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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 top, front and one side of a tread portion of an automobile tire showing our new design, it being understood that the tread pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof, the top and bottom plan views beings 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 a cross-sectional view thereof taken along the line 7-7 as shown in FIG. 6.

The elements shown in broken lines are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets

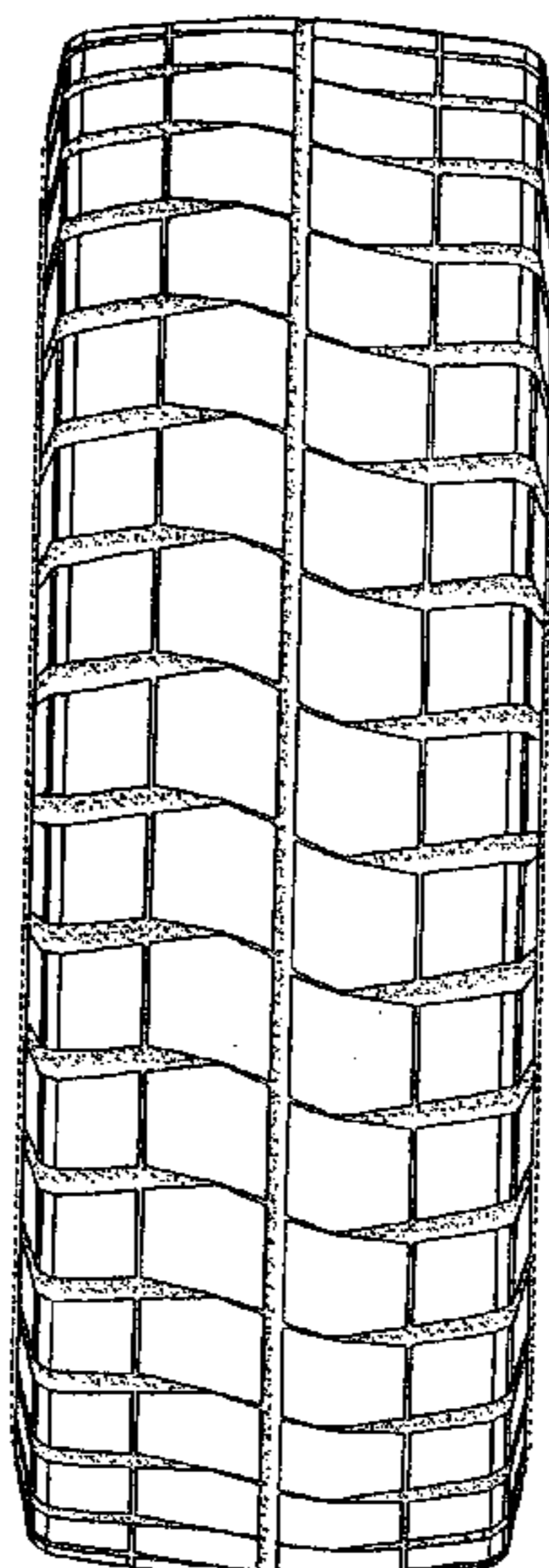


FIG. 1

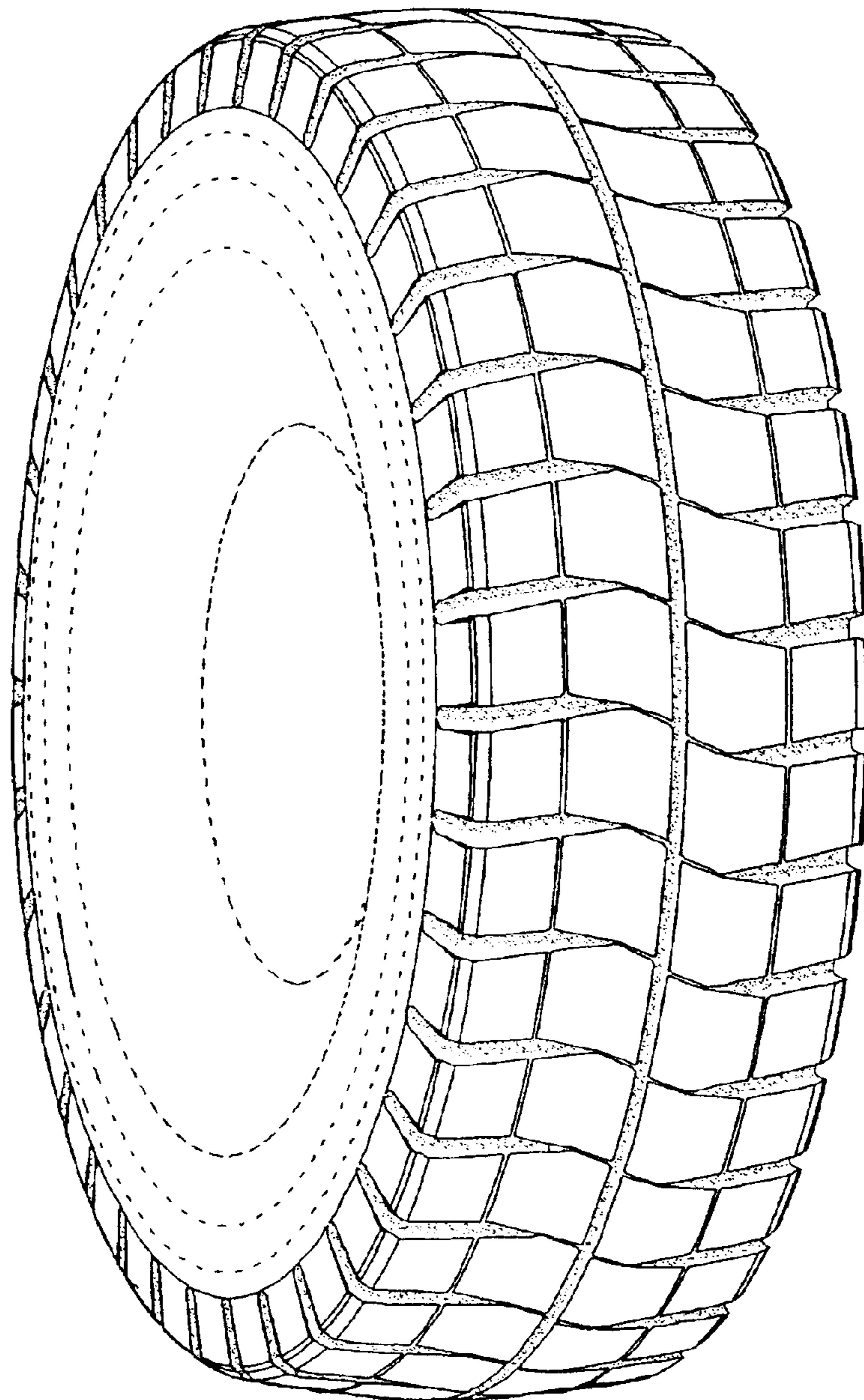


FIG. 2

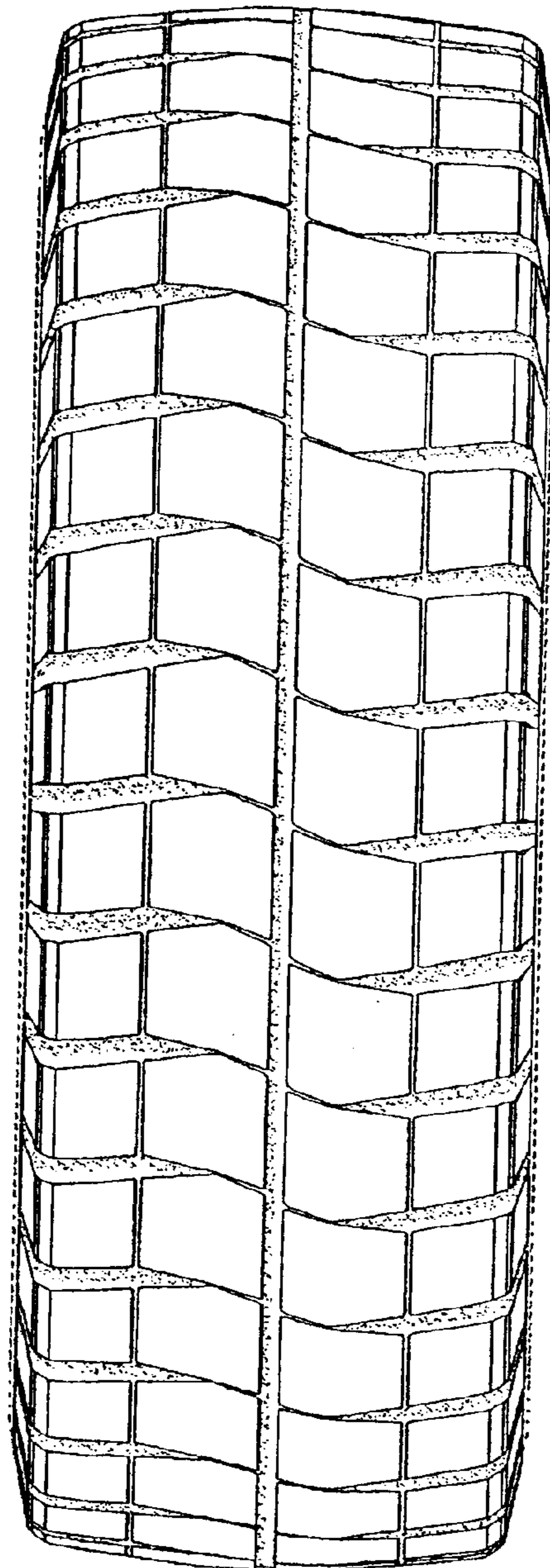


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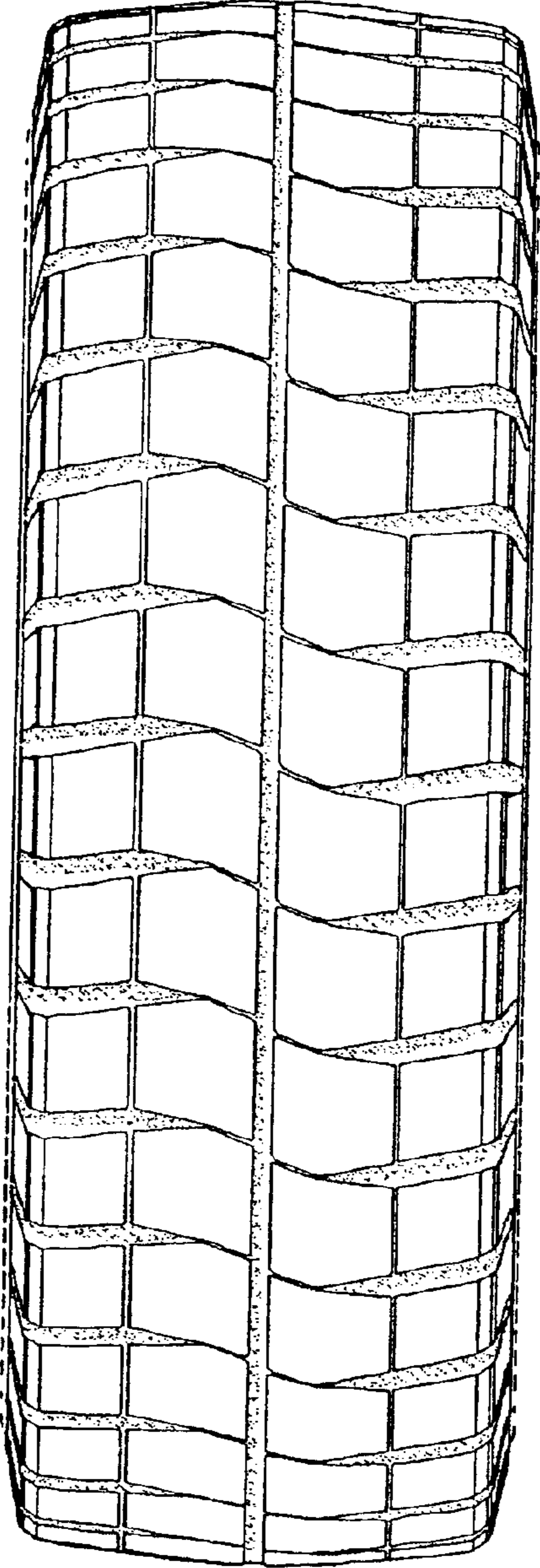


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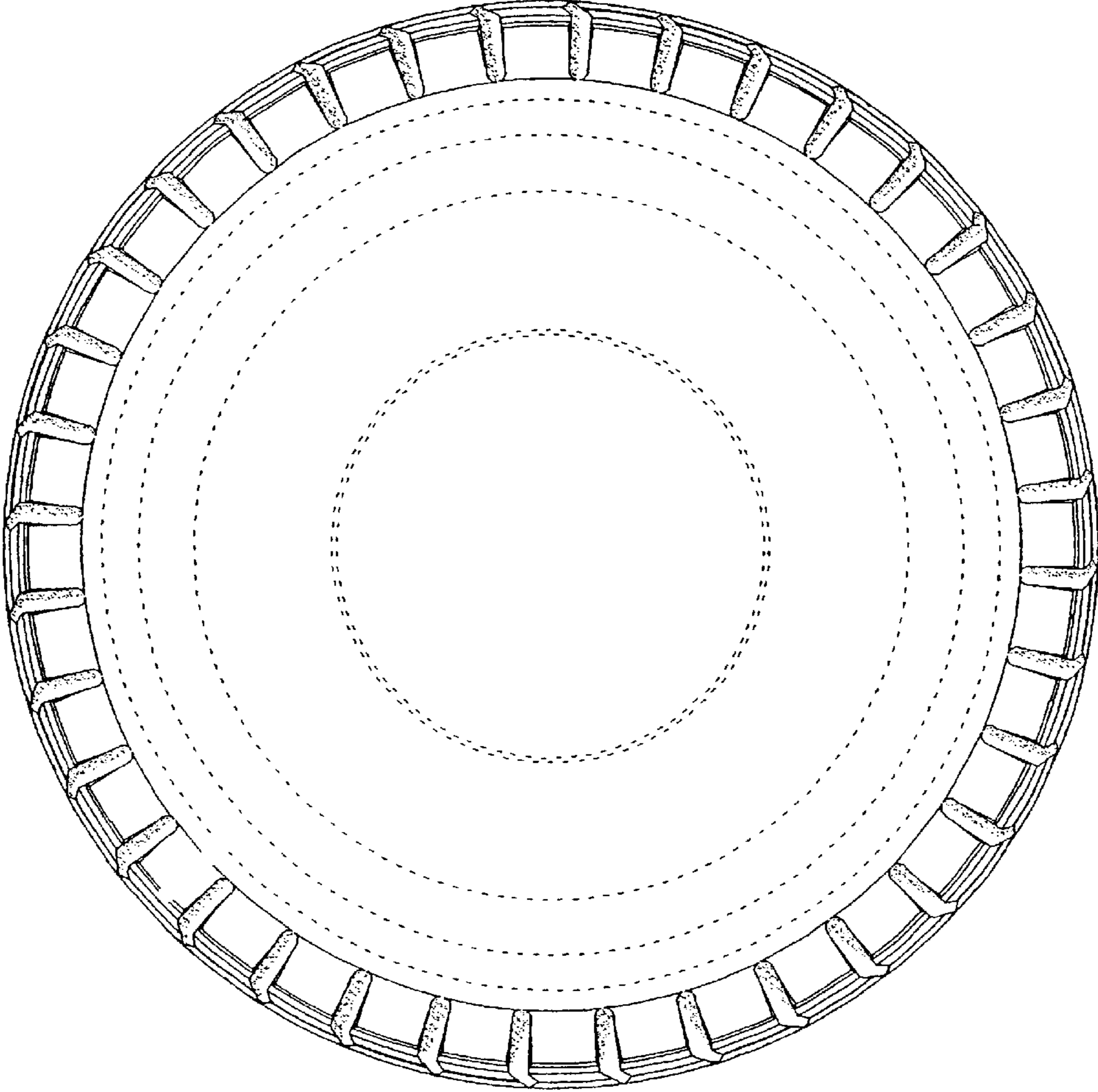


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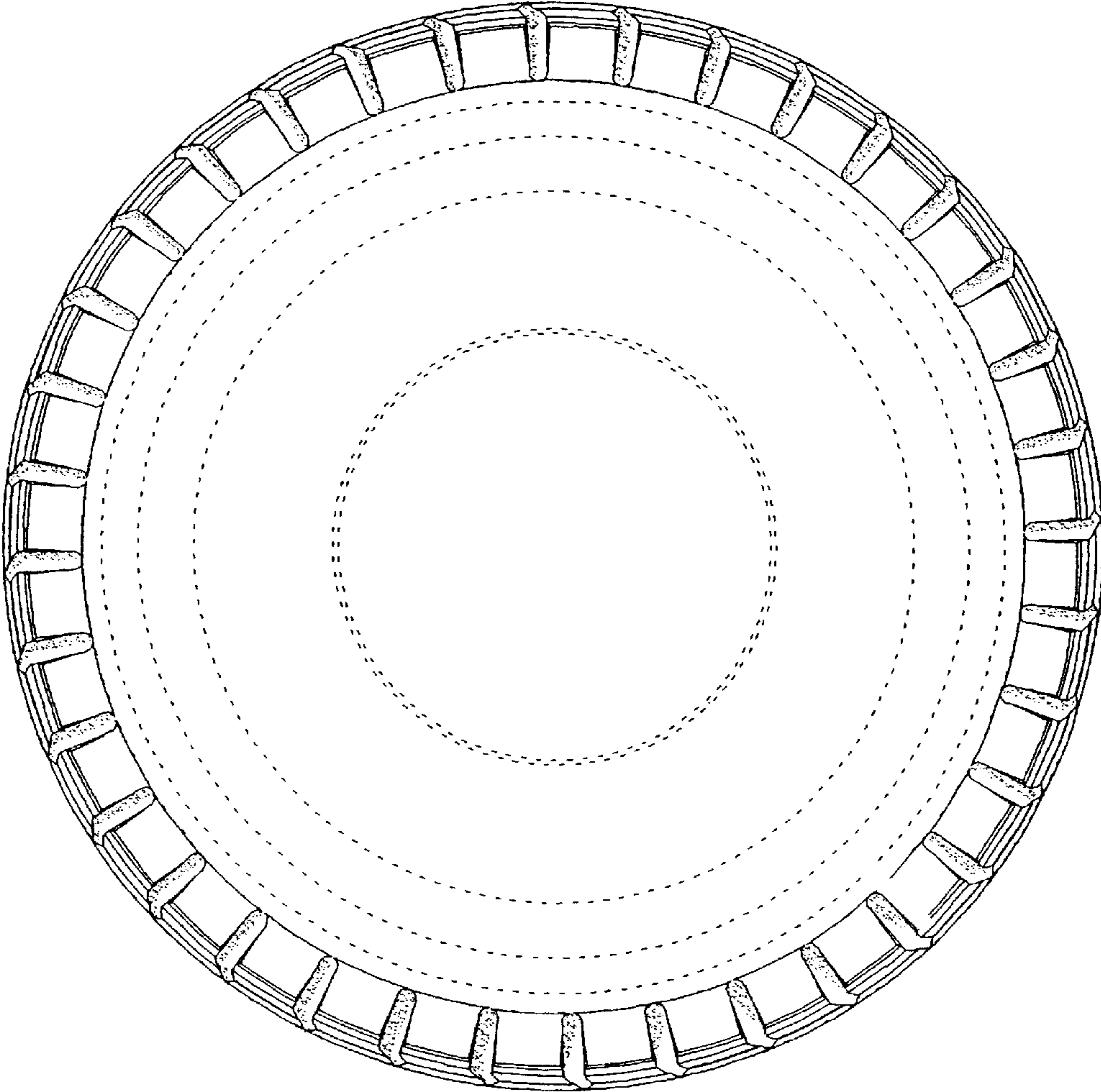


FIG. 6

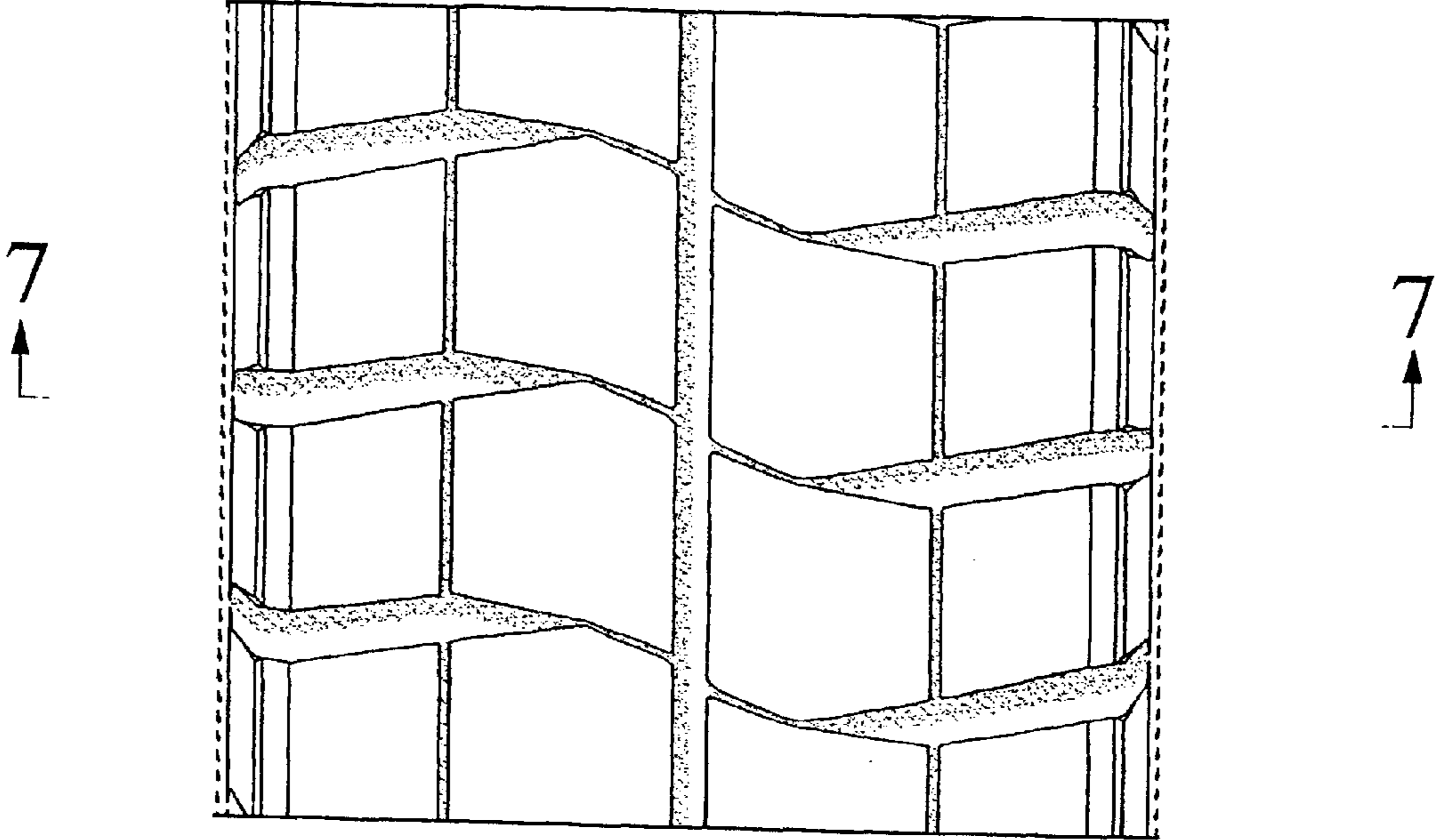


FIG. 7

