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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 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, the top plan view and the bottom plan view are identical with the front elevation view;

FIG. 3 is a rear elevation view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a right side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 5 is a left side elevation view thereof;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary front elevation view thereof; and,

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 7—7 in FIG. 6.

The portion of the article shown in broken lines is for illustrative purpose only and forms no part of the claimed design.

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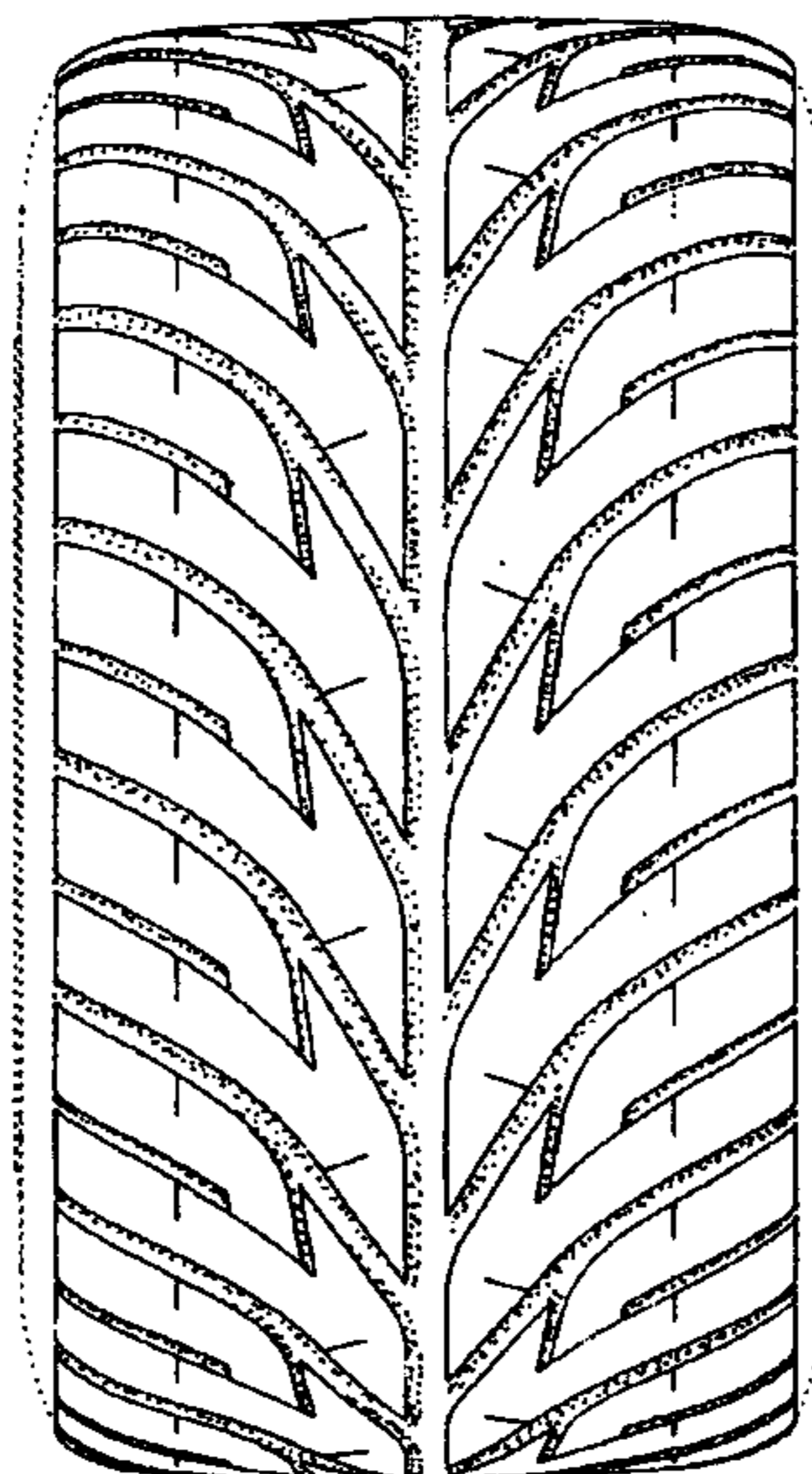


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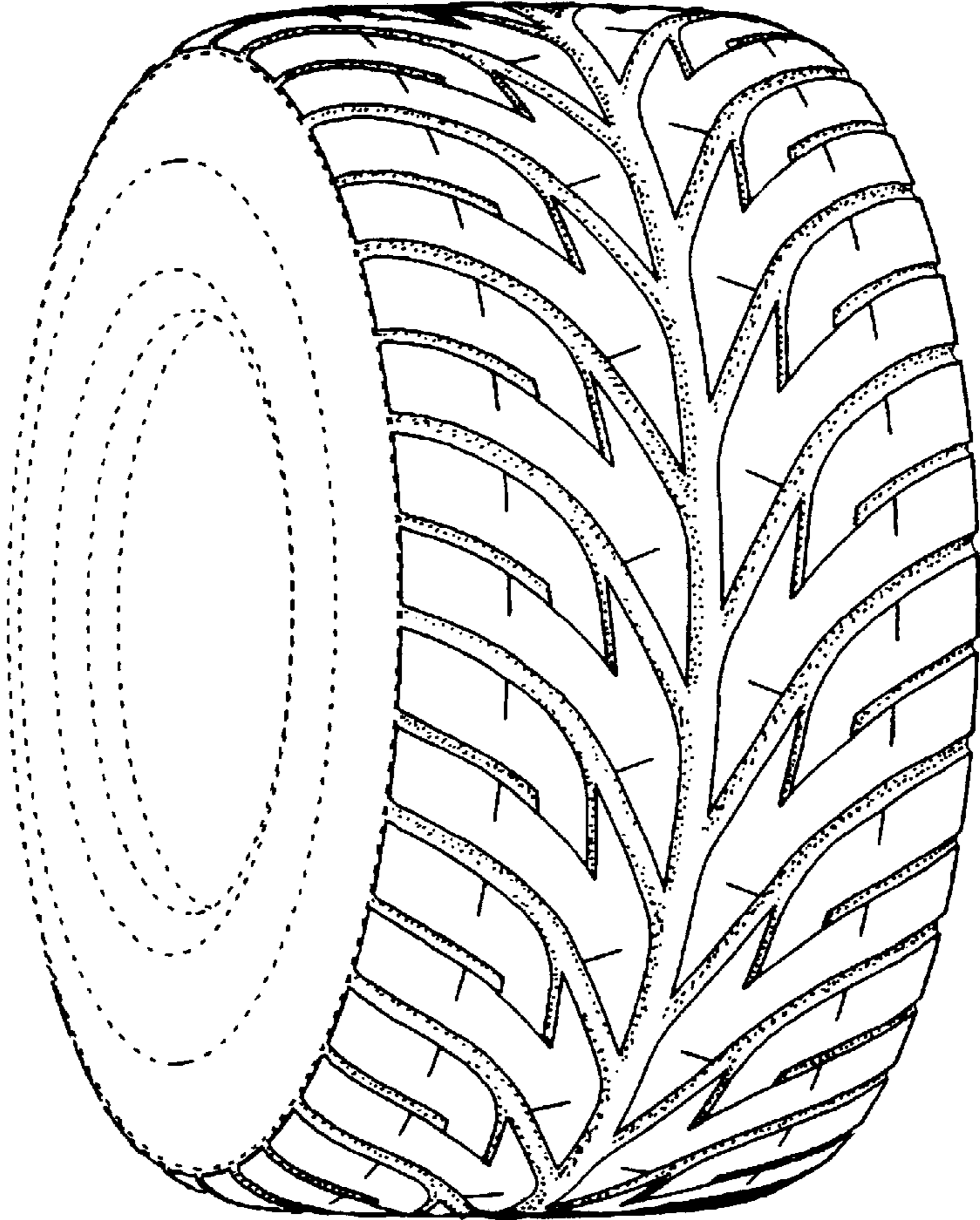


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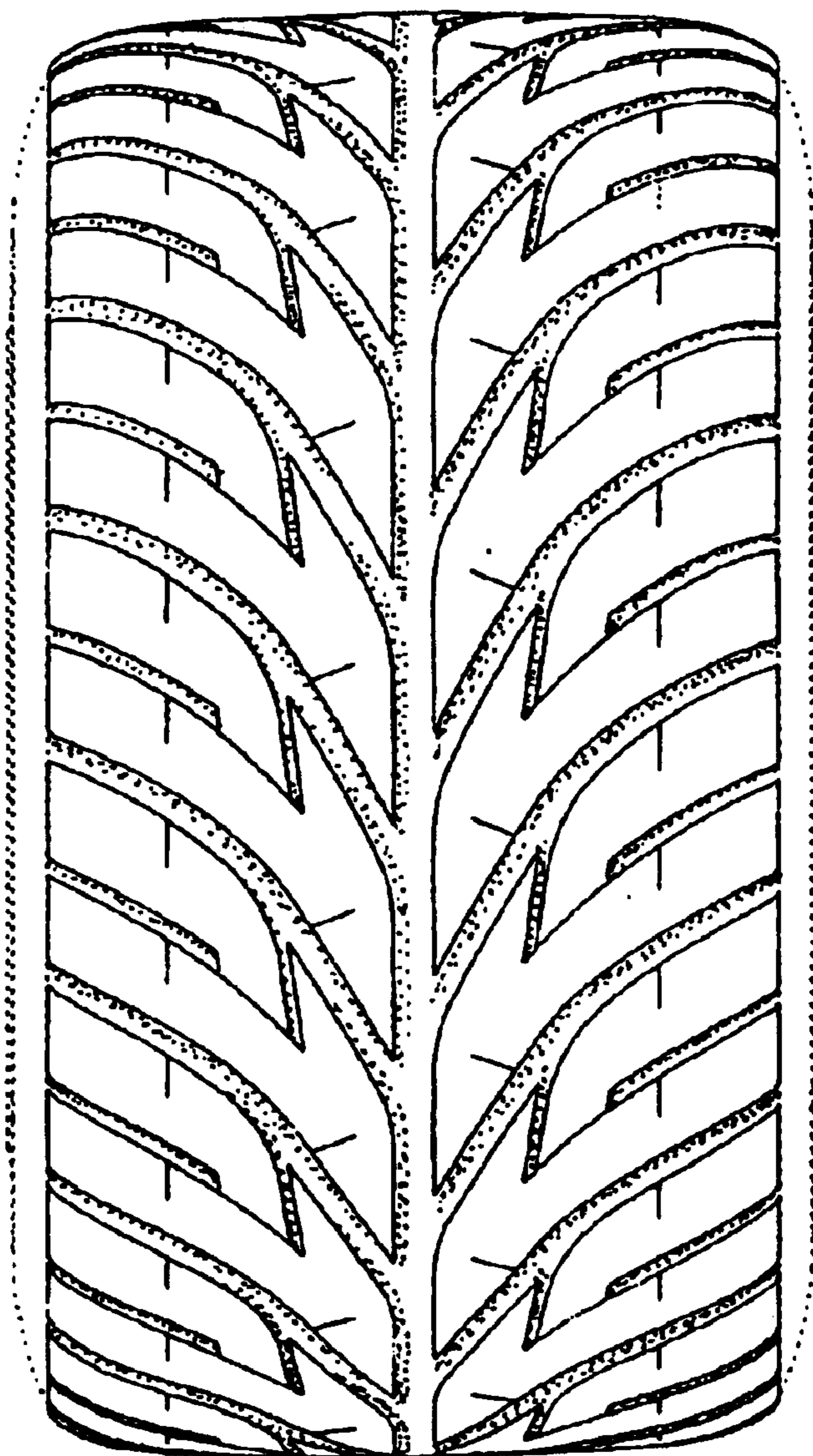


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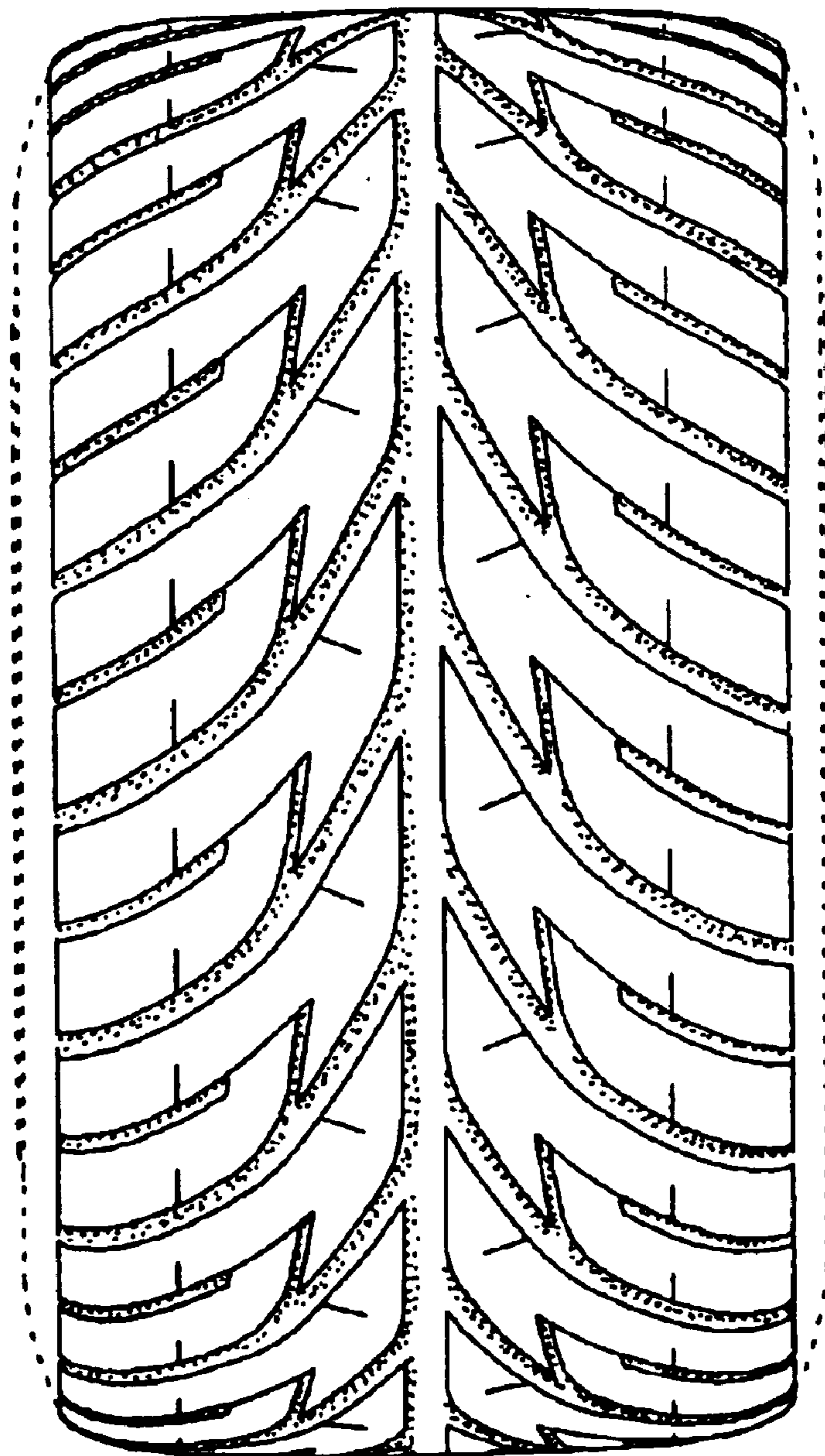


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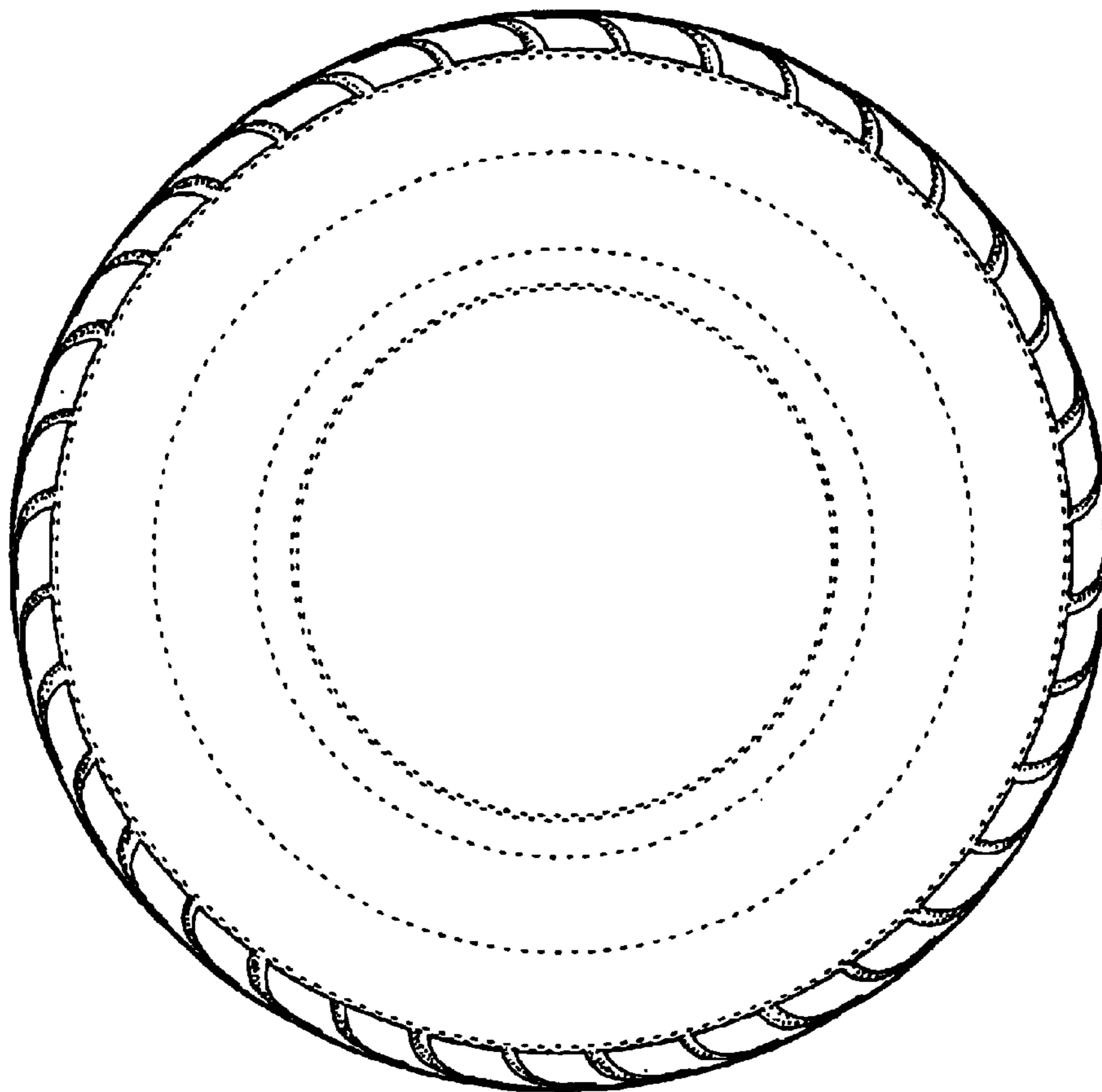


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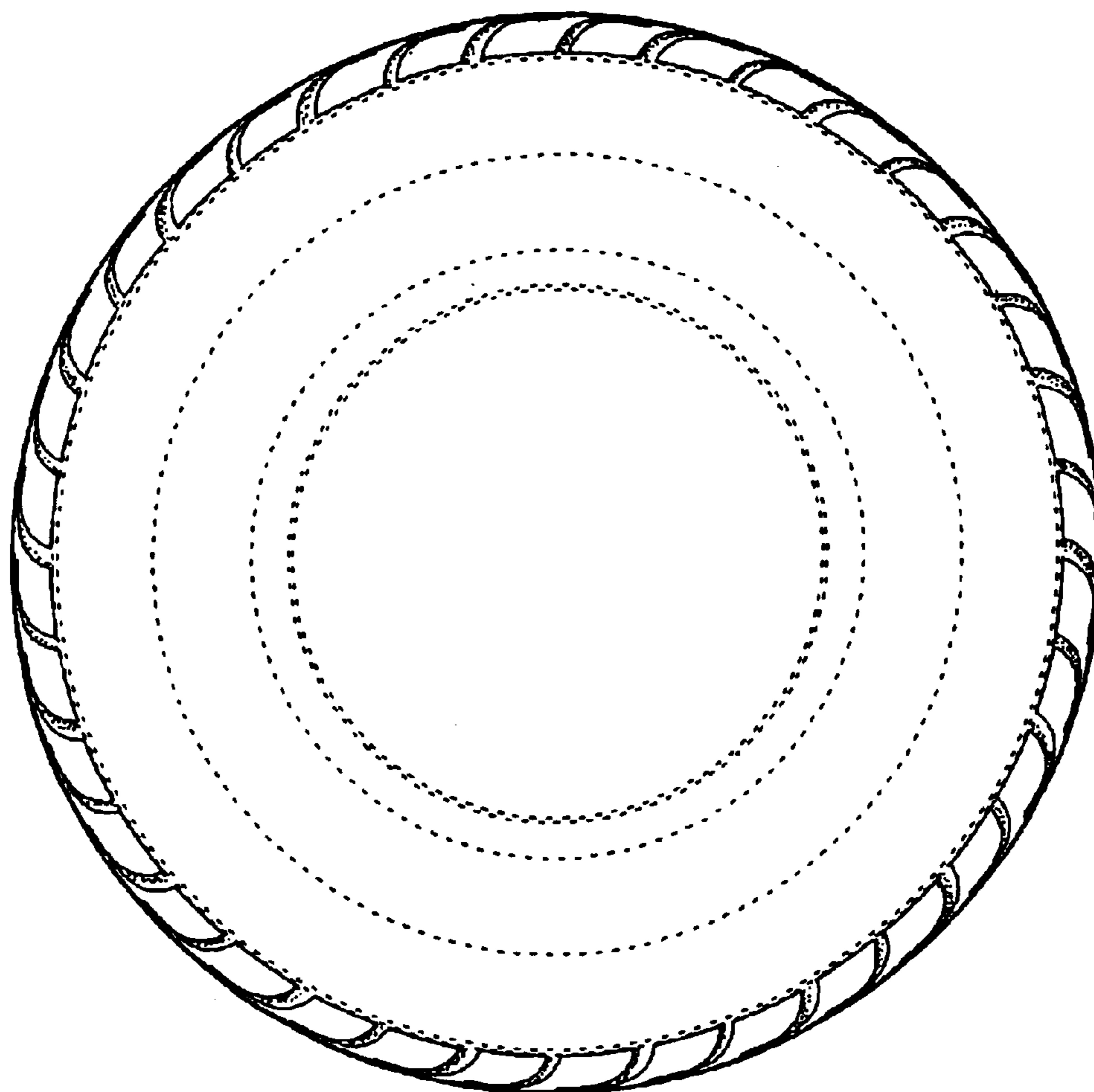


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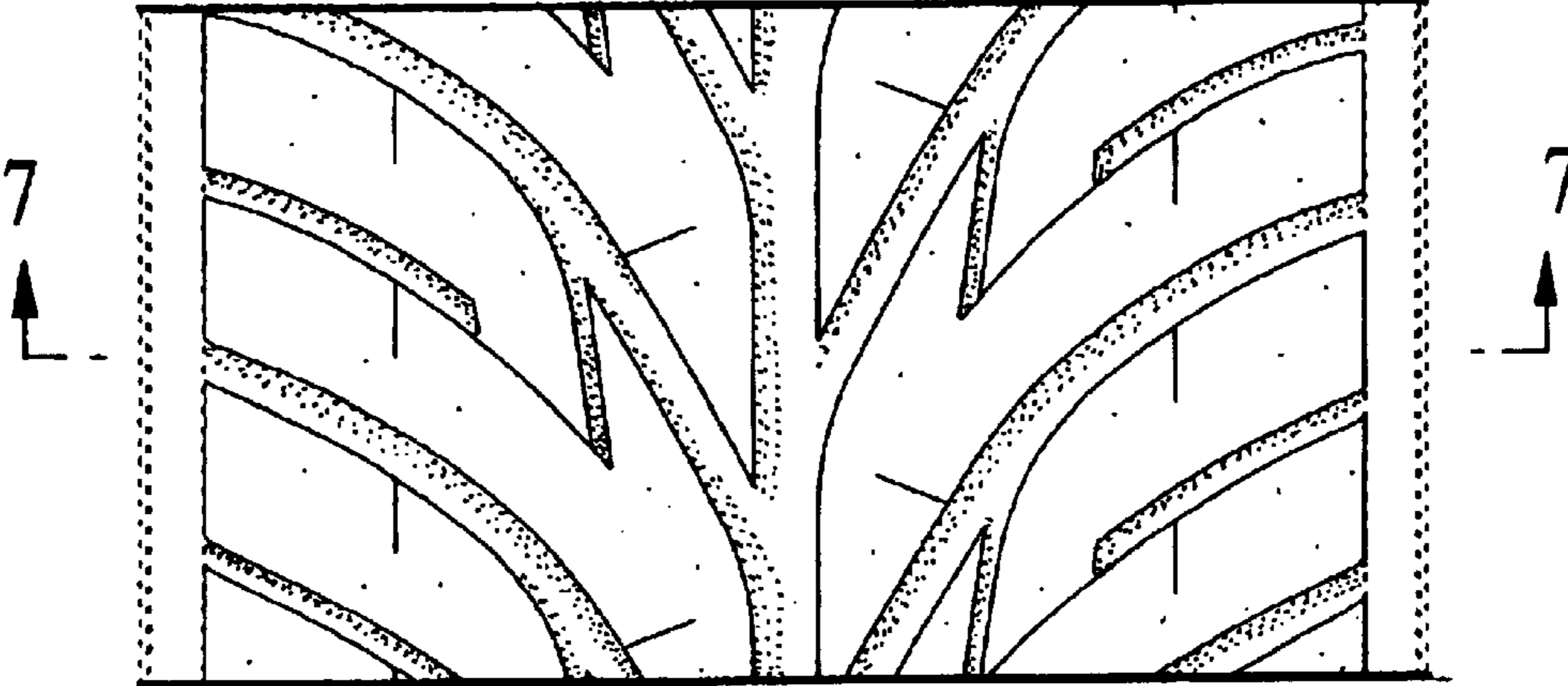
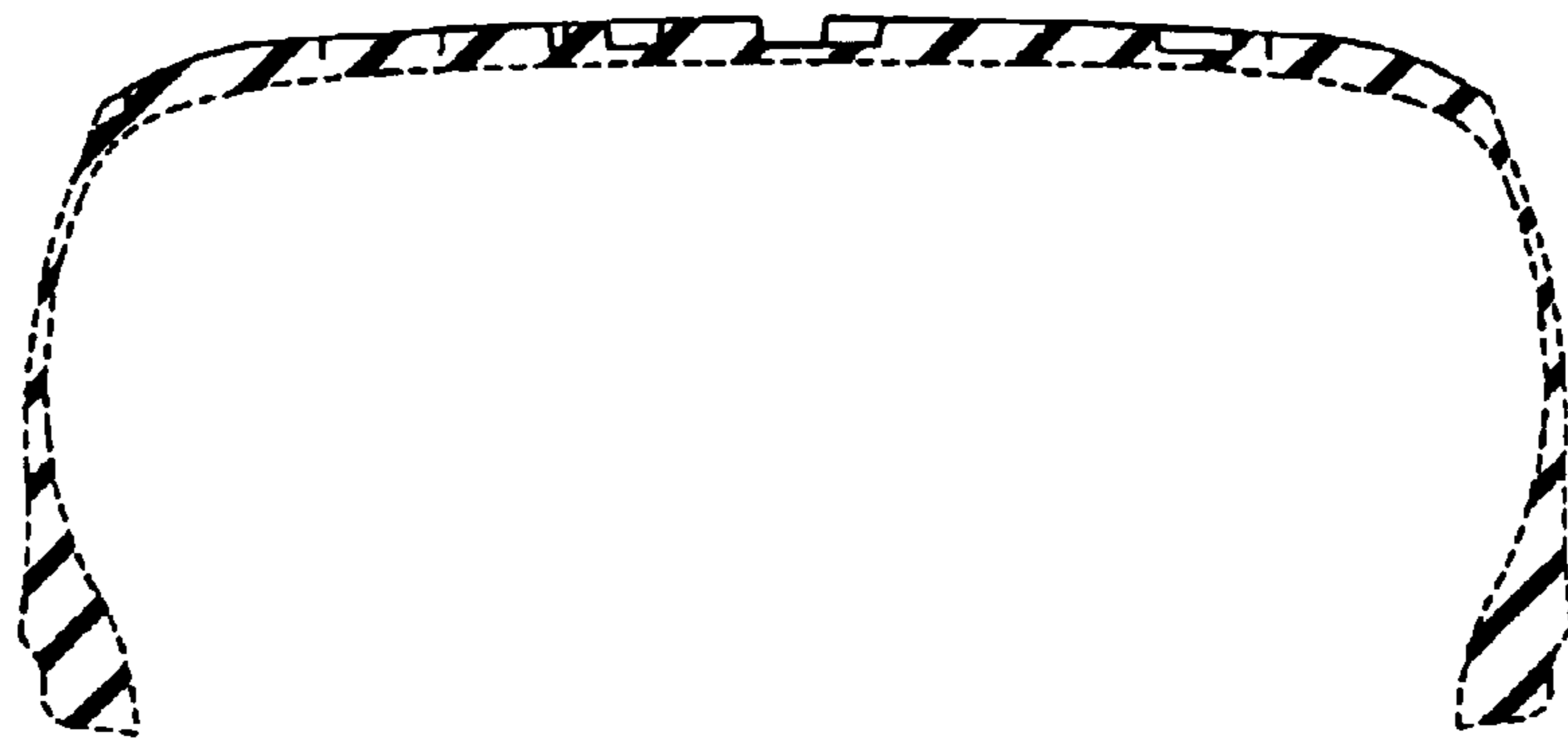


FIG. 7



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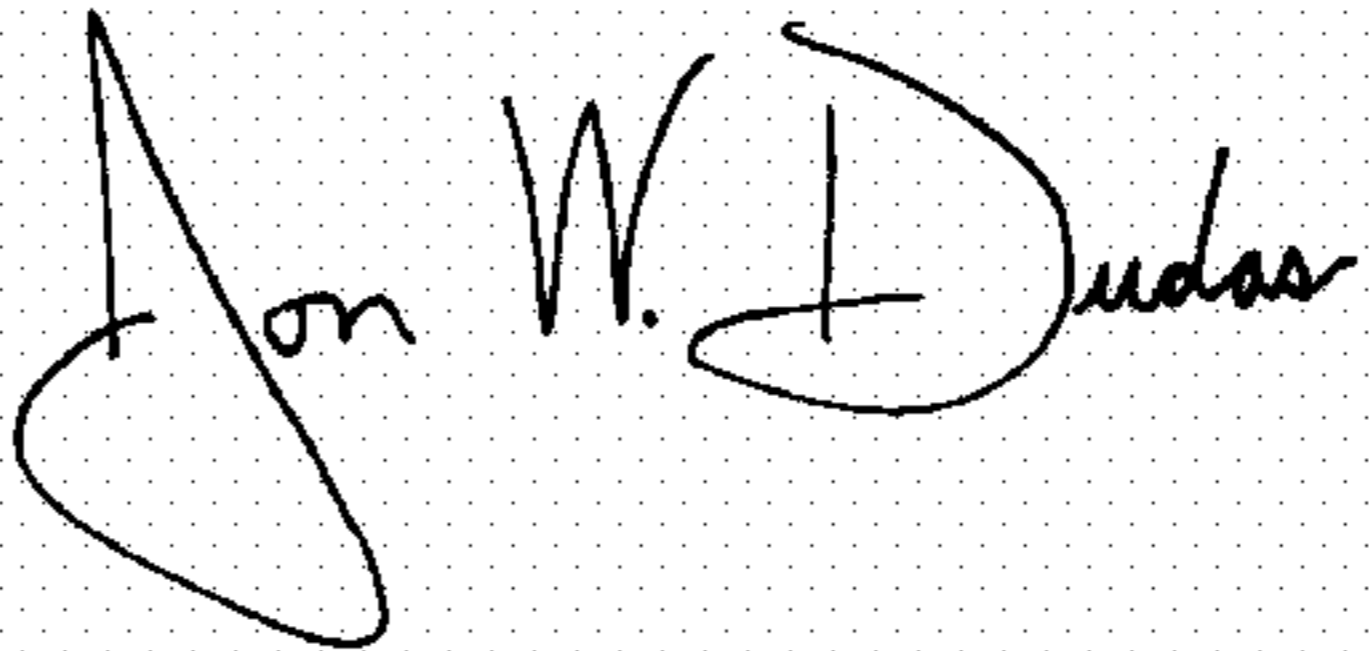
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Drawings,

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FIG. 2

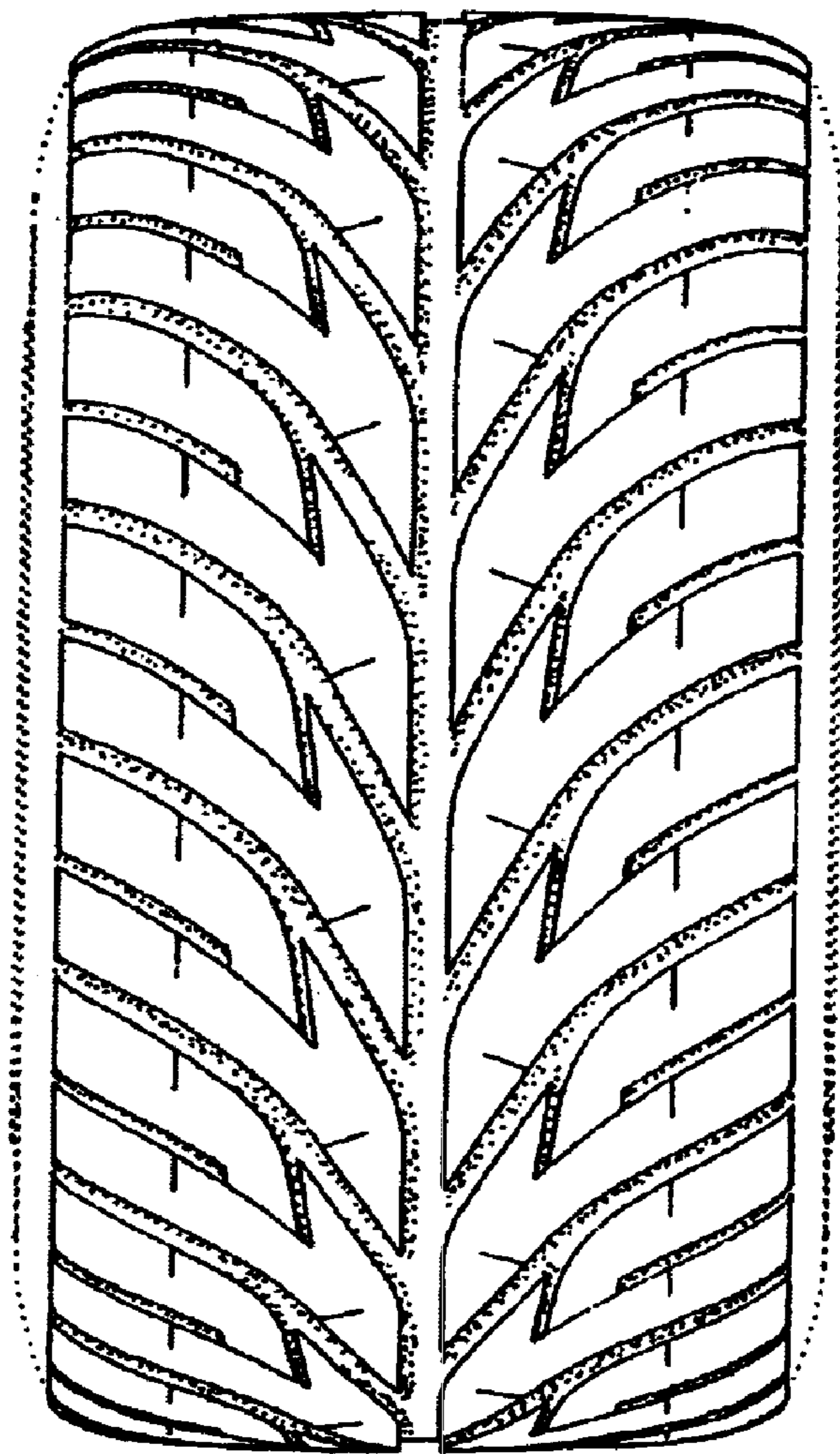


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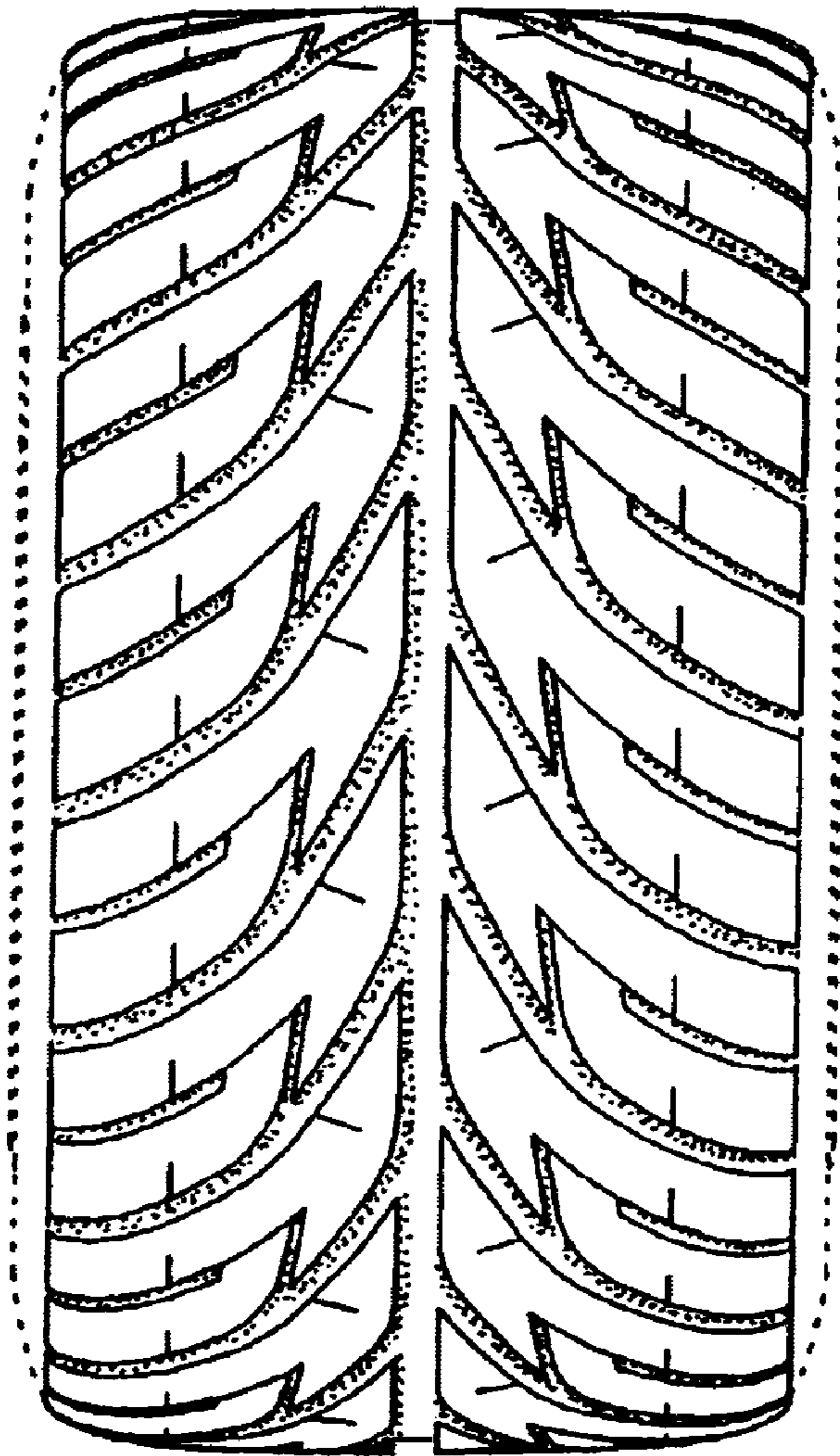


FIG. 7

