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(54) **TREAD PORTION OF AN AUTOMOBILE TIRE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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DESCRIPTION

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

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

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In the drawings, the dark stippled surface shading represents the recessed portion of the tread grooves, having the depth shown in FIG. 7.

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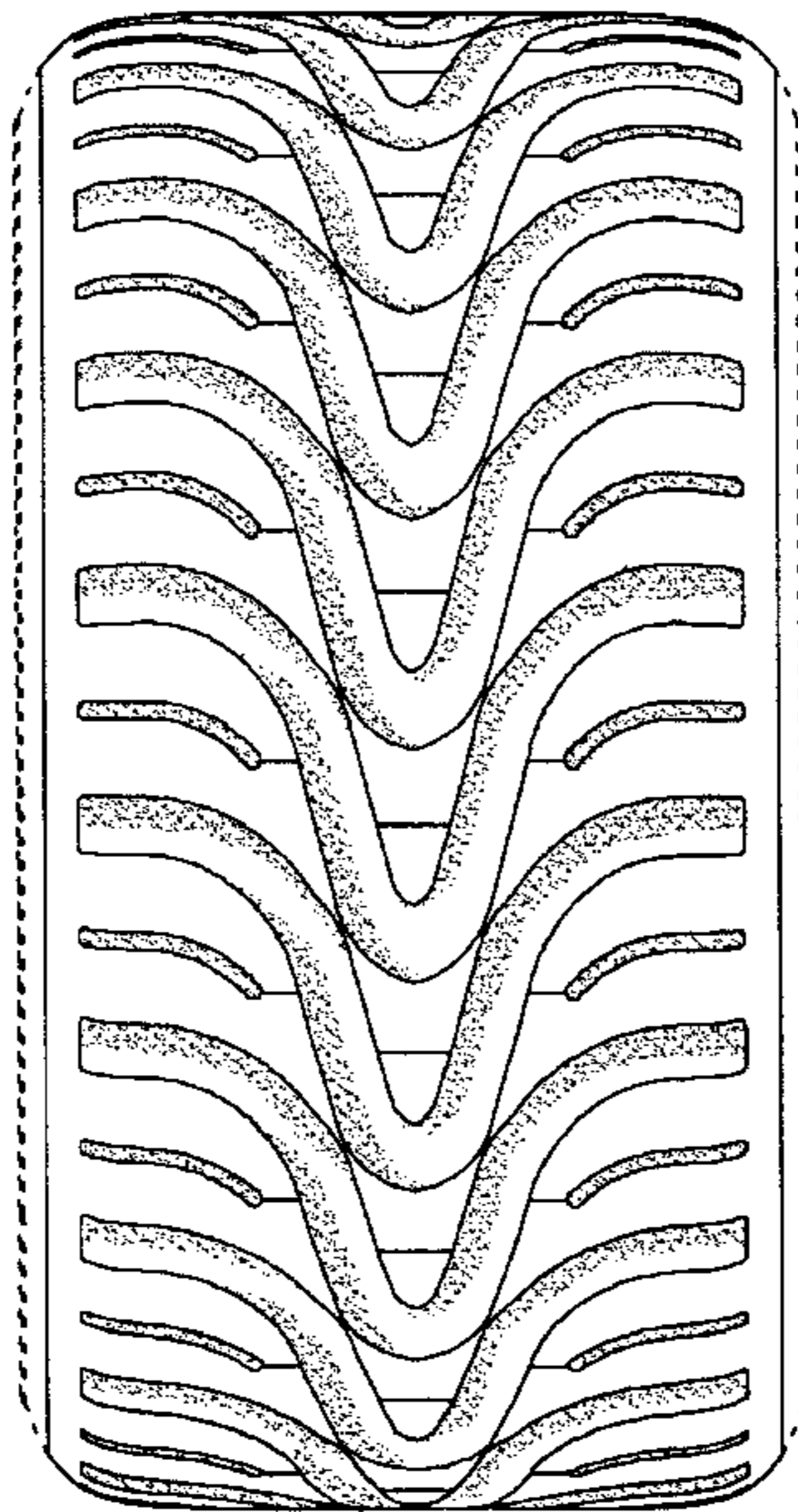


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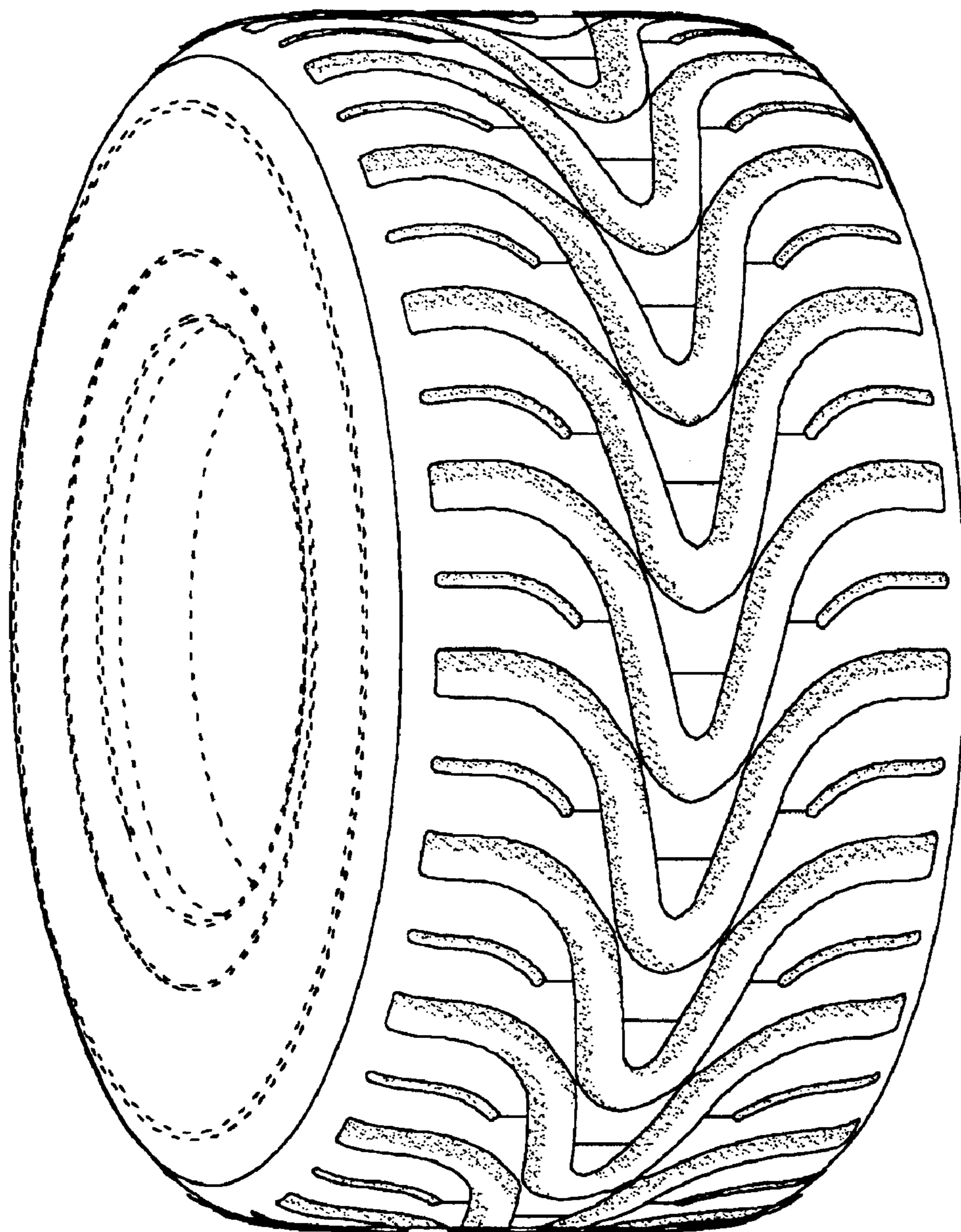


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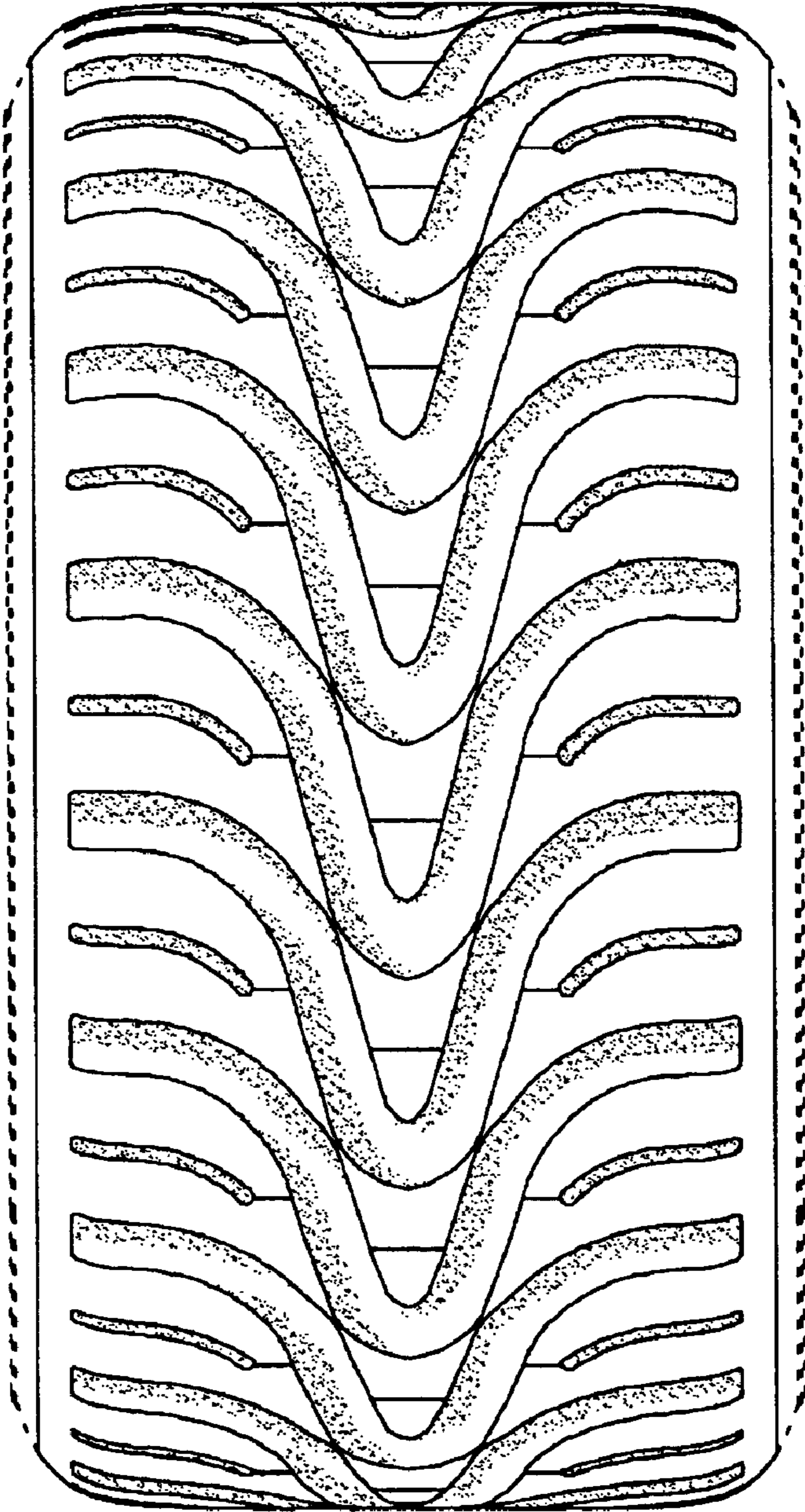


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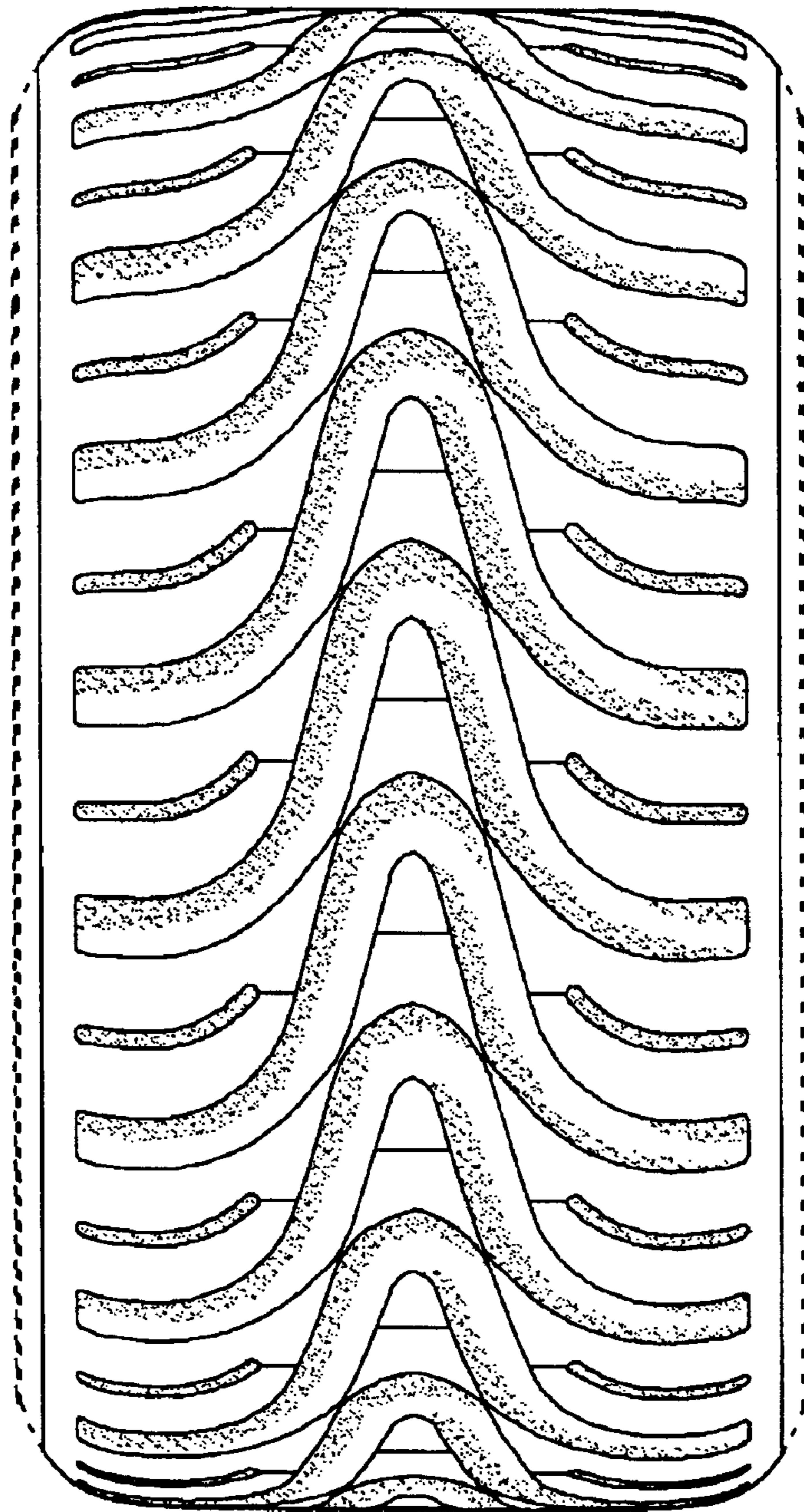


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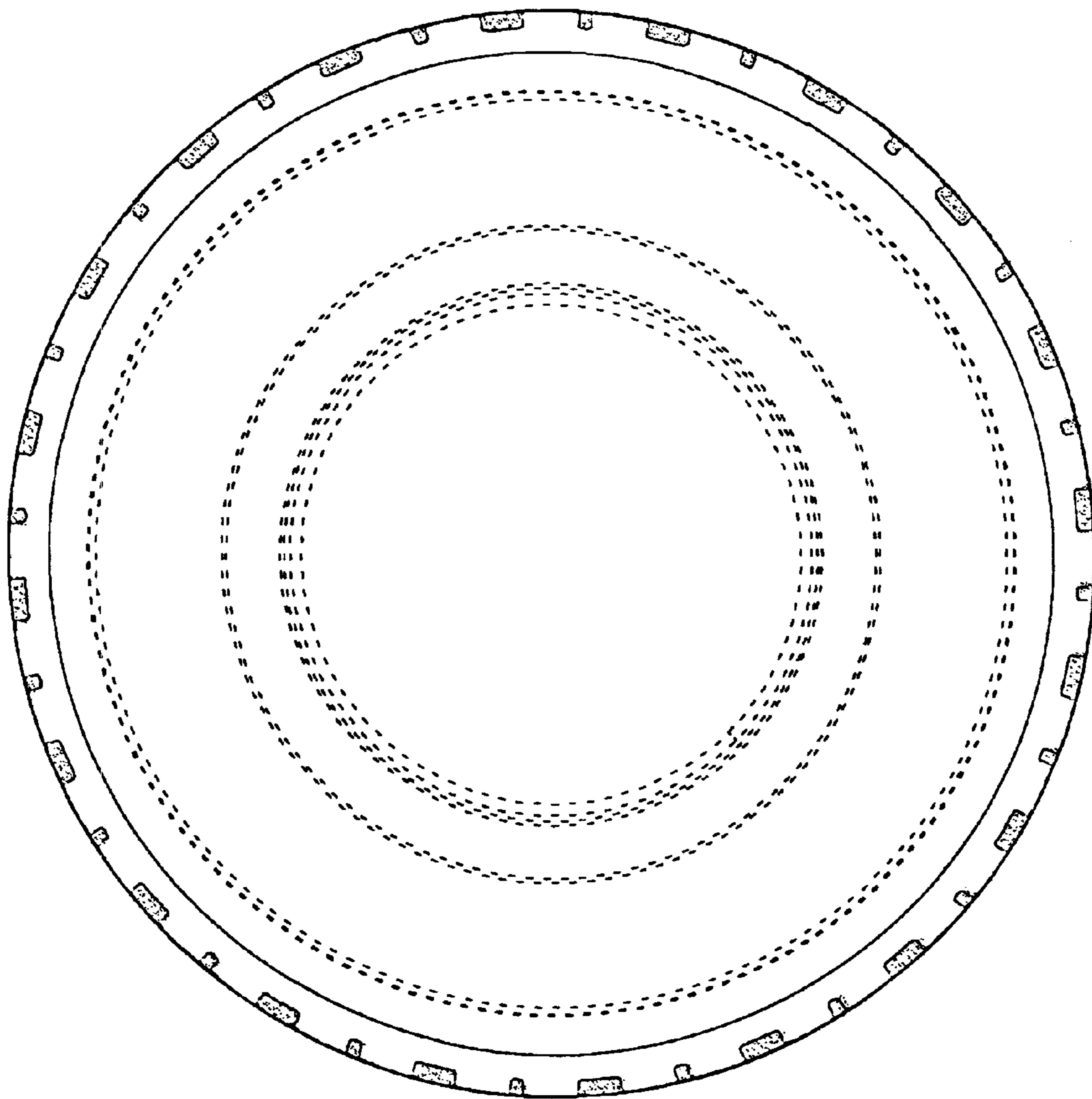


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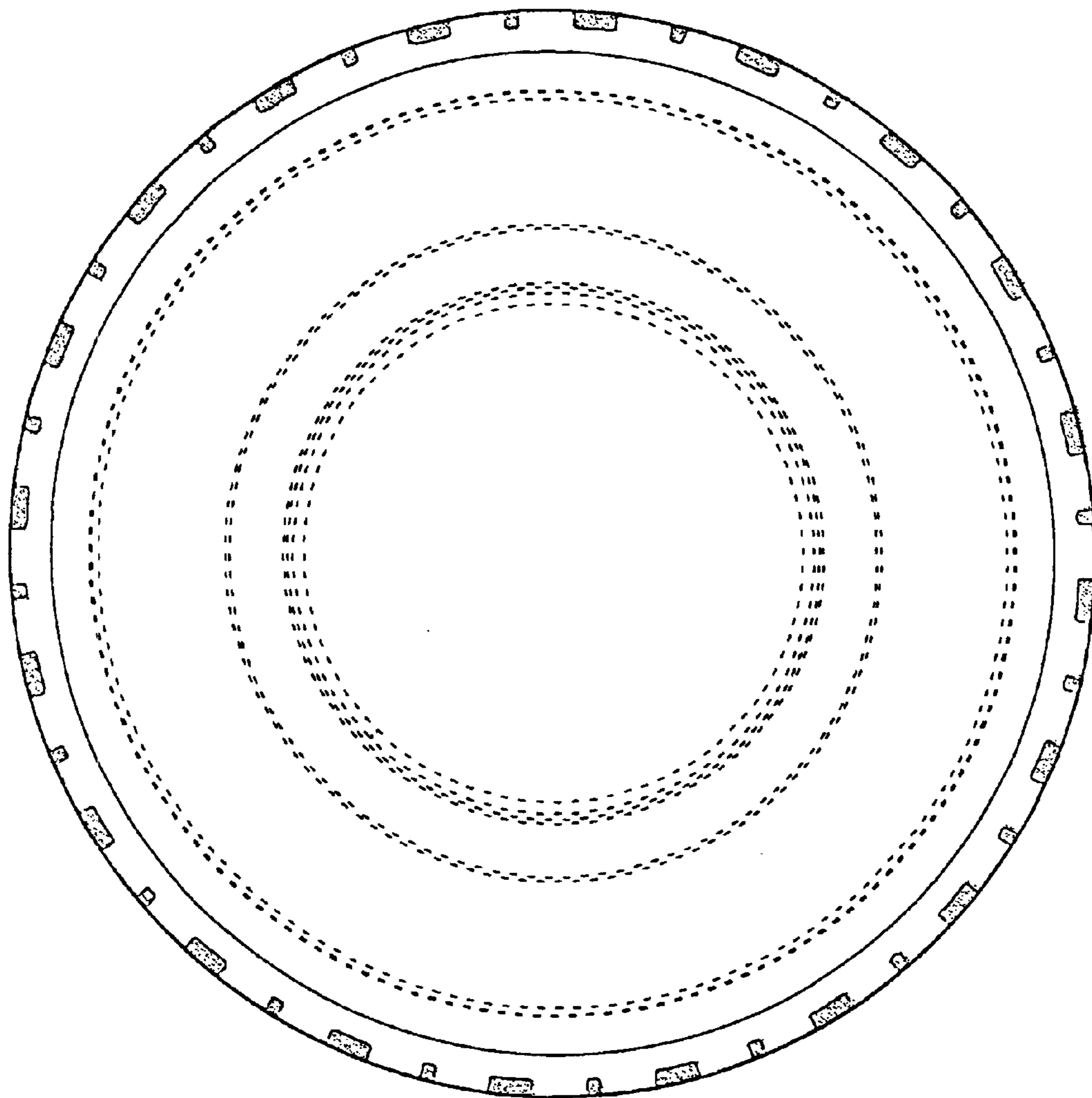


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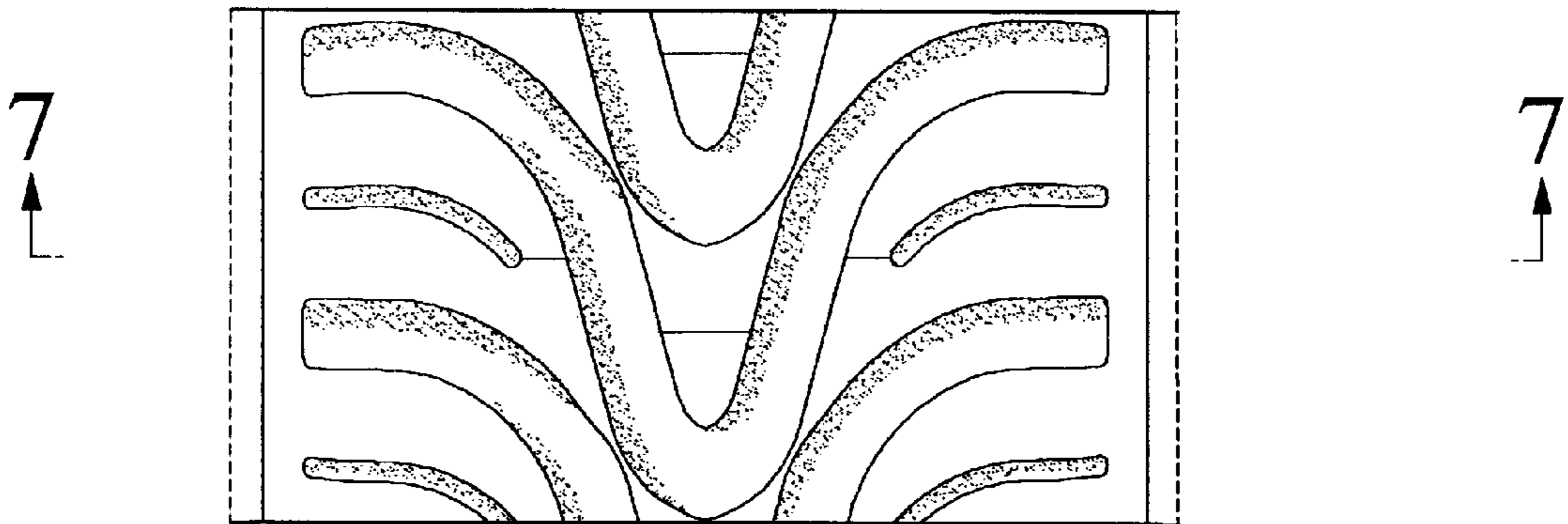


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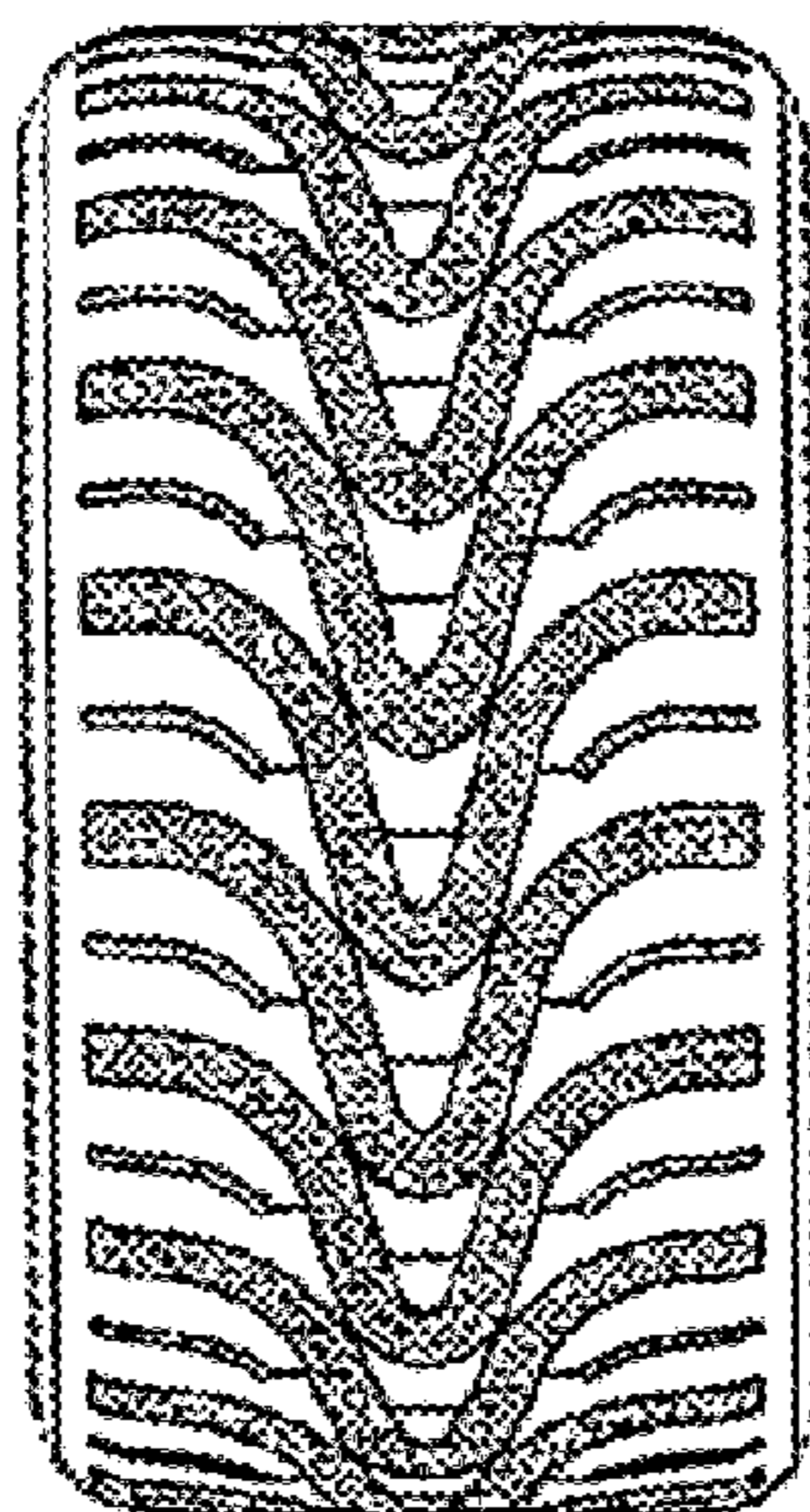


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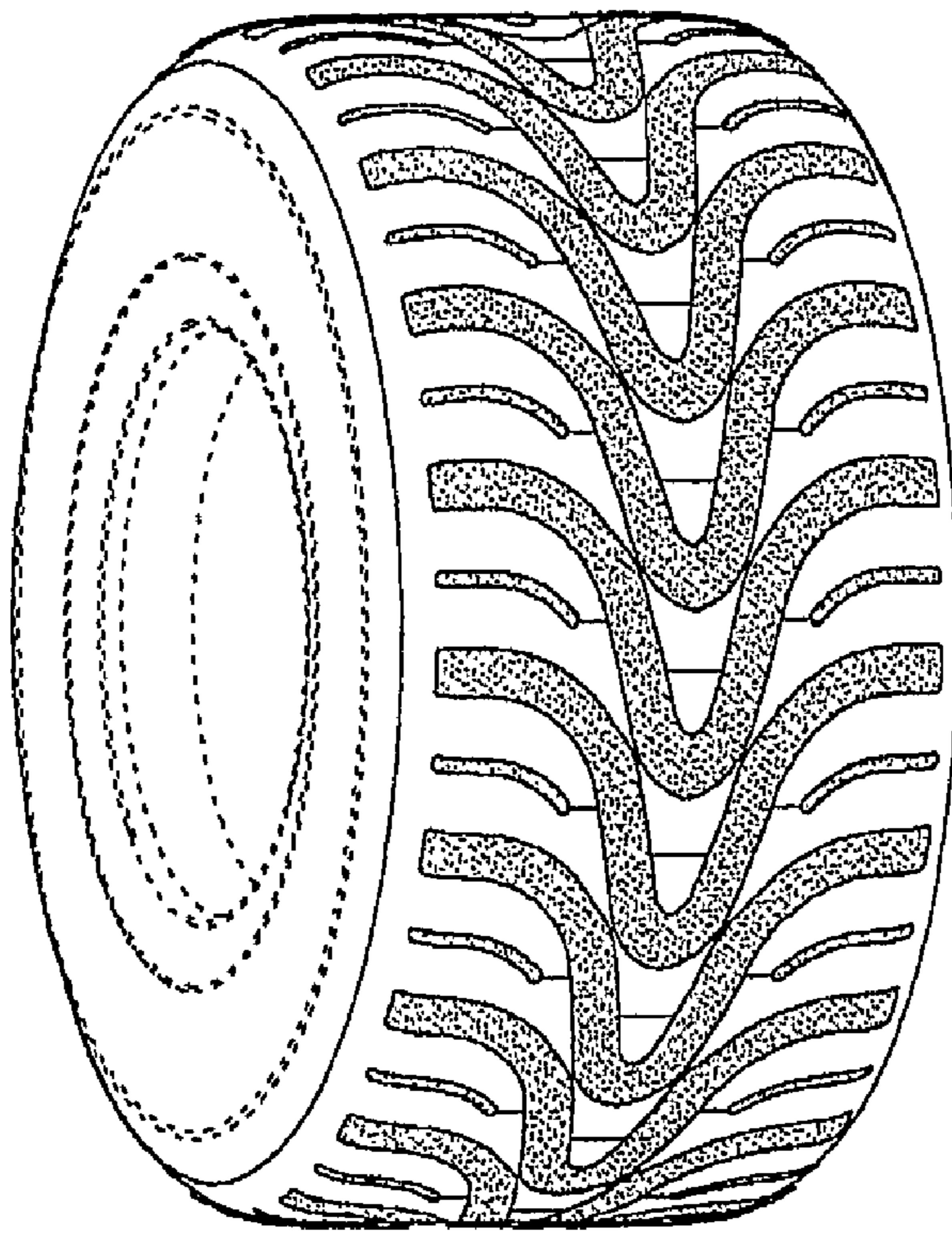


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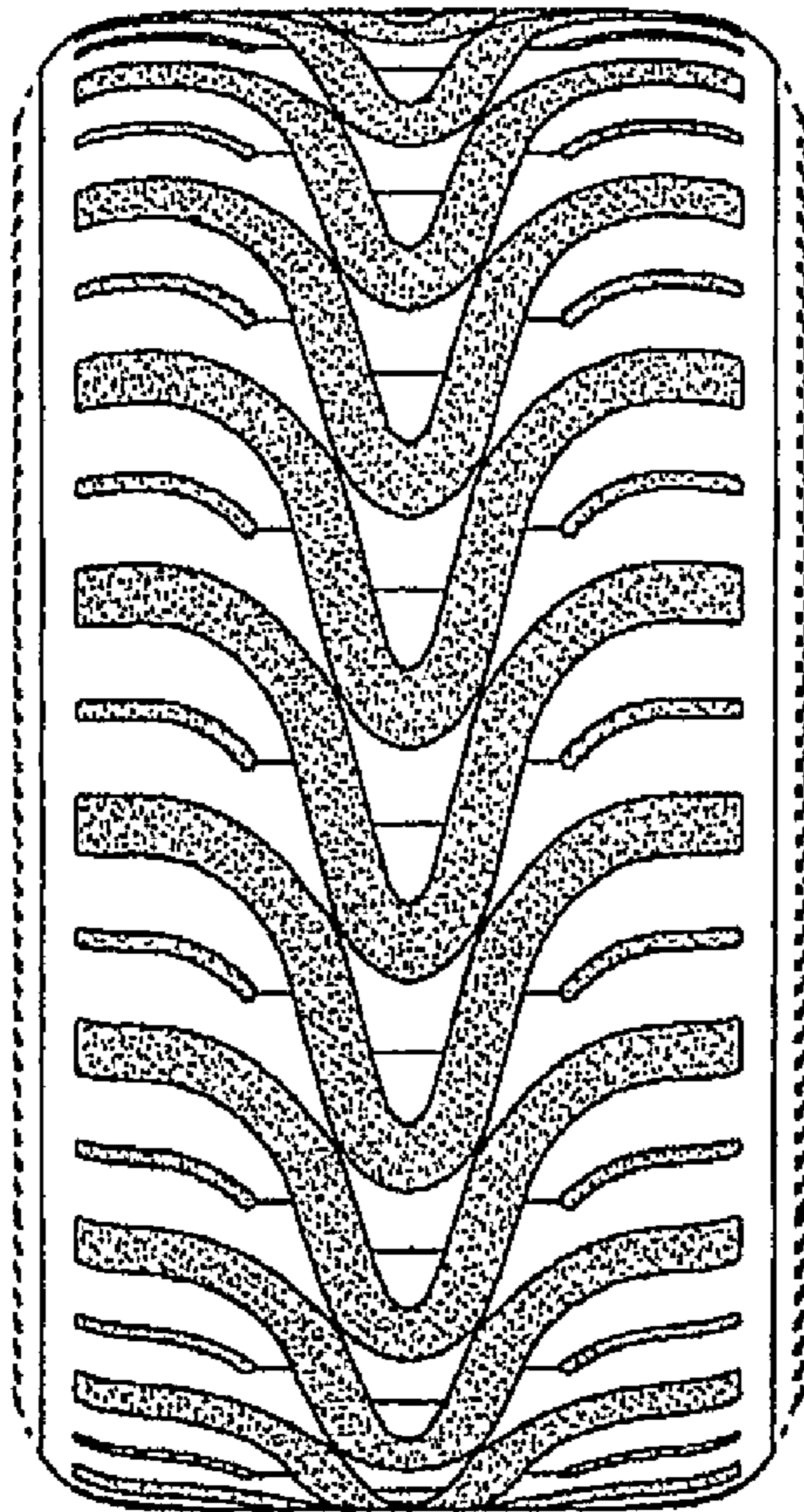


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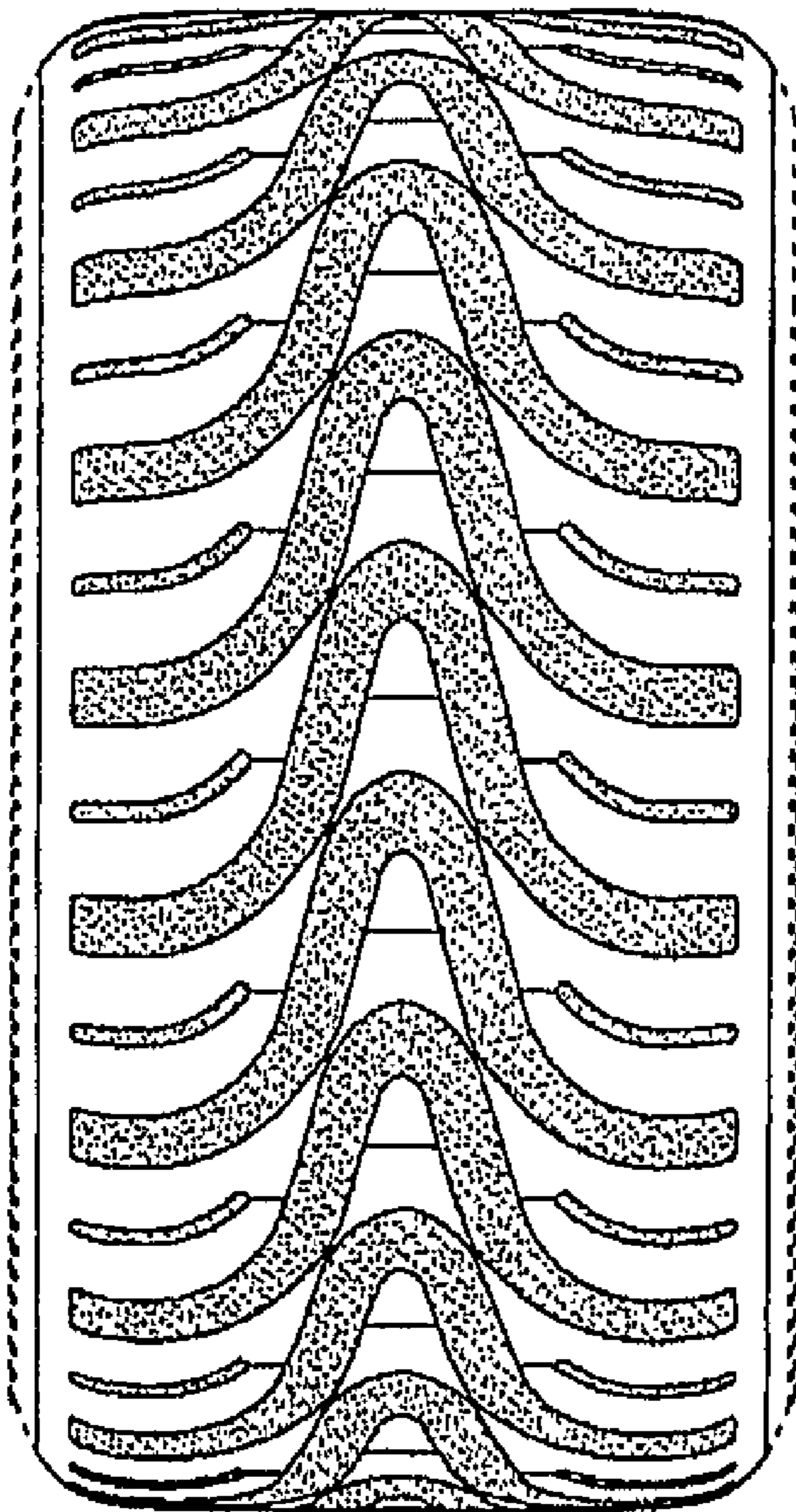


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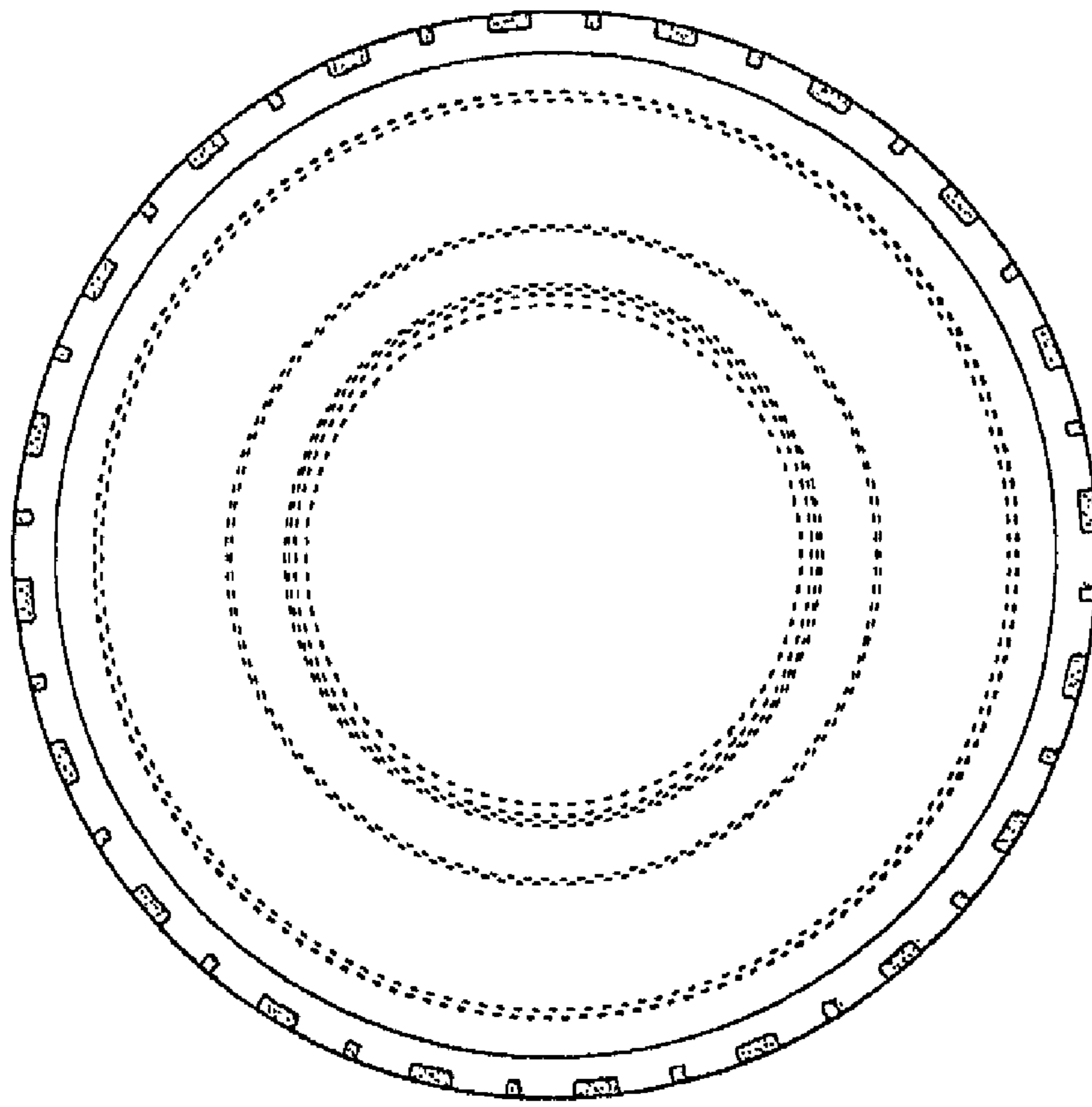


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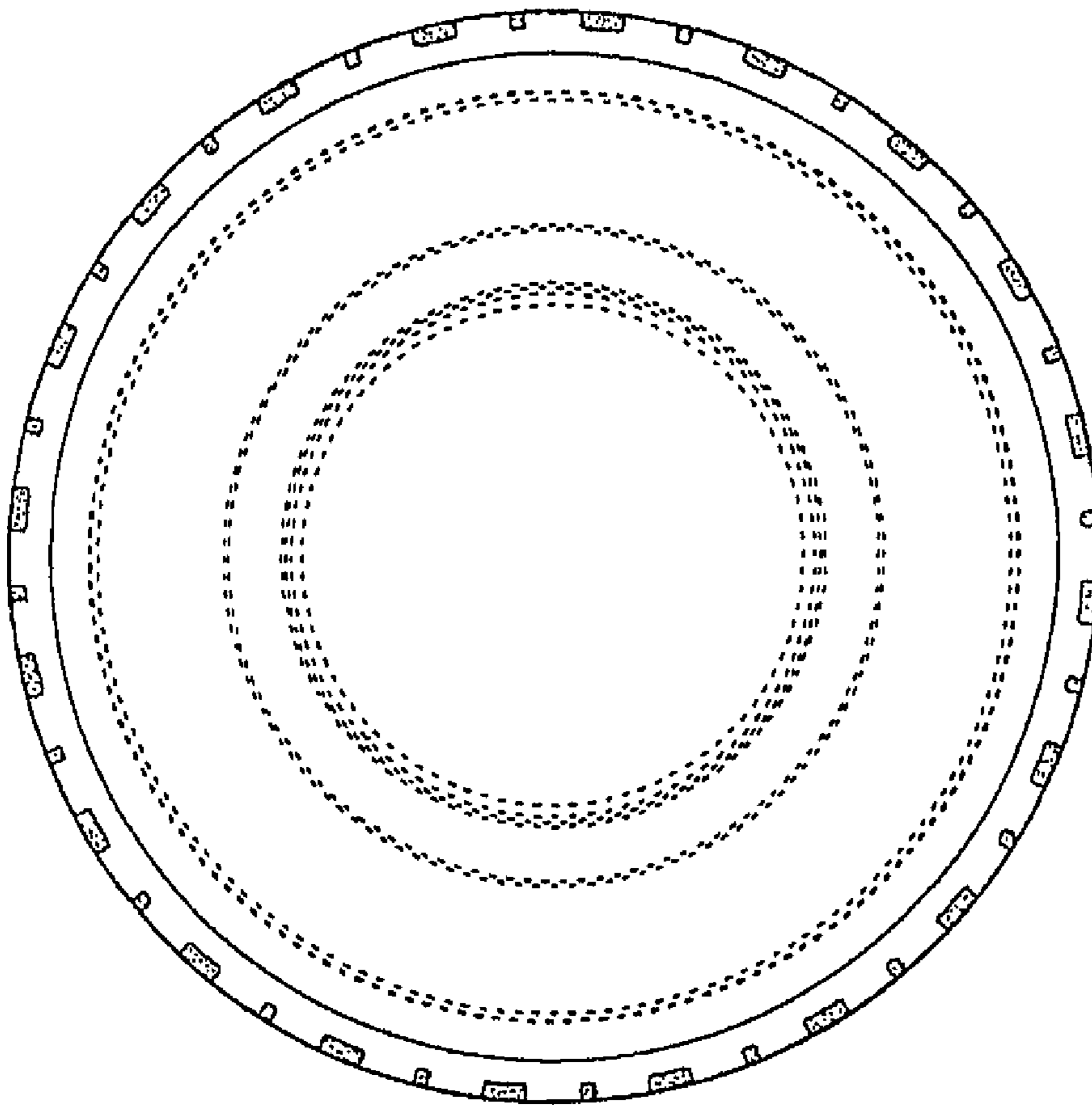


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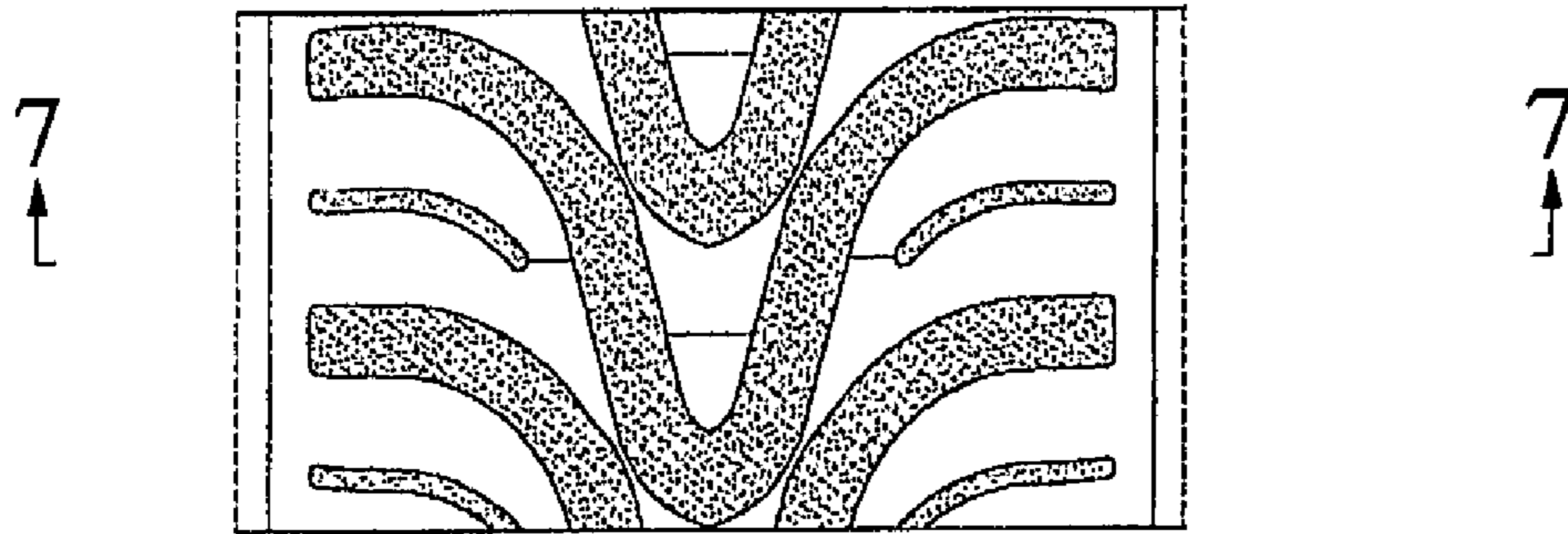


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