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(54) **TREAD OF A TIRE**

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

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**DESCRIPTION**

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the tire tread of the present invention, it being understood that the pattern is repeated uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread; FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof; FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof; and, FIG. 4 is an opposite side elevational view thereof. The broken lines shown in the drawings are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

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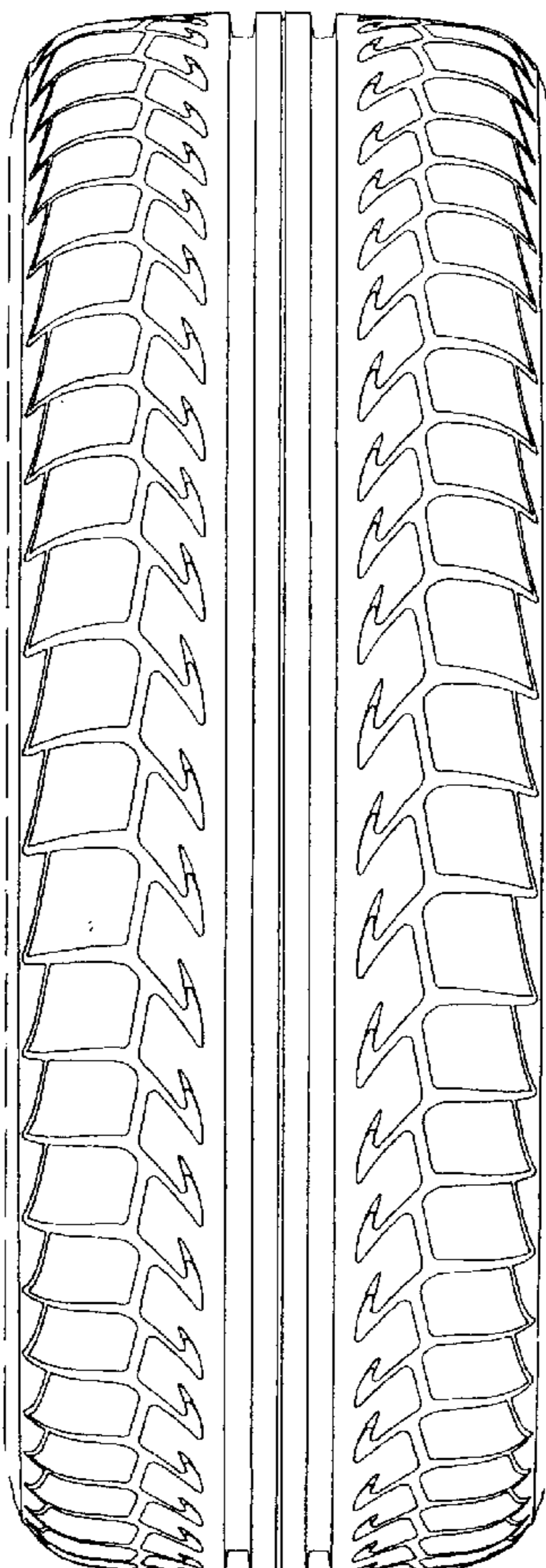
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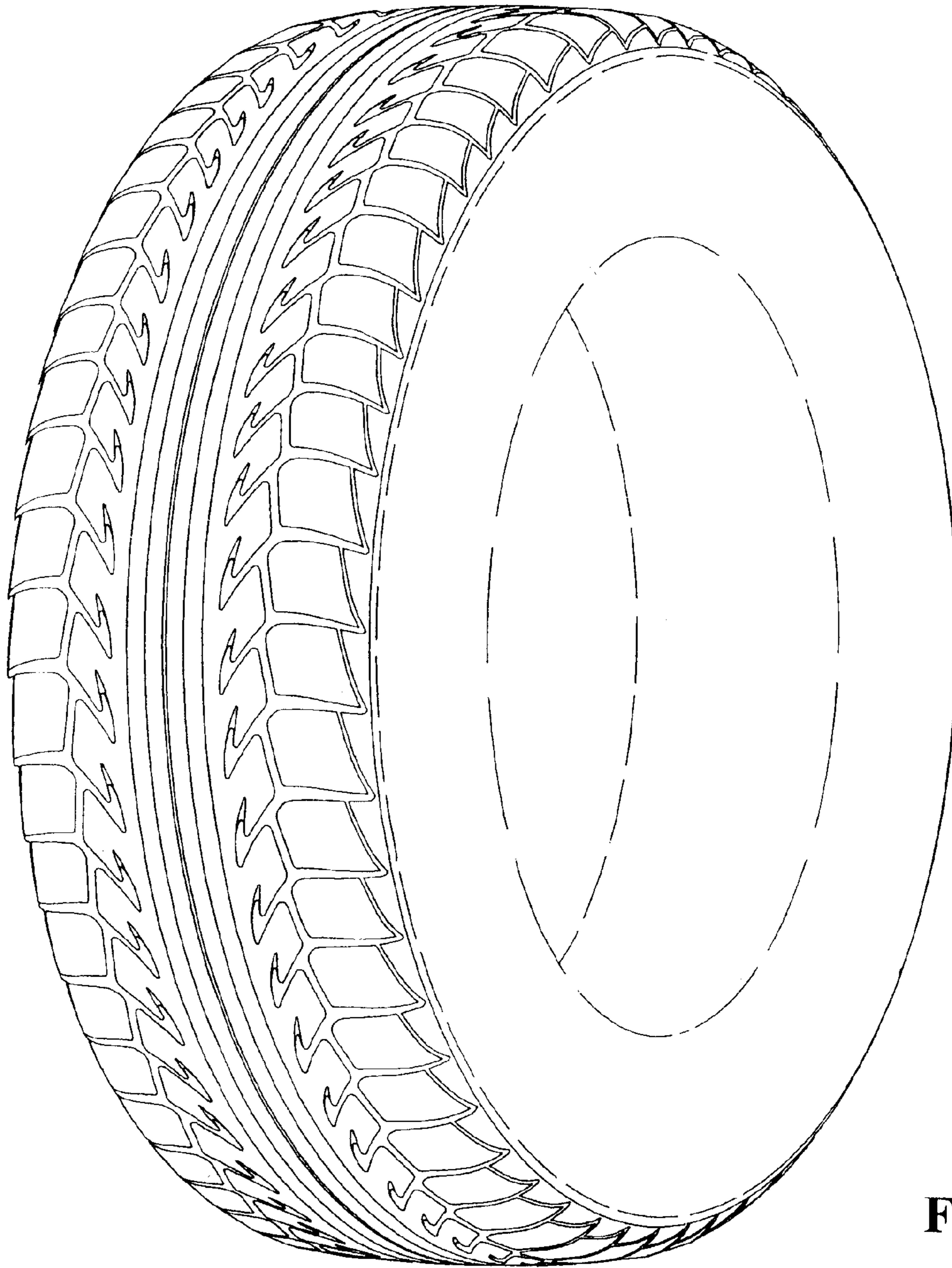
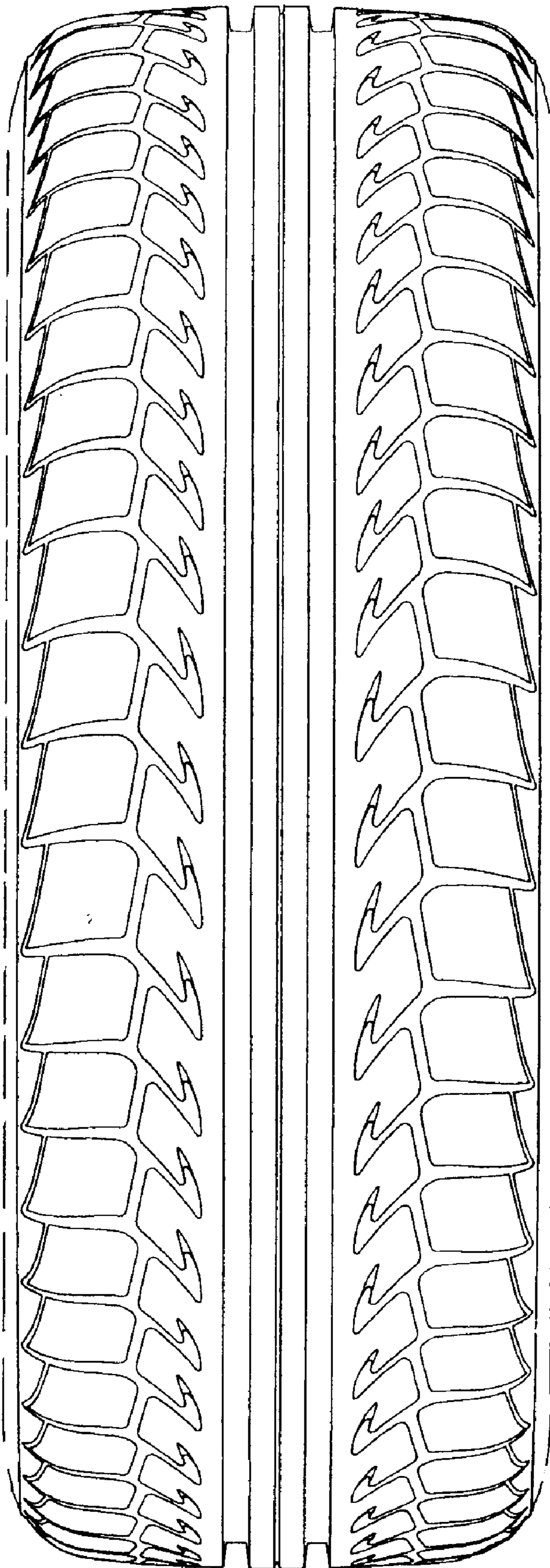


FIG. 1



**FIG. 2**

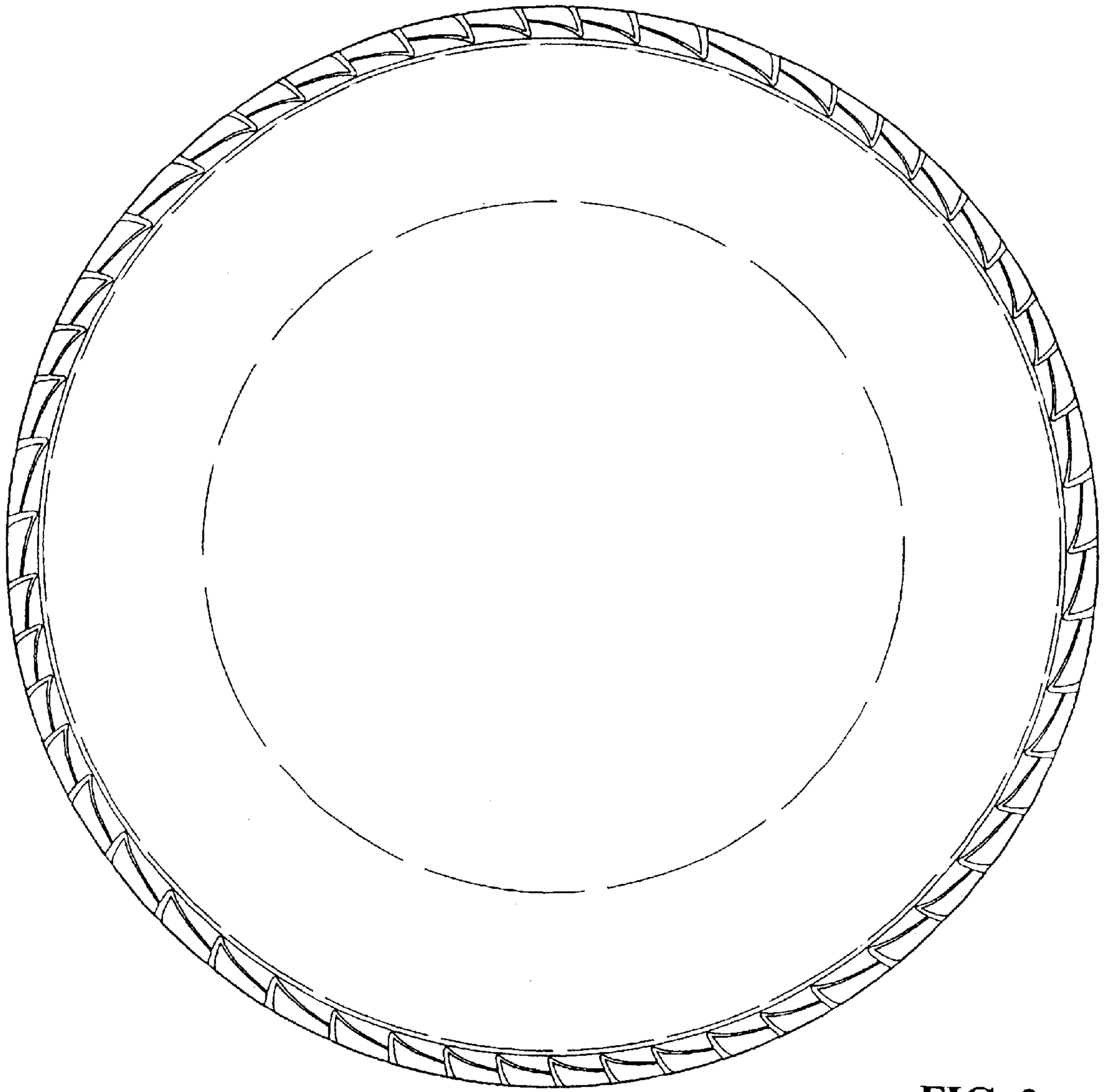
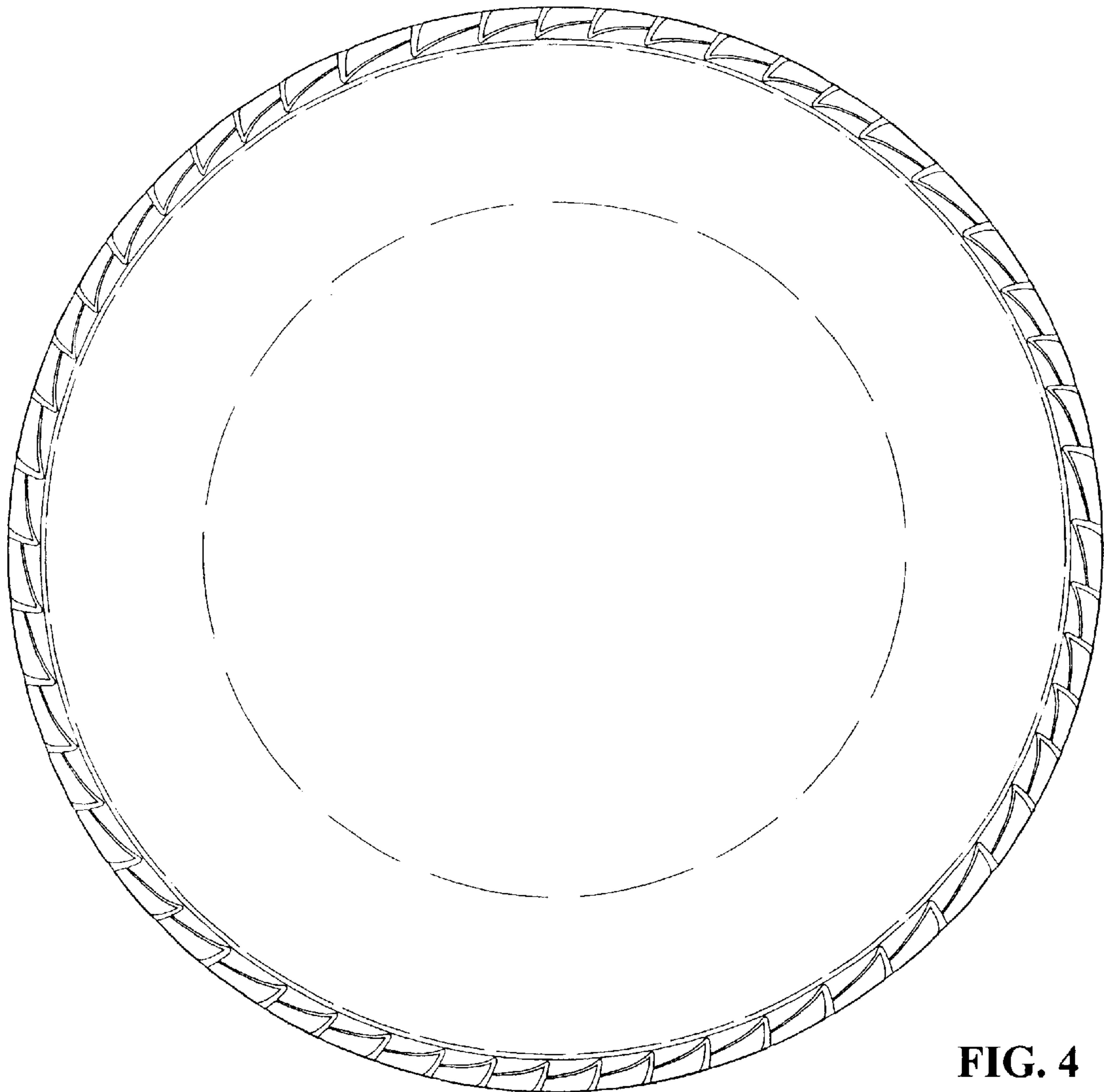


FIG. 3



**FIG. 4**