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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 the top, front and left side of a tread portion of automobile tire showing my new design; FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof, the top and bottom plan views being identical thereto; 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 elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 7 is an enlarged cross-sectional view thereof taken along the line 7—7 in FIG. 6.

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The elements shown in phantom lines are for illustrative purposes only and do not form any part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets

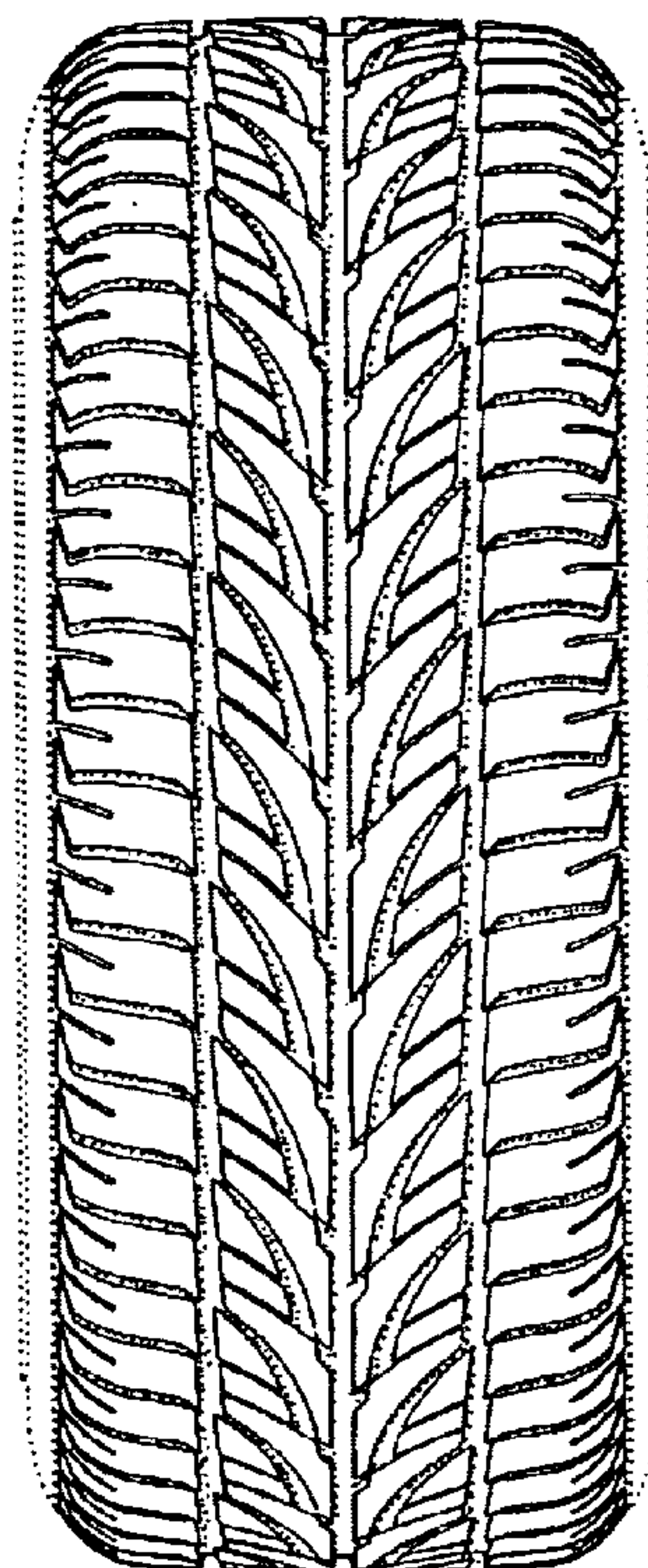


FIG. 1

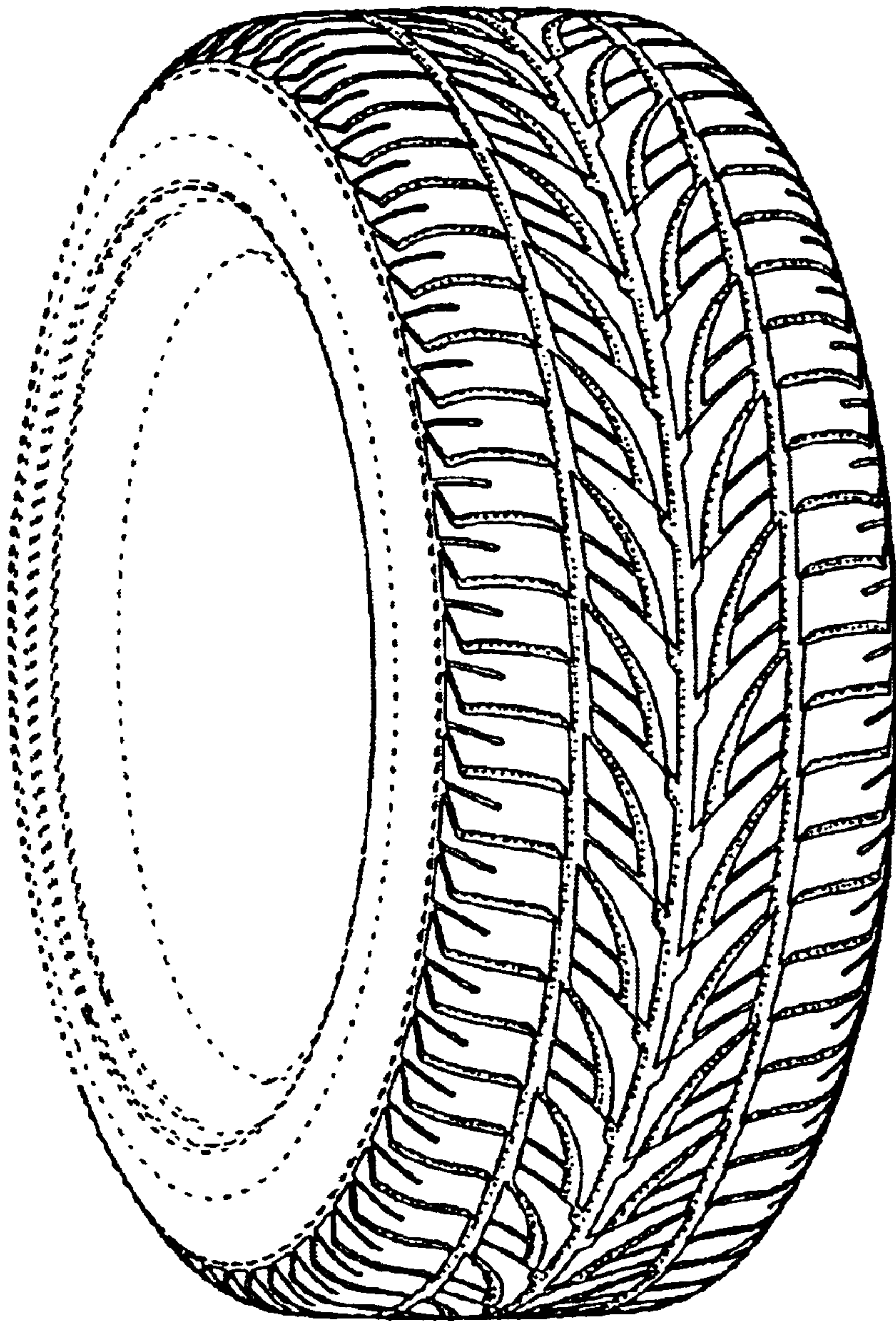


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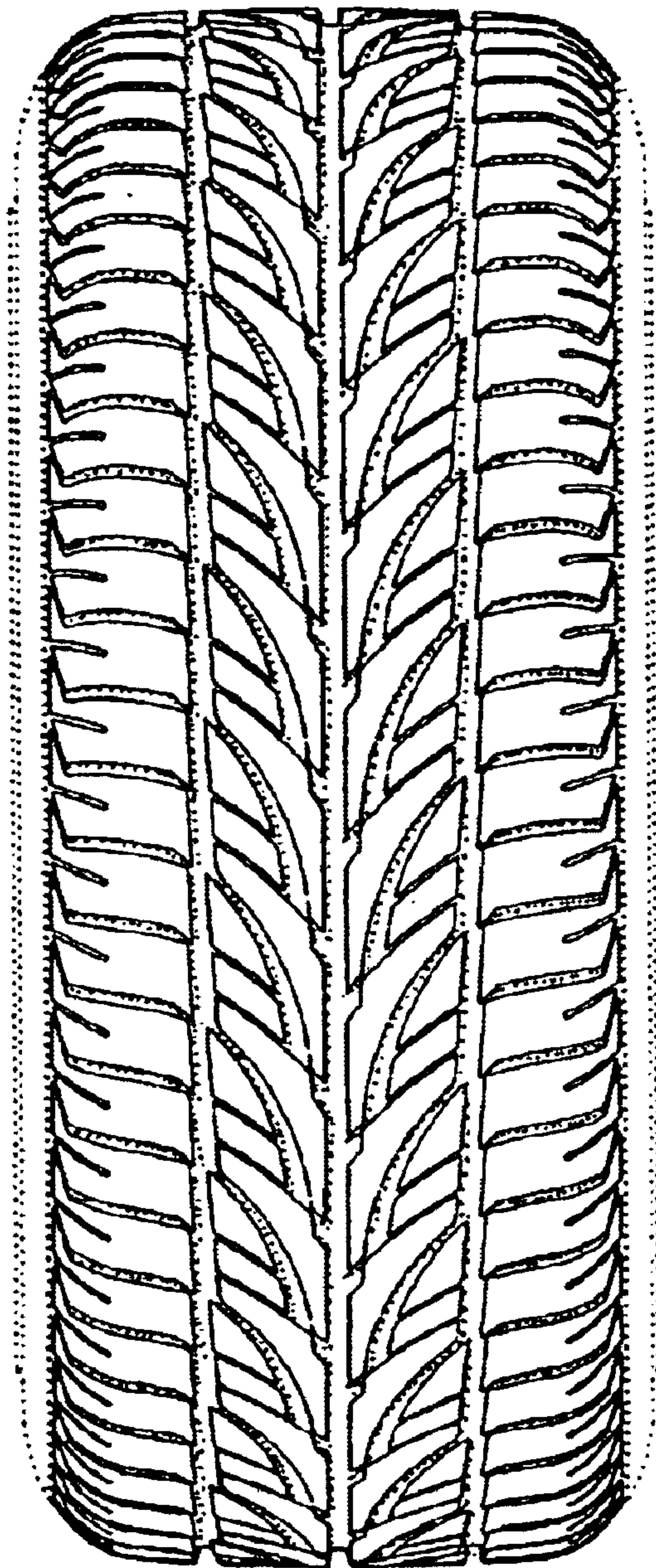


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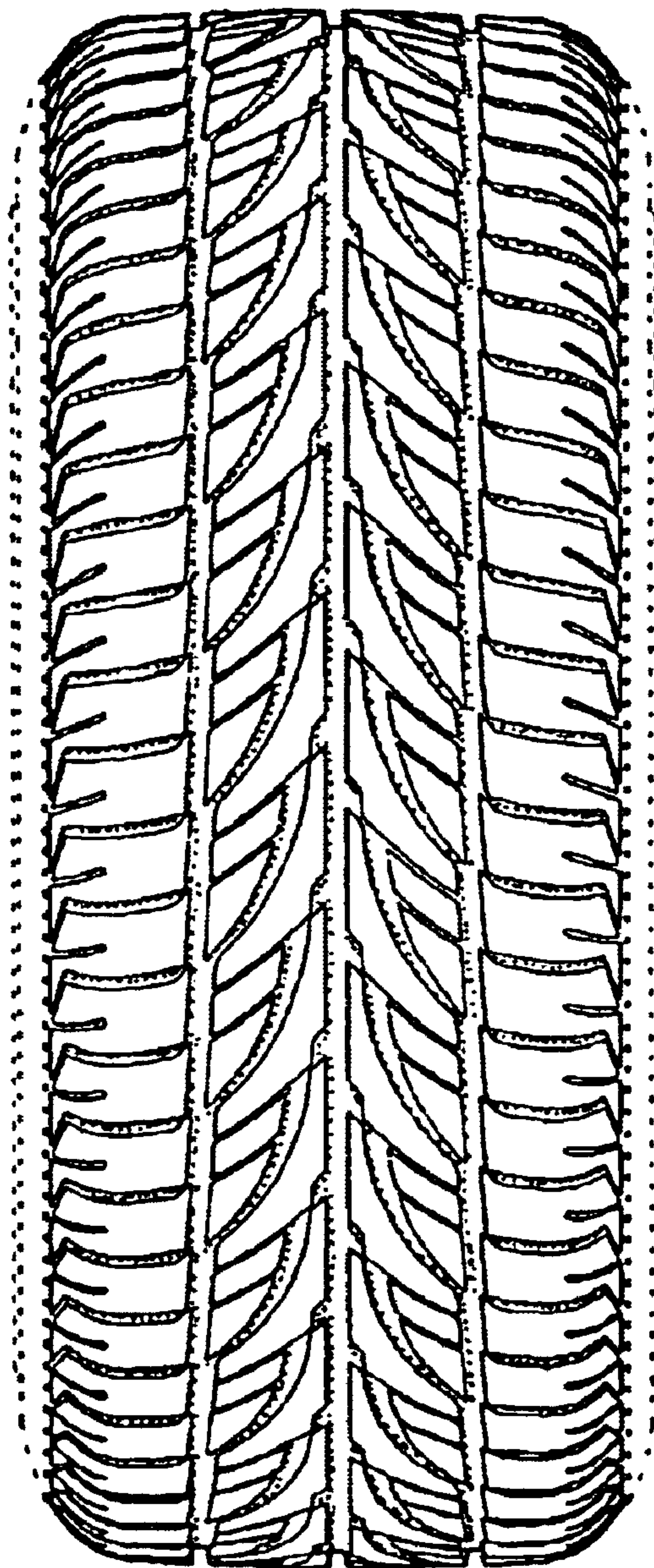


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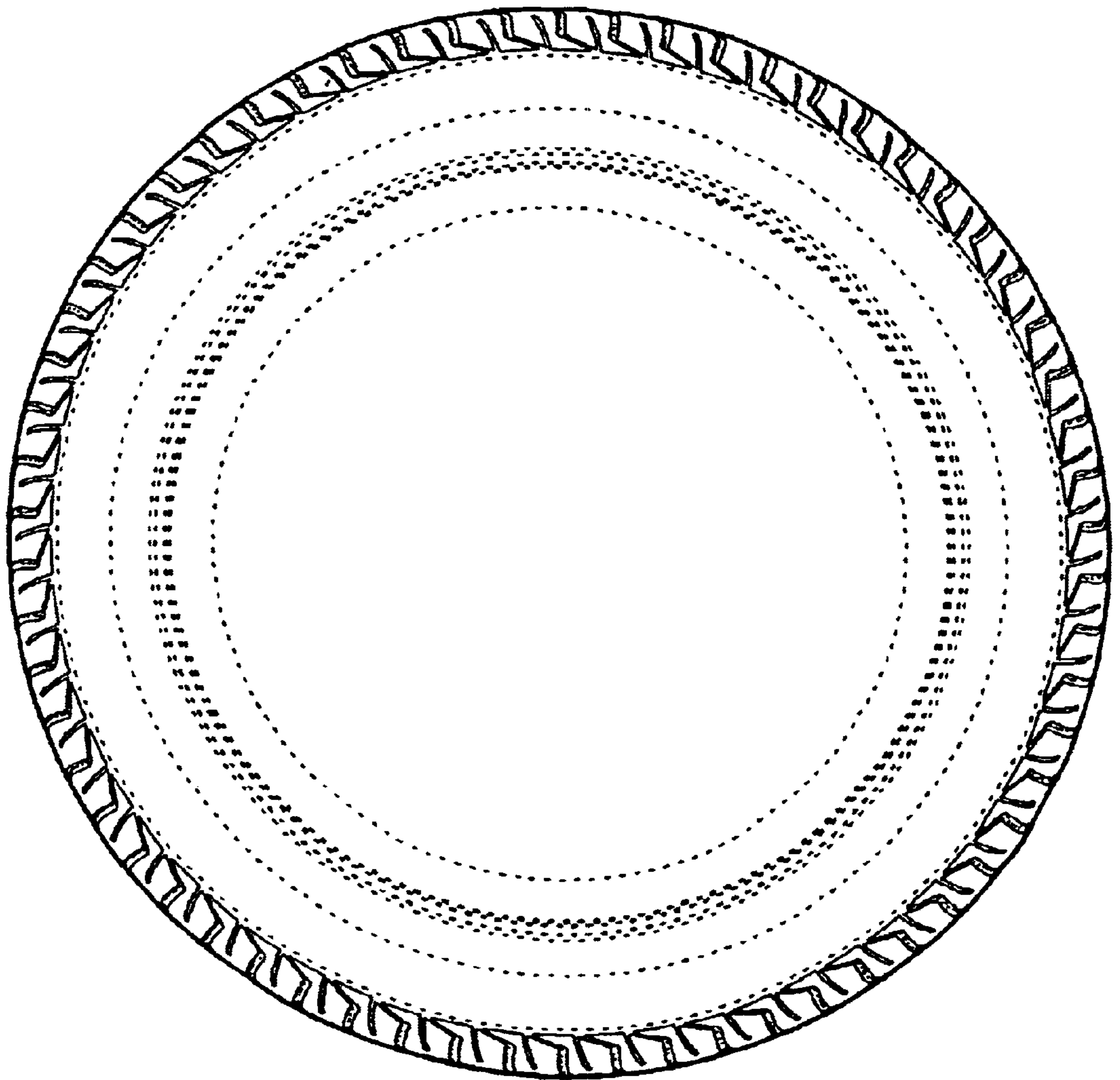


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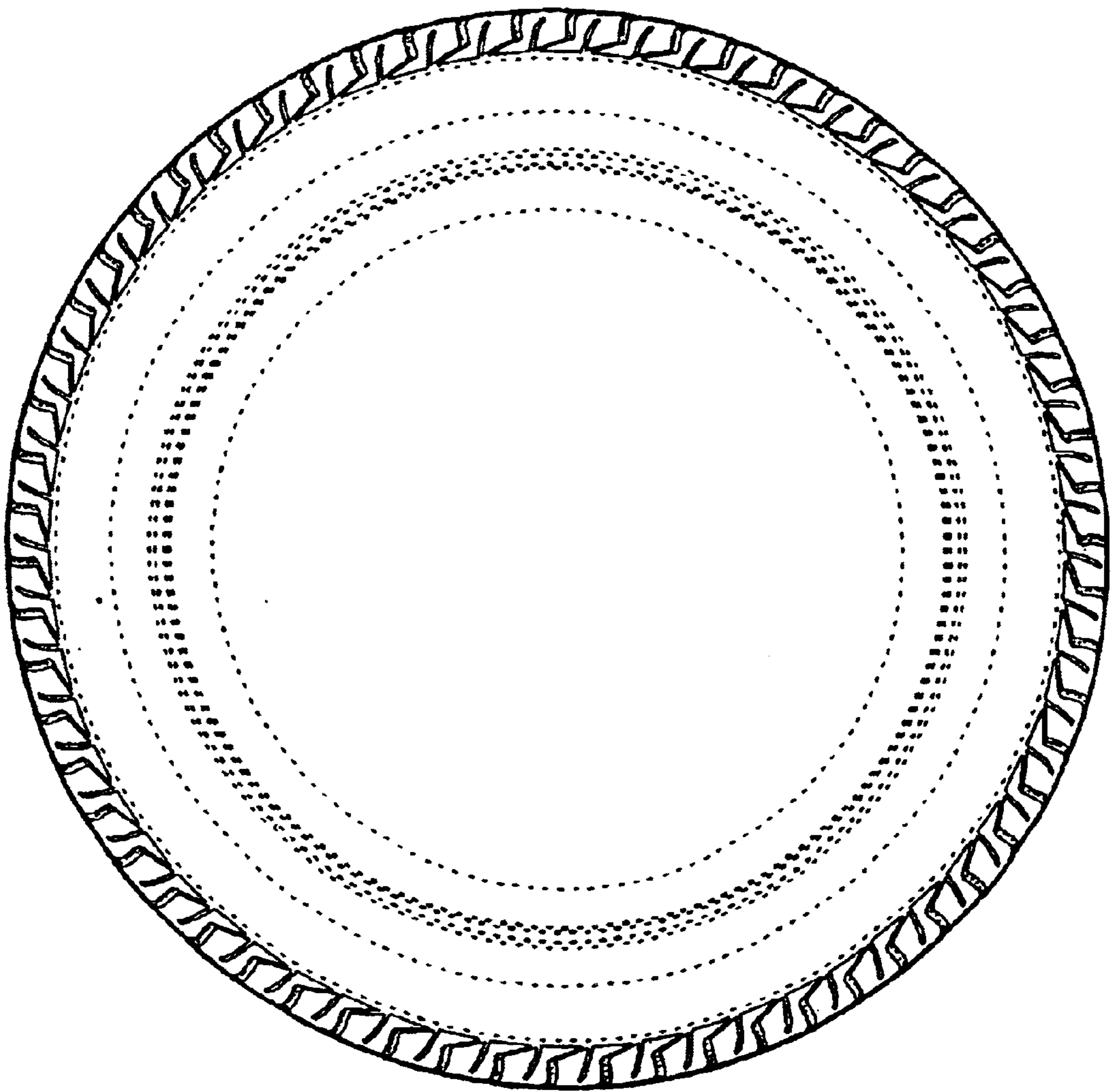


FIG. 6

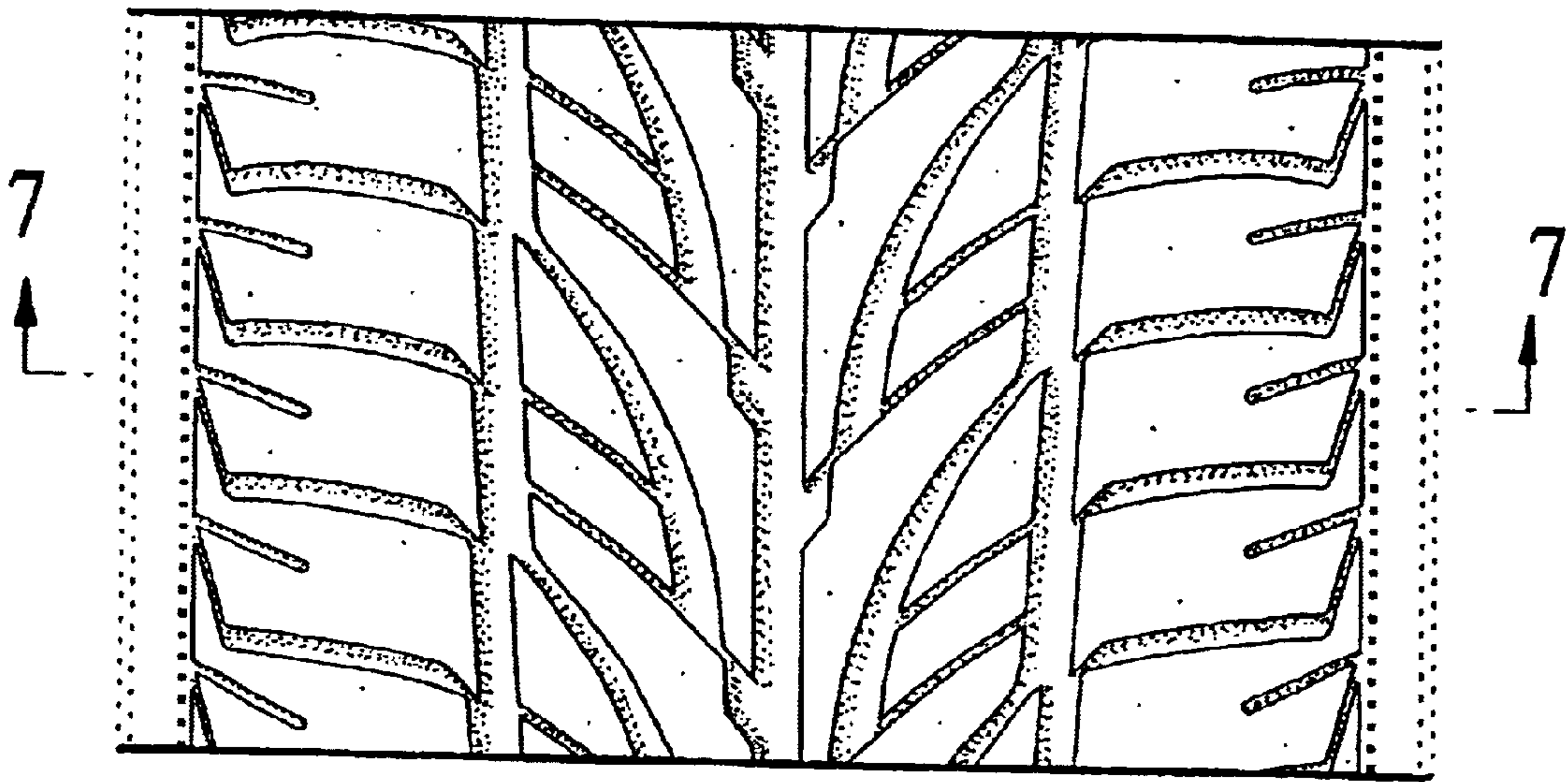


FIG. 7

