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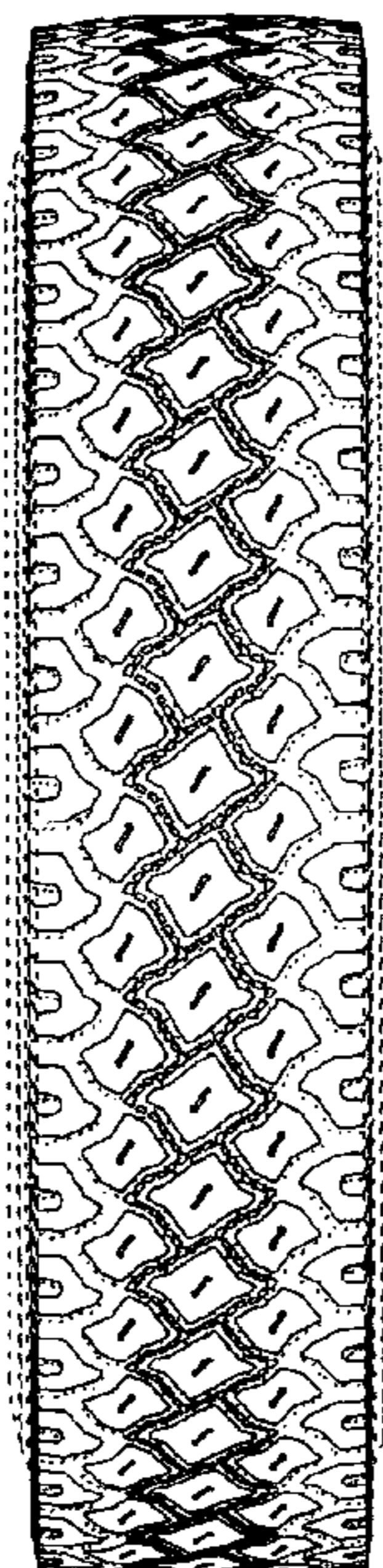


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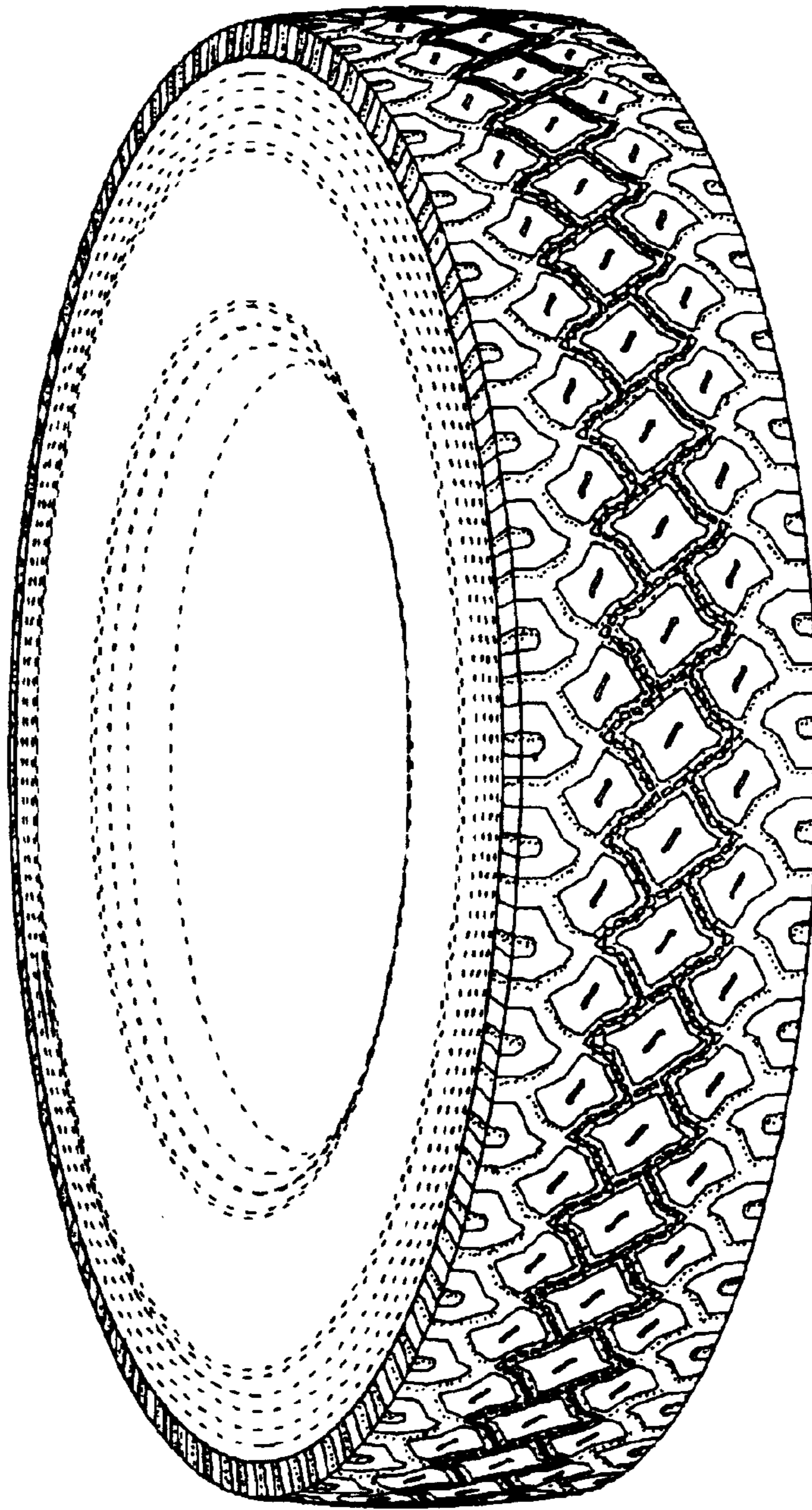


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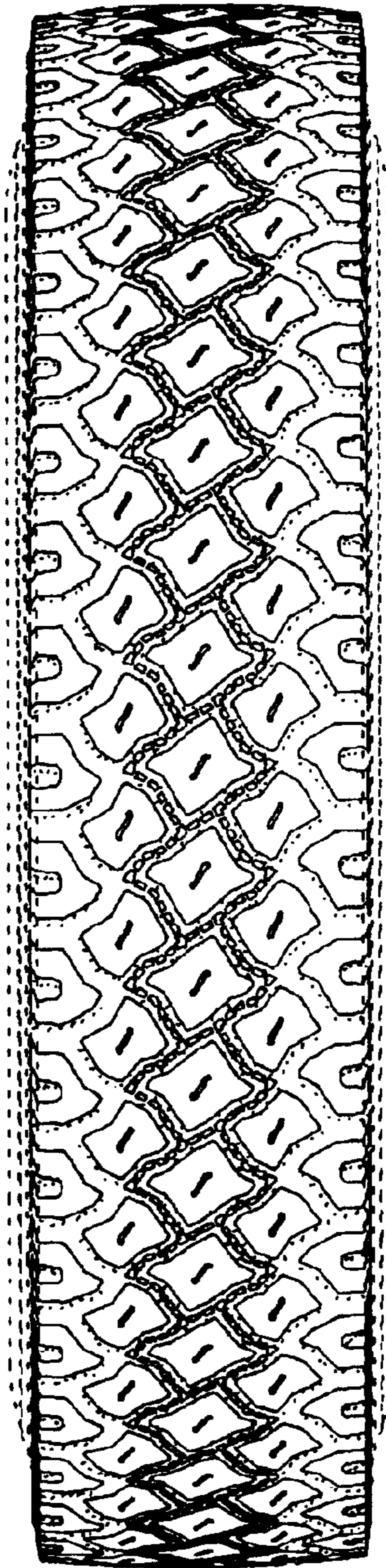


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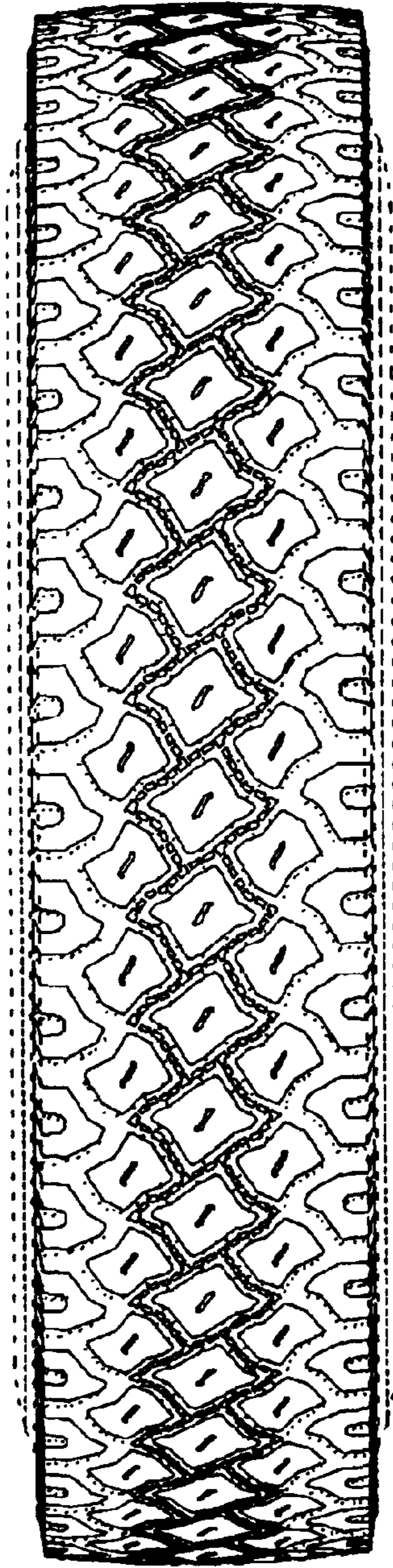


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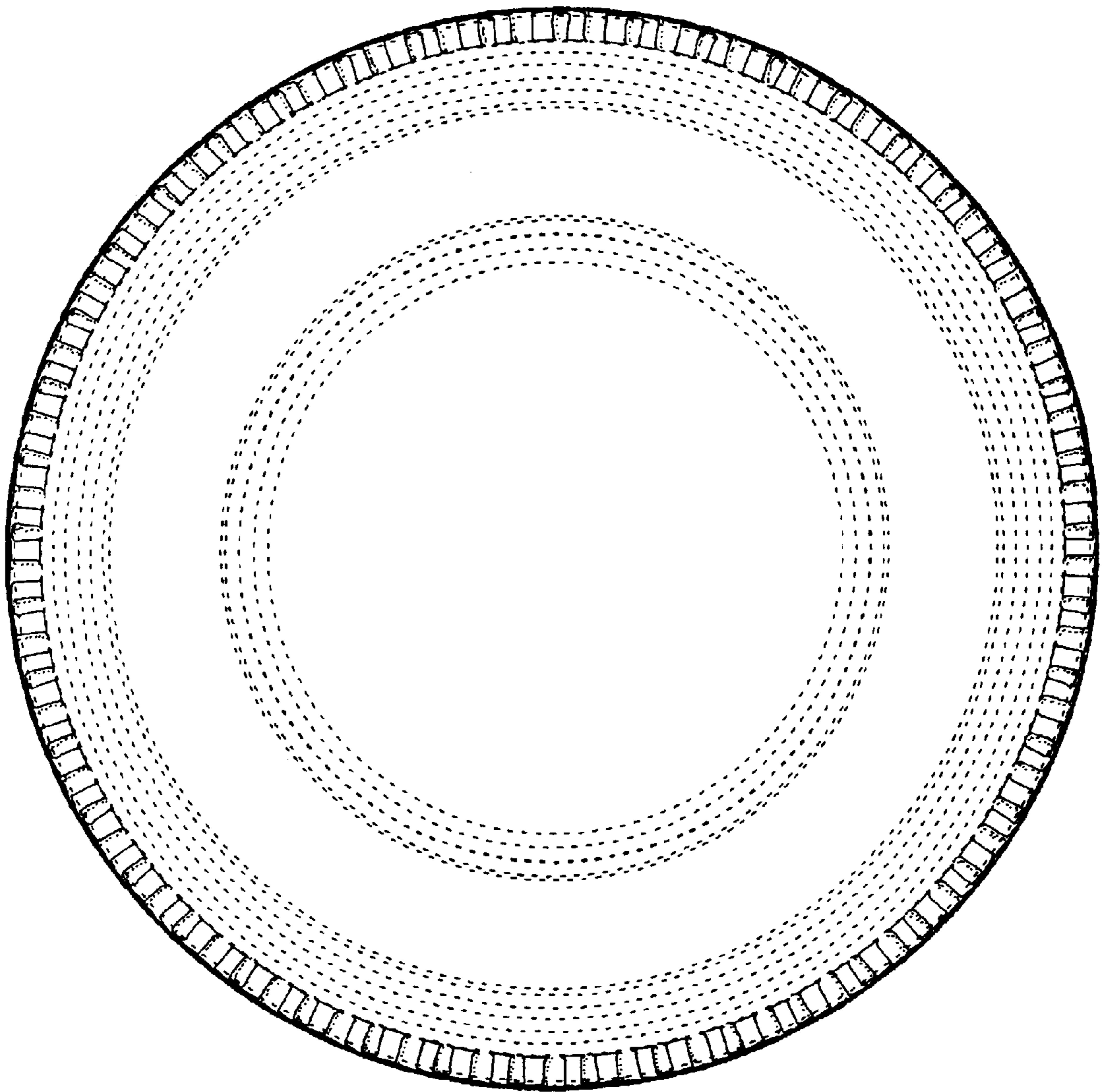


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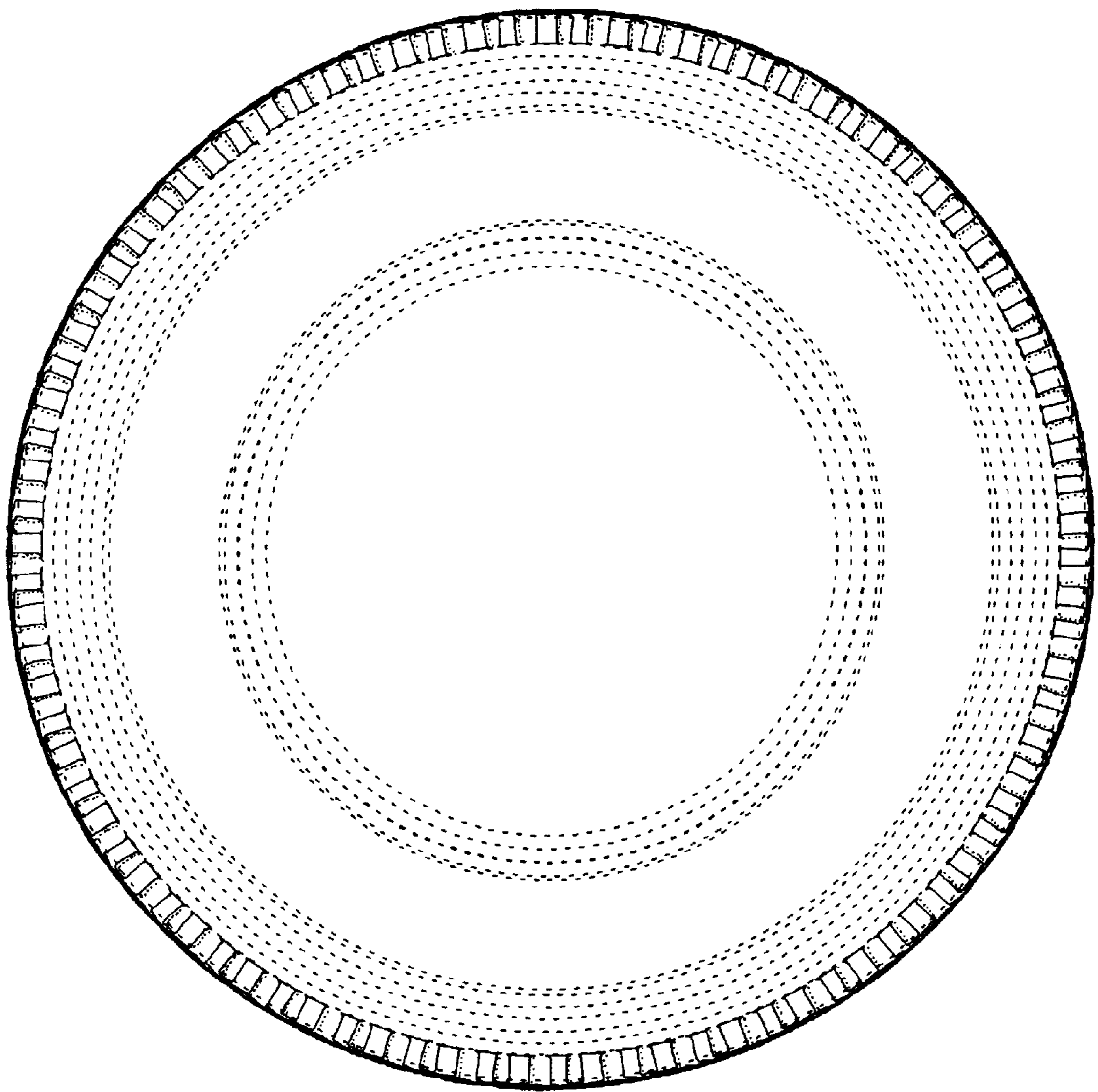
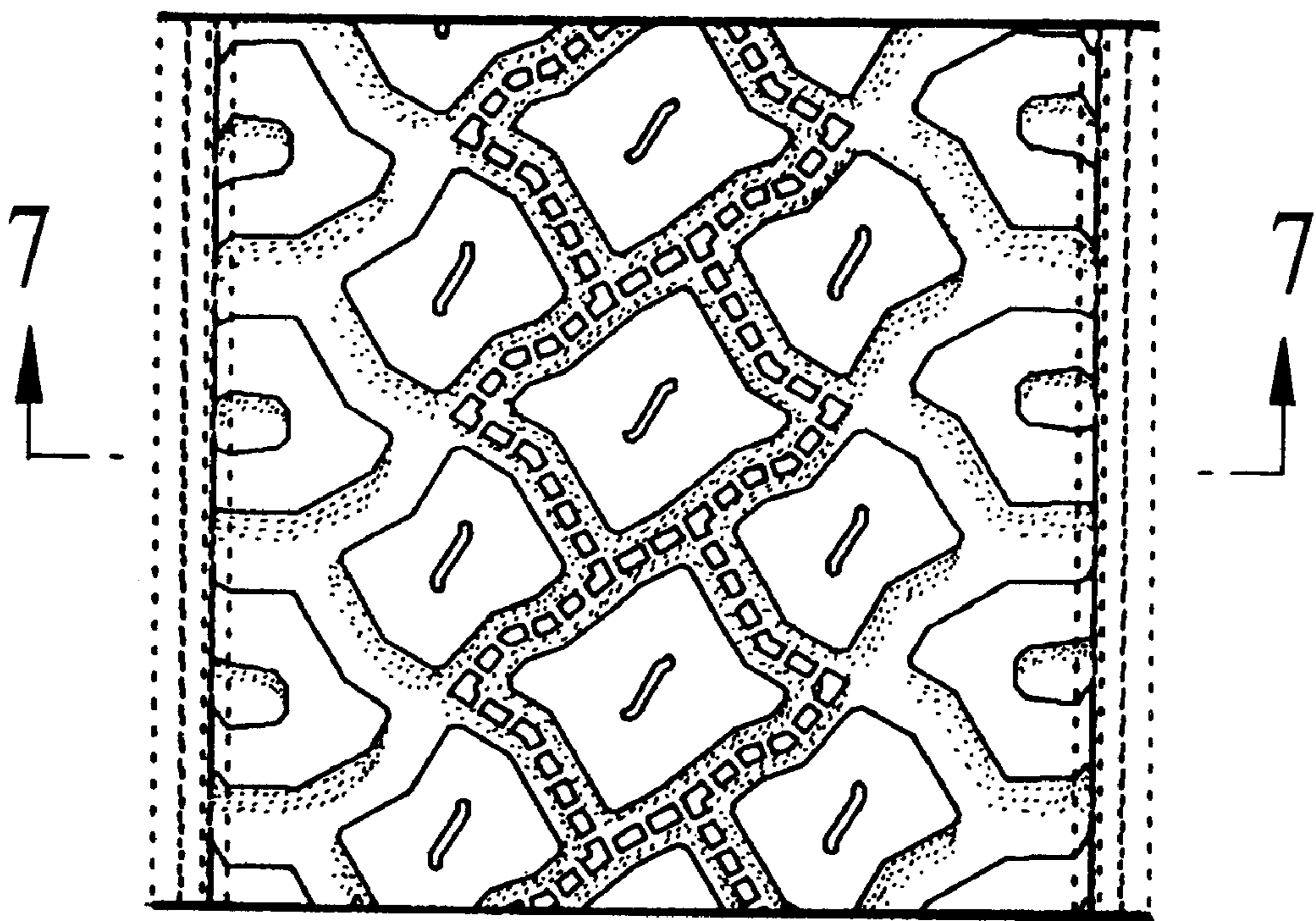
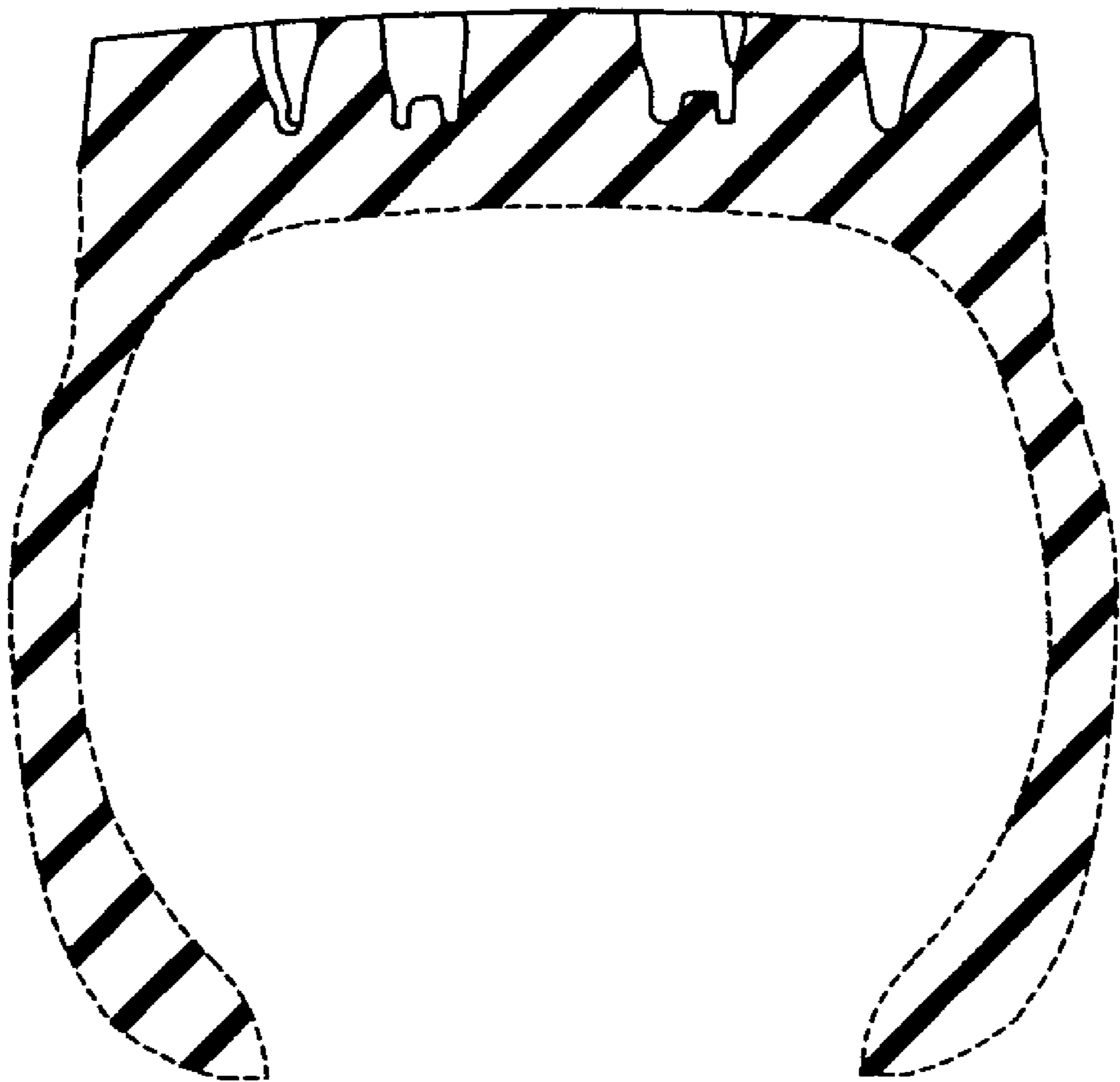


FIG. 6



# FIG. 7





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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The title page, showing an illustrative fig, should be delete and substitute therefor the attached title page,

Delete figs 2-7 and substitute therefor the figs consisting figs 2-7, as shown on the attached pages.

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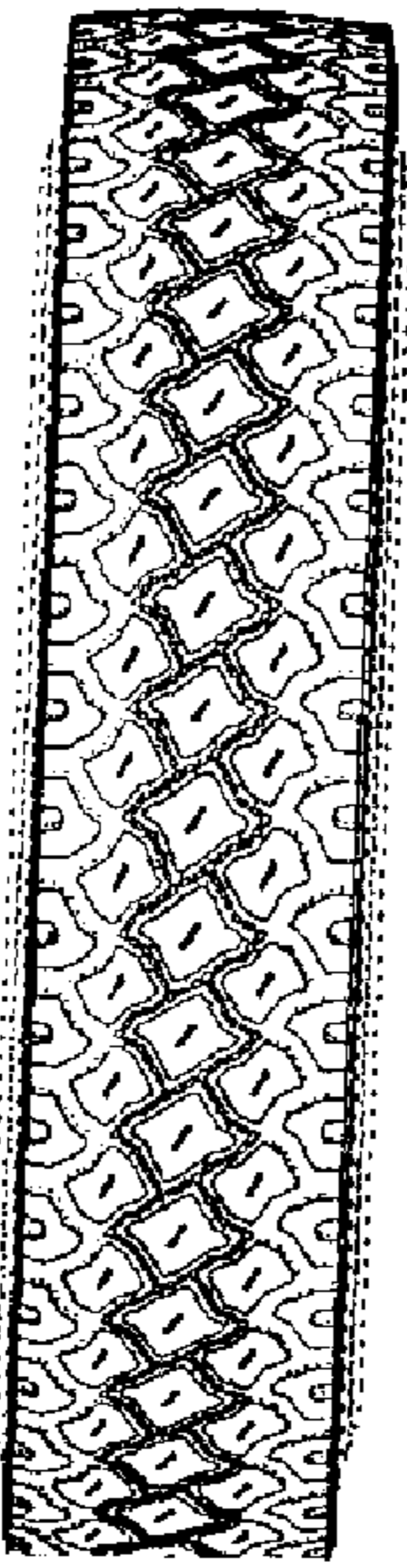


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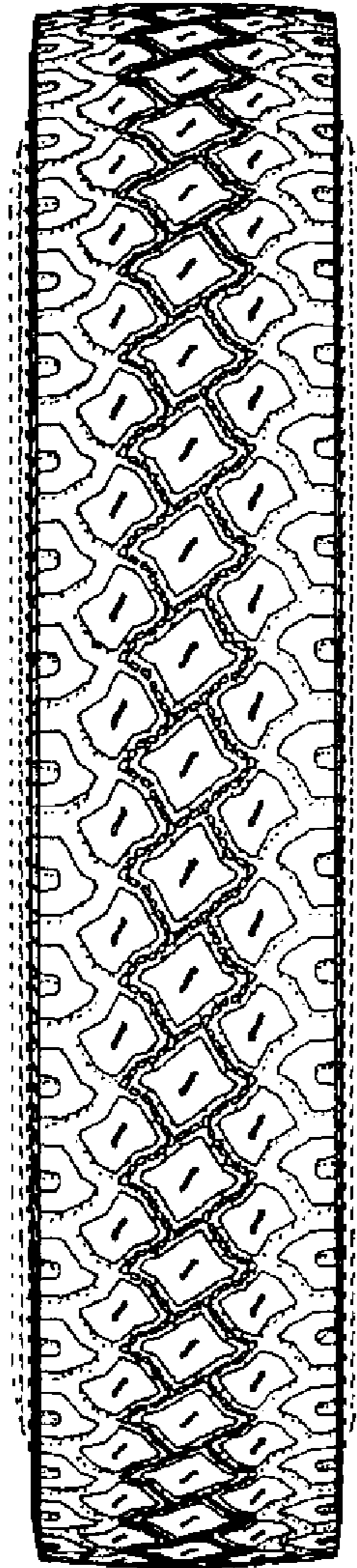


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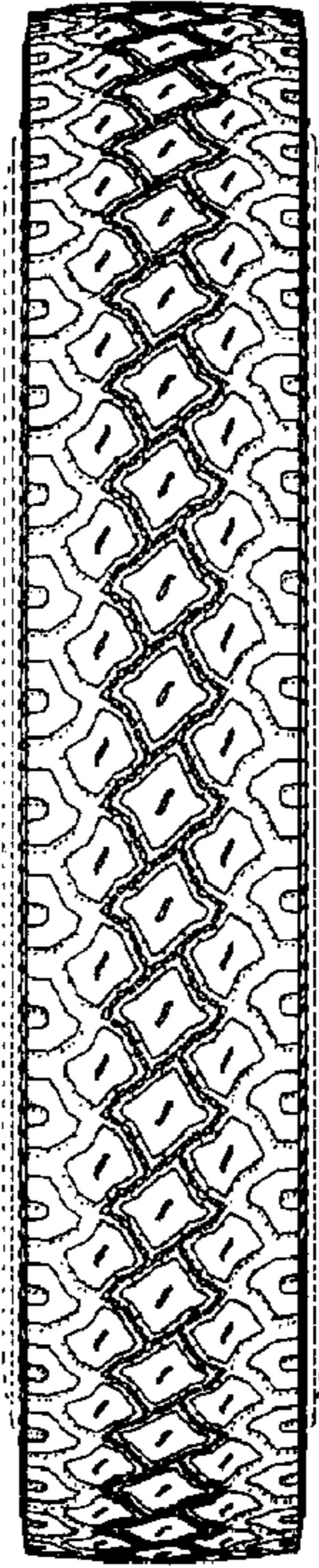
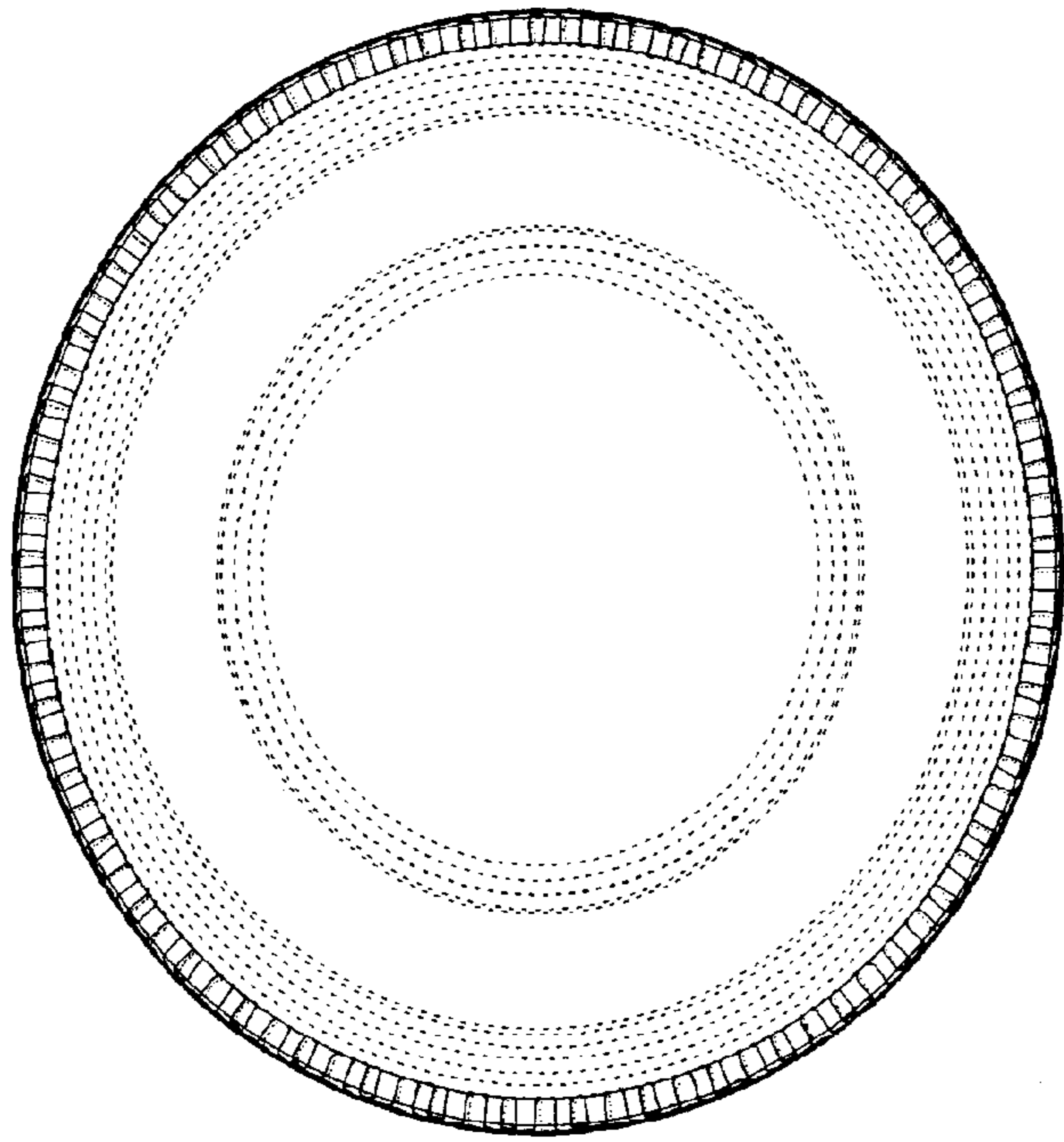


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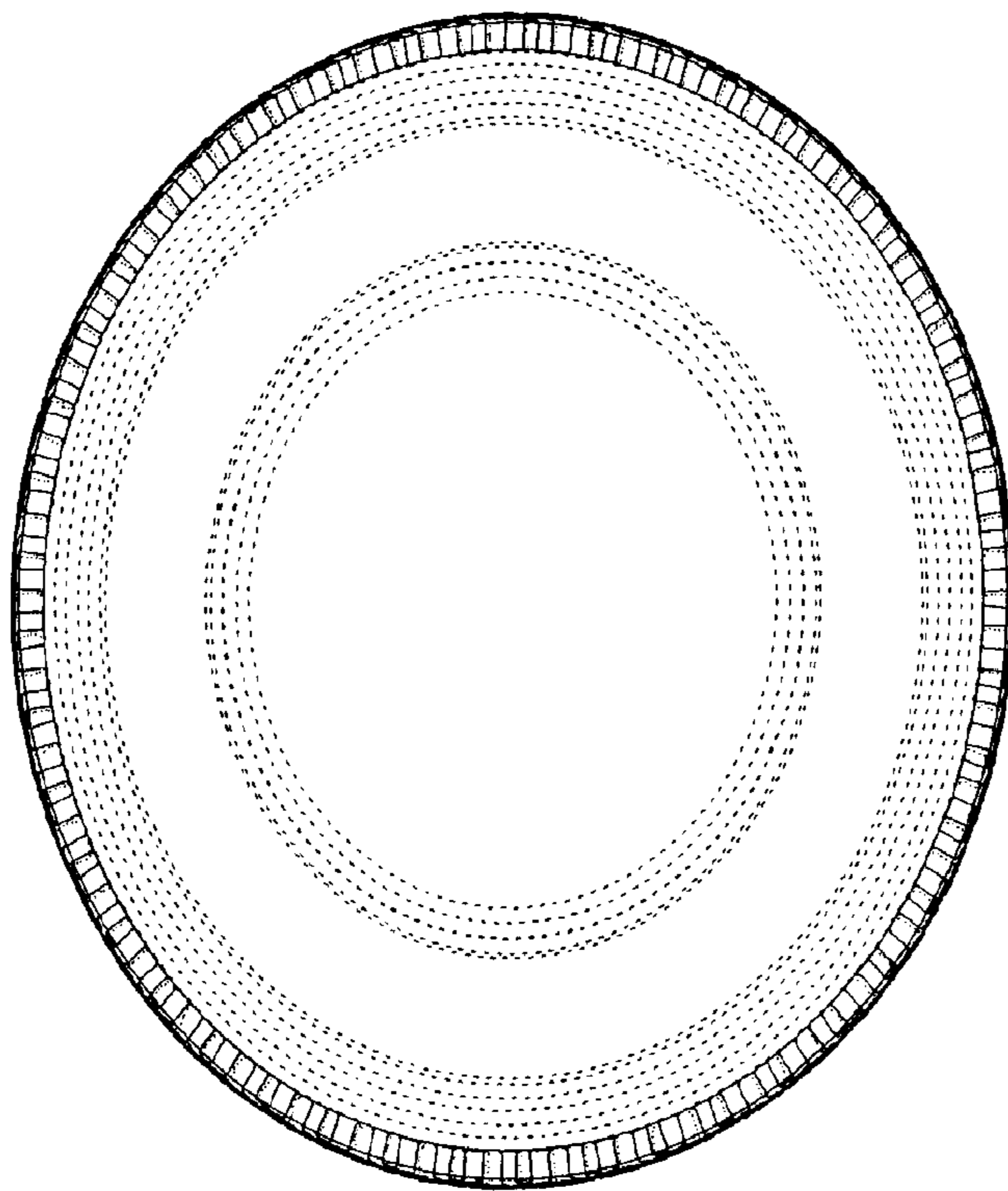


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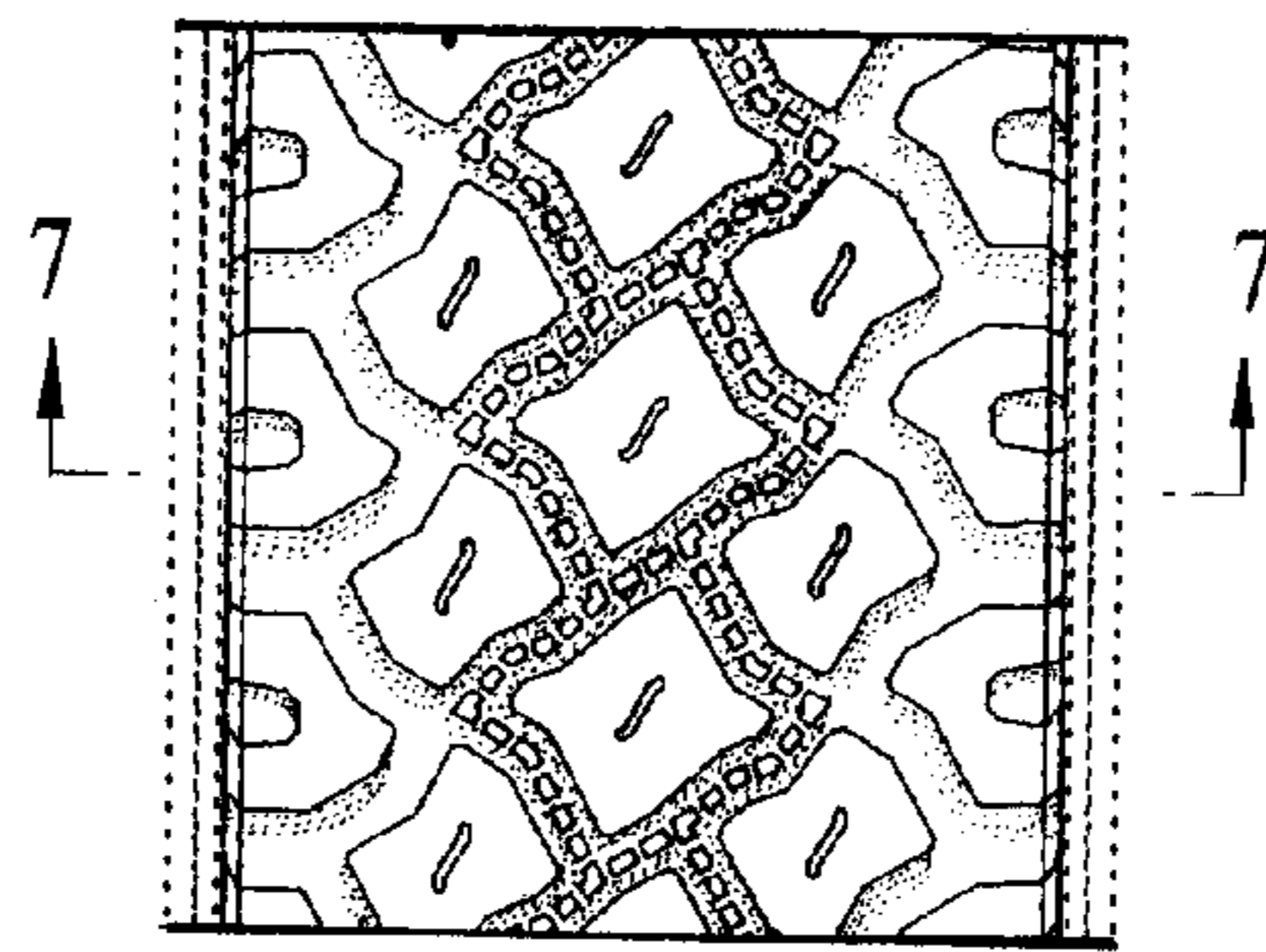


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