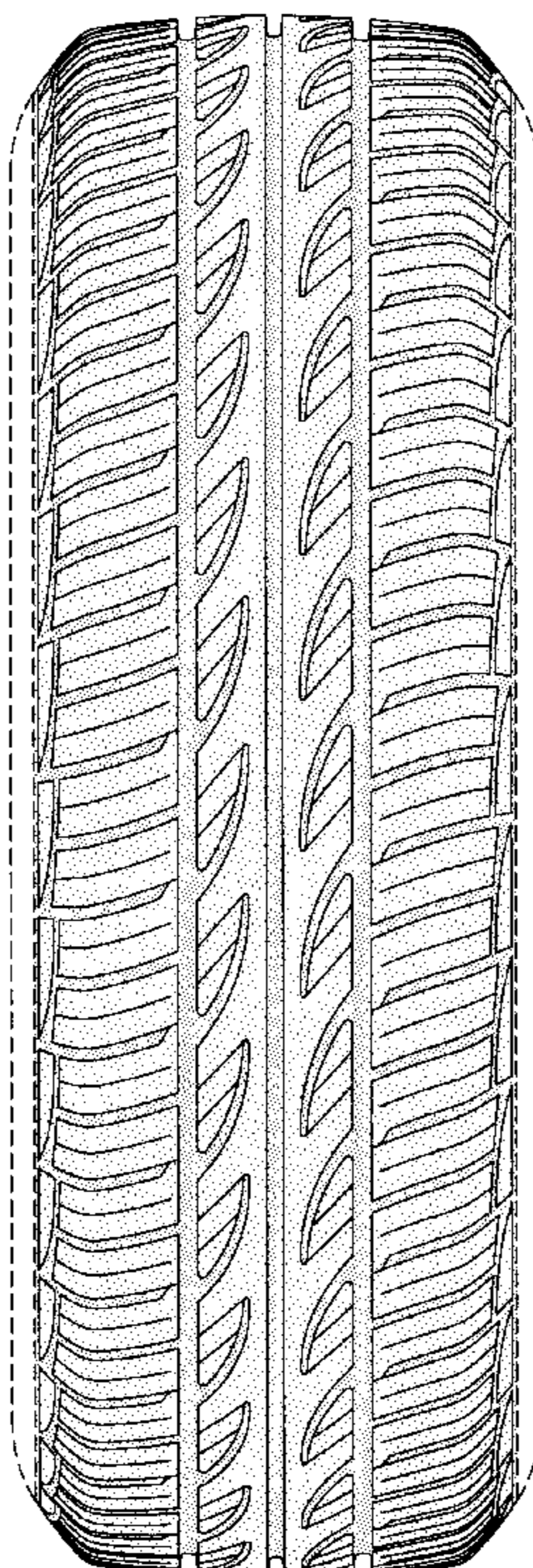
FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof, the opposite side elevational view being identical thereto; and,

FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view.

In the drawings, the broken lines defining the sidewall and inner bead and the peripheral boundary between the tire tread and the sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

The dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having the depth shown in FIG. 2.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**



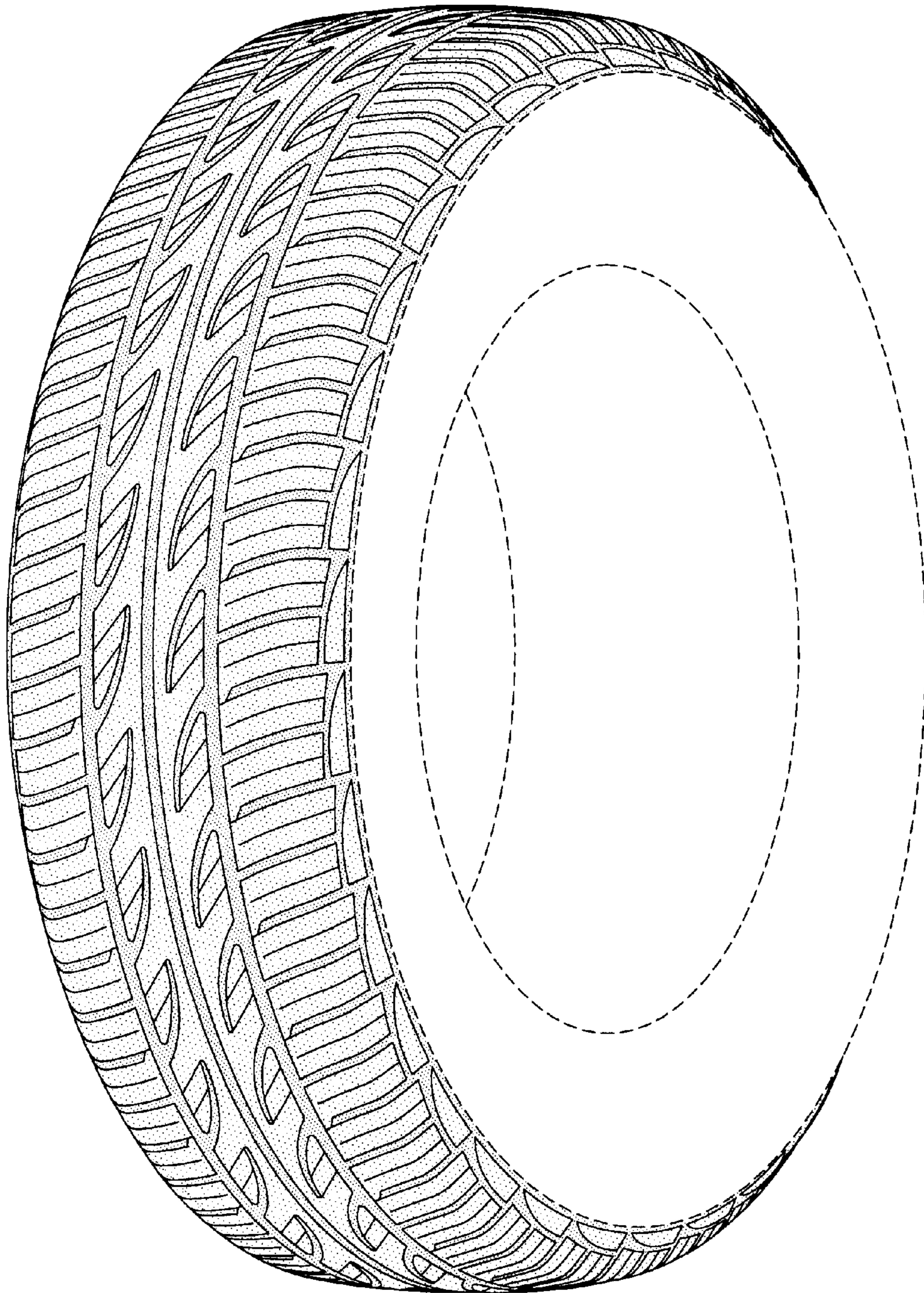


FIG-1

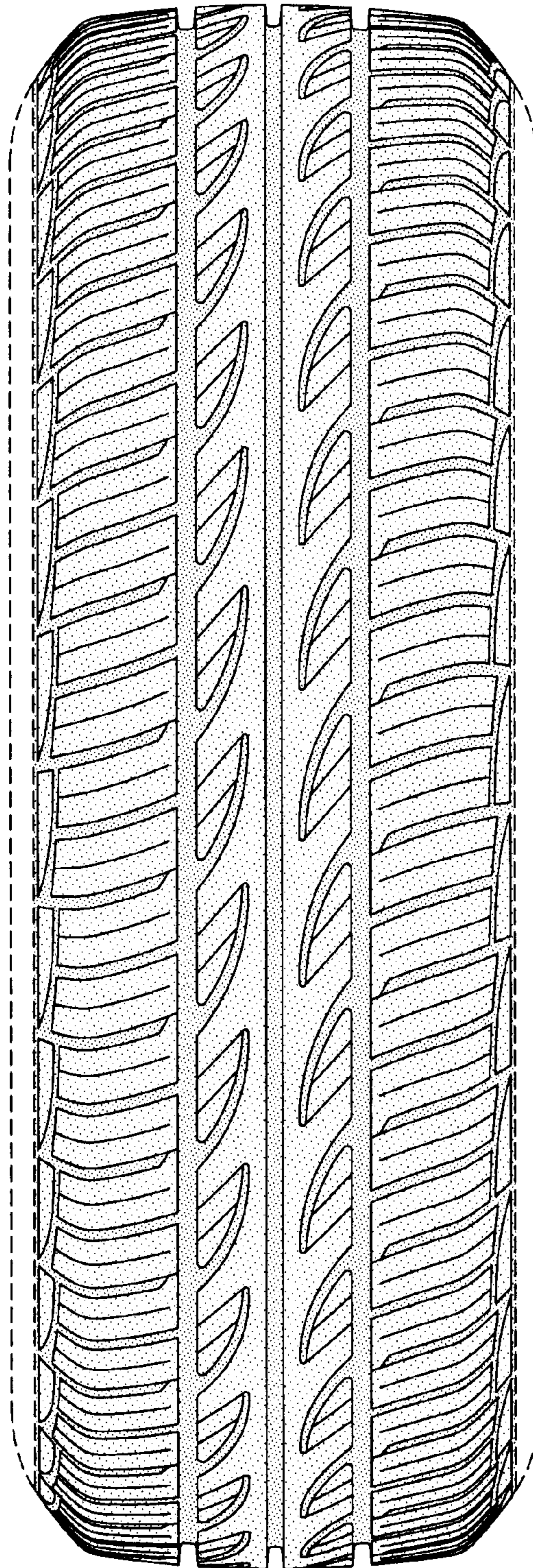


FIG-2

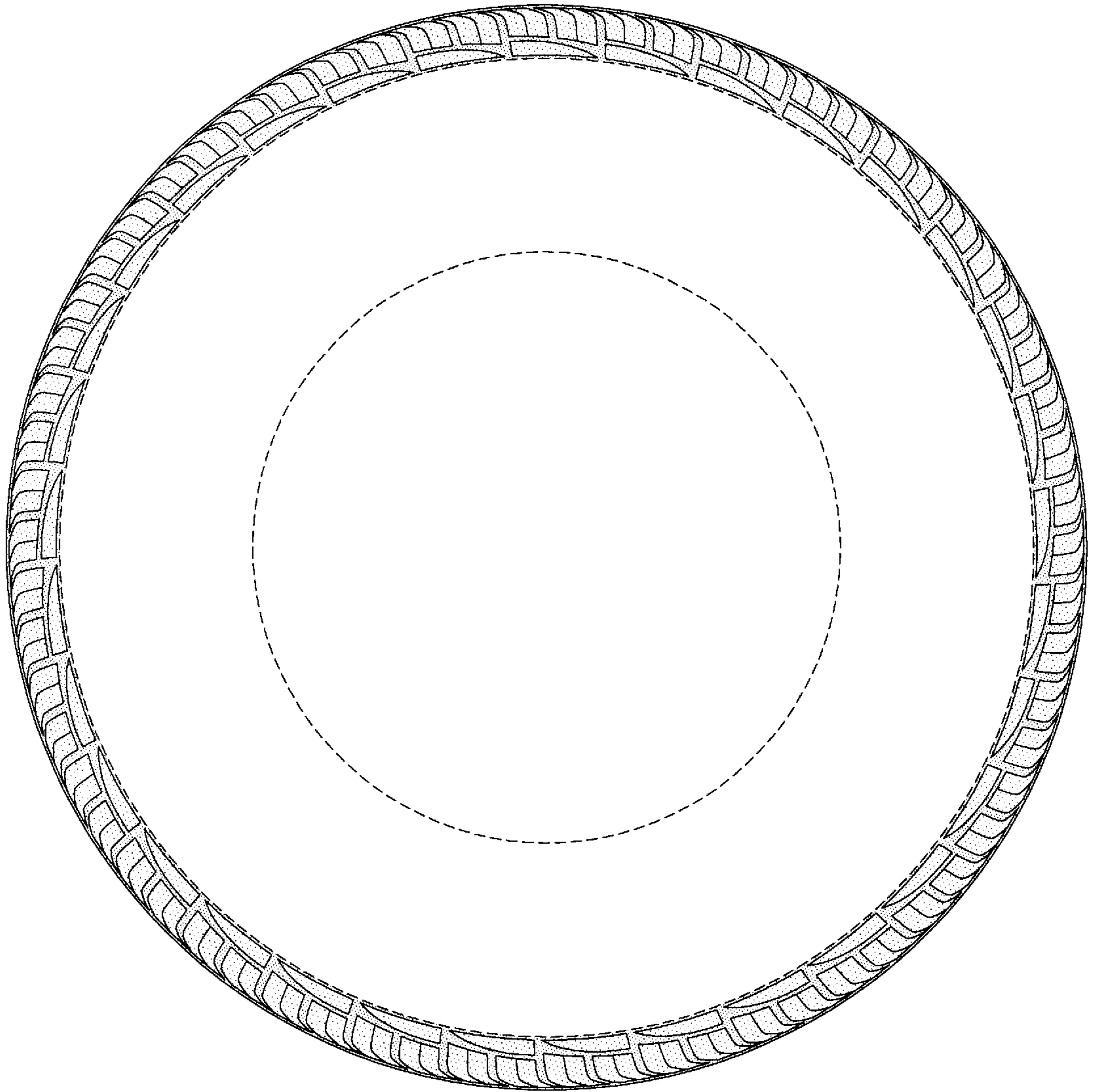


FIG-3

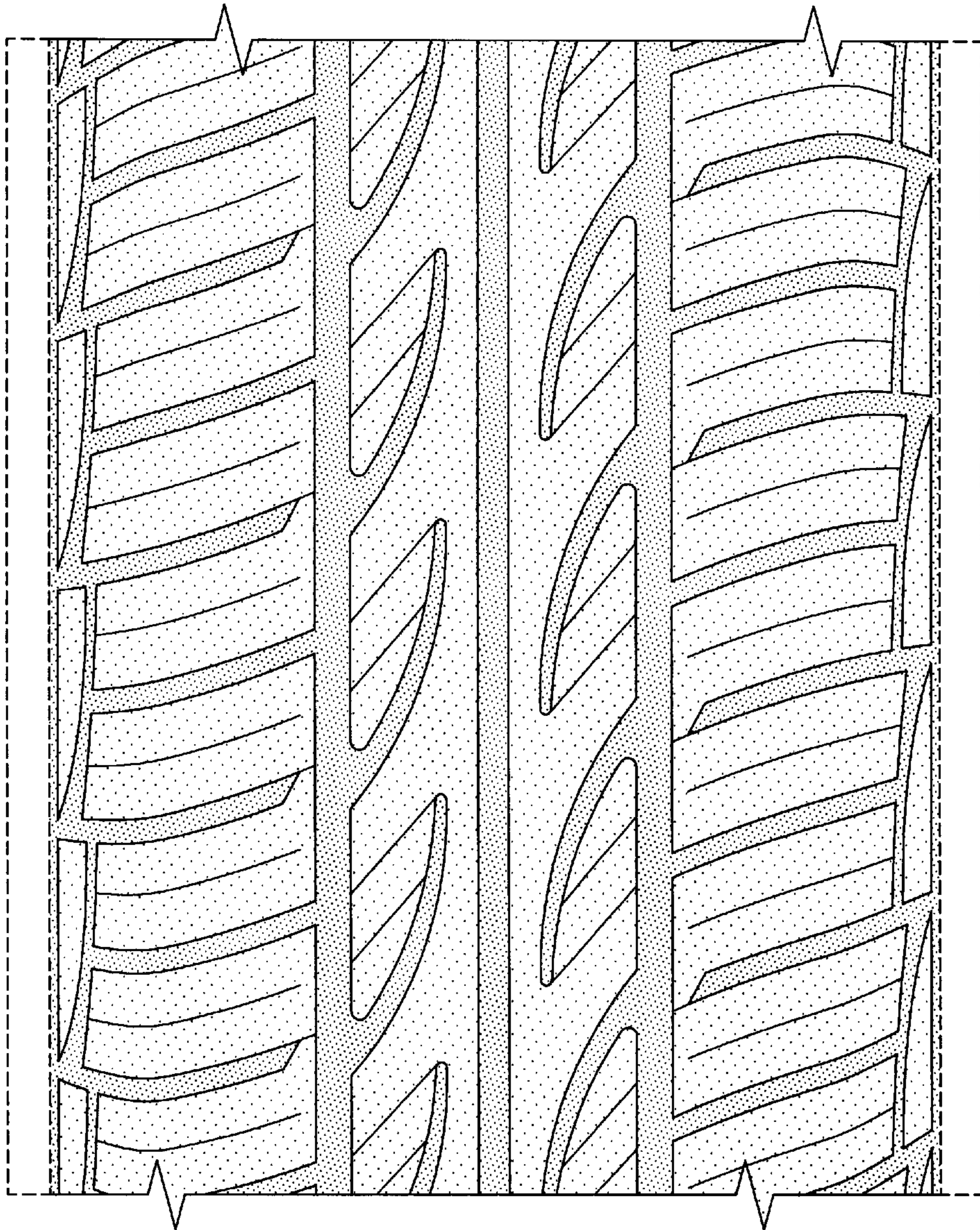


FIG-4