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

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

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 elevation view thereof, a top plan view, a bottom plan view and a rear elevation view are identical with the front elevation view.

FIG. 3 is a left side elevation view thereof, a right side elevation view is identical with the left side elevation view. FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary front view thereof; and, FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 5—5 in FIG. 4.

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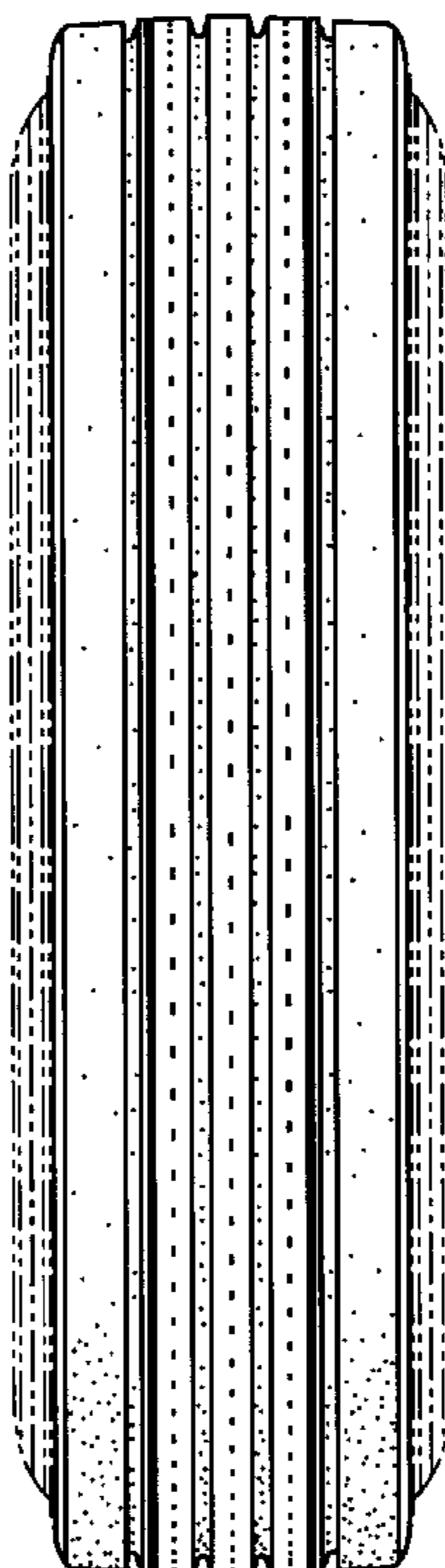


FIG. 1

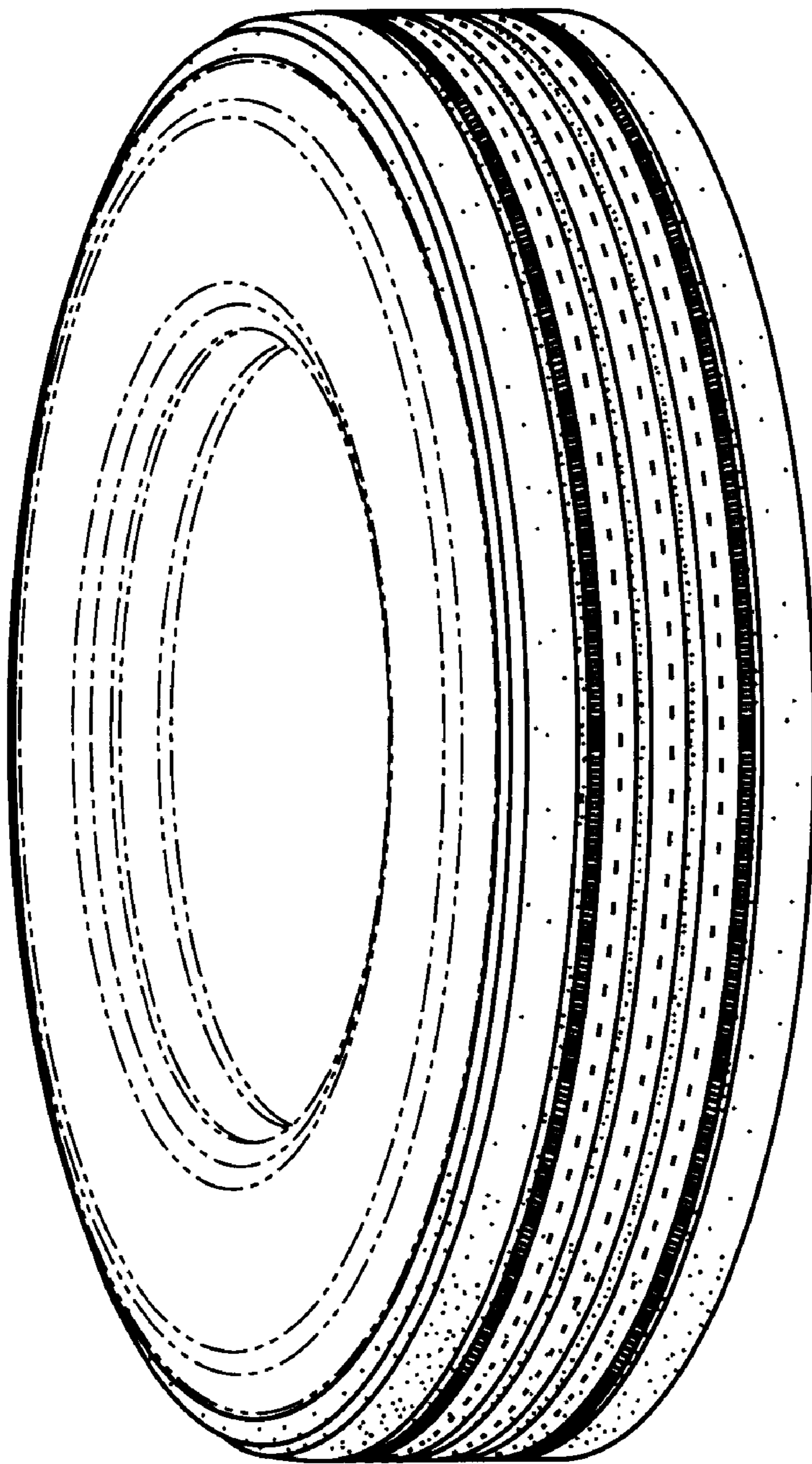


FIG. 2

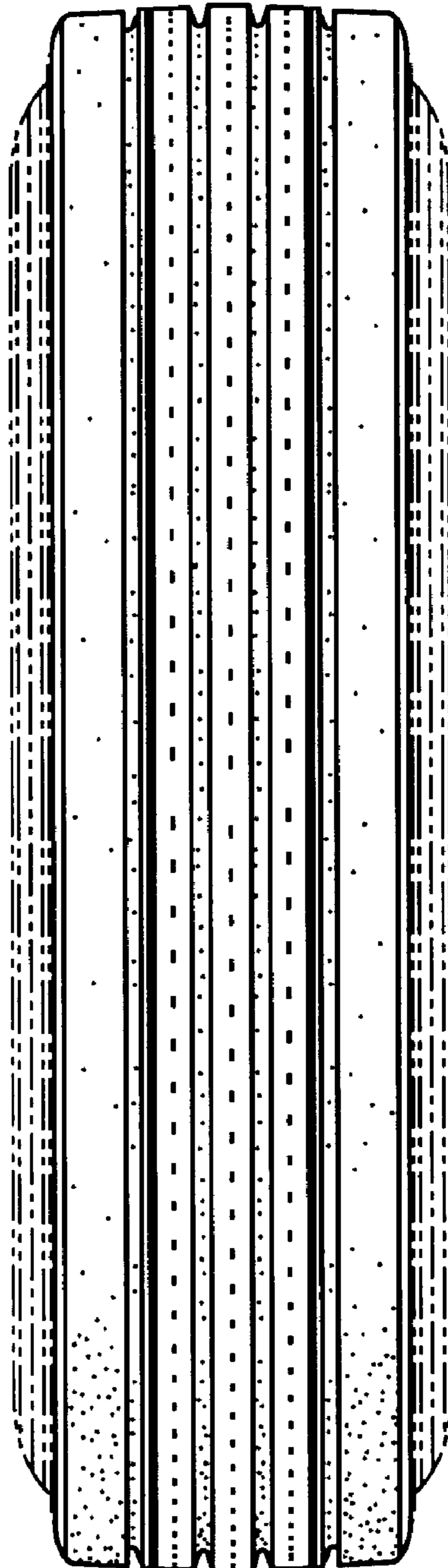


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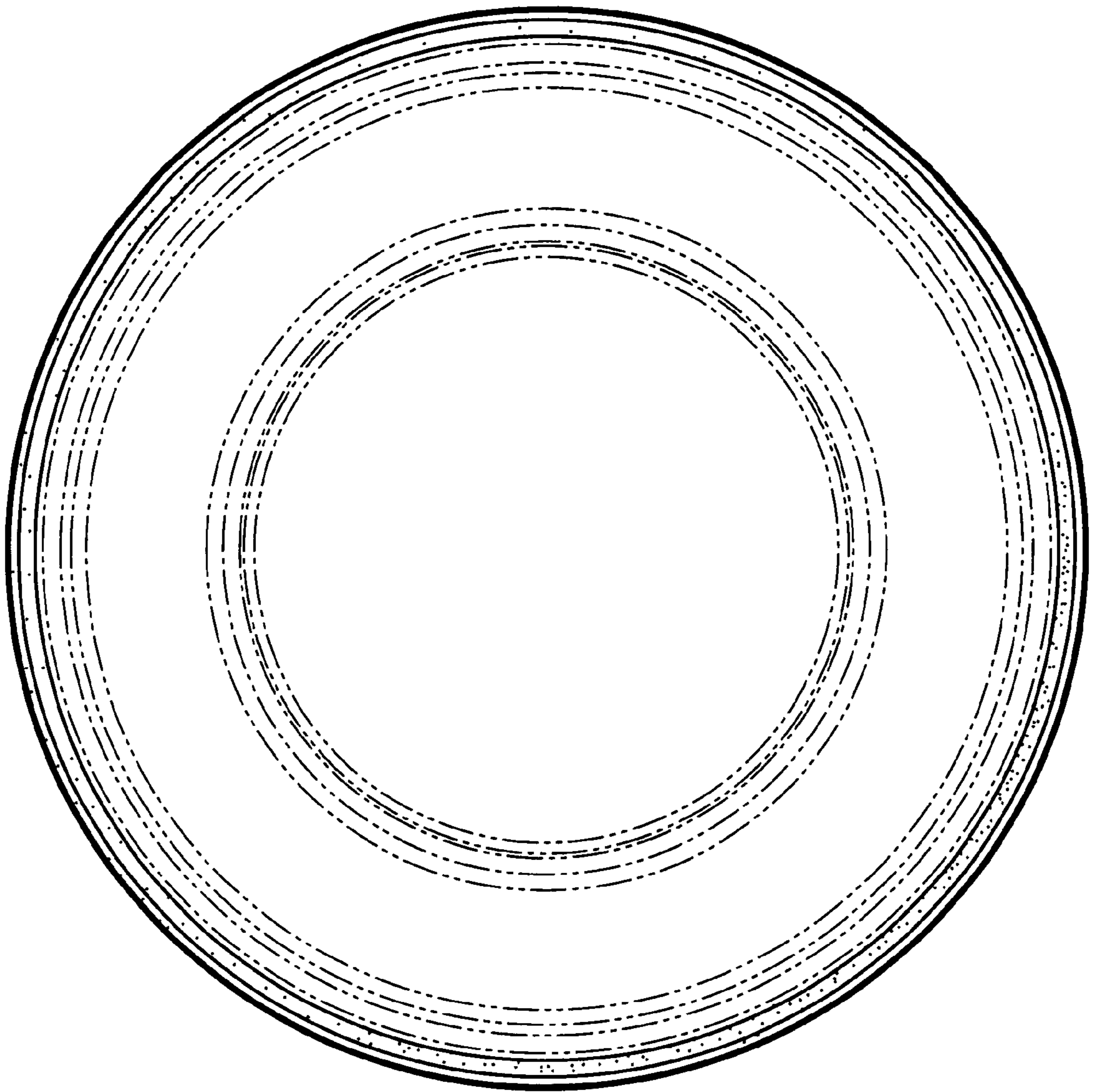


FIG. 4

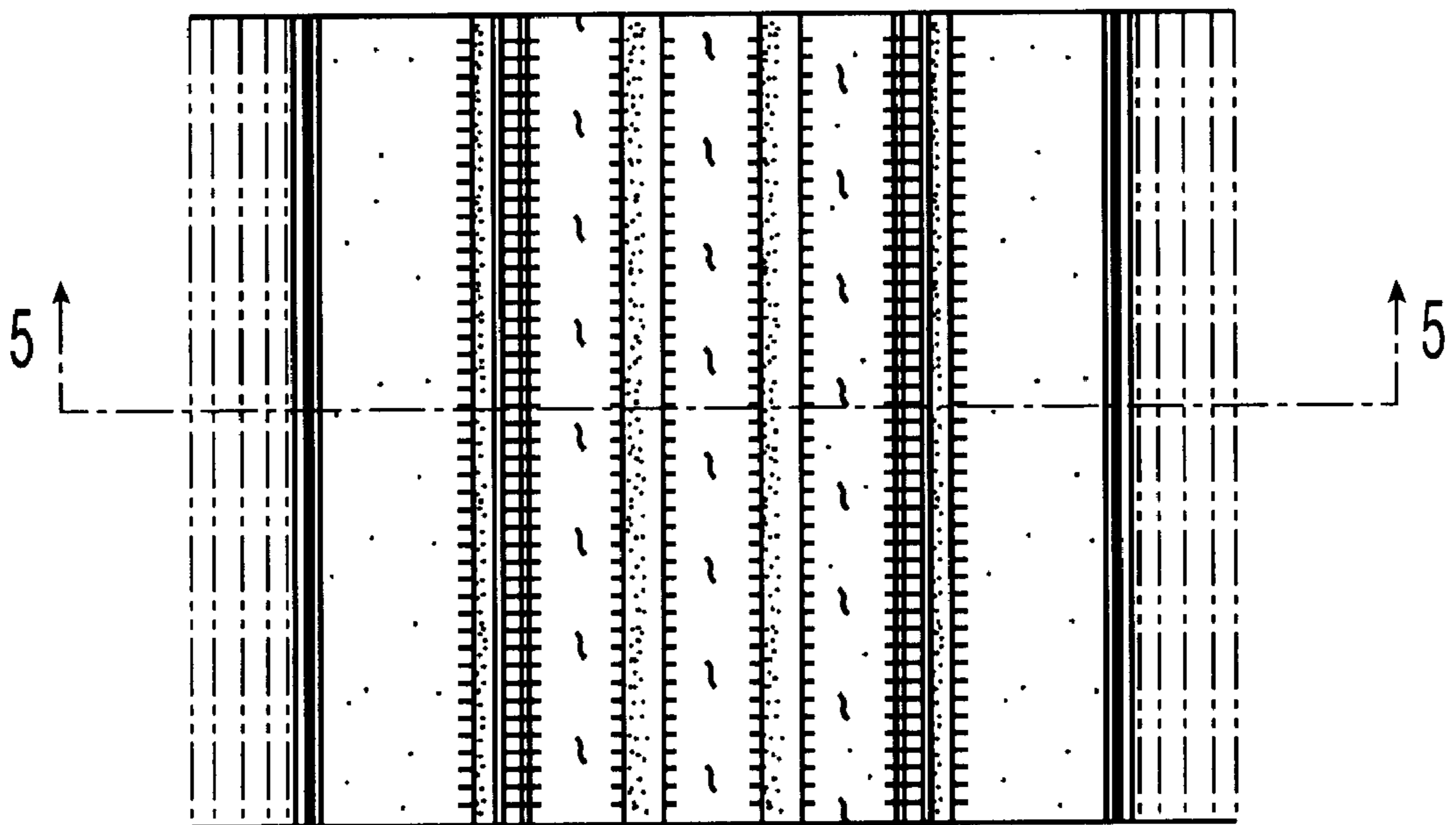


FIG. 5

