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(54) **TIRE TREAD**

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of a tire tread showing my new design, it being understood that the tire pattern repeats circumferentially throughout the outer circumference.

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FIG. 2 is a perspective view of one side of the tire tread shown in FIG. 1; and,

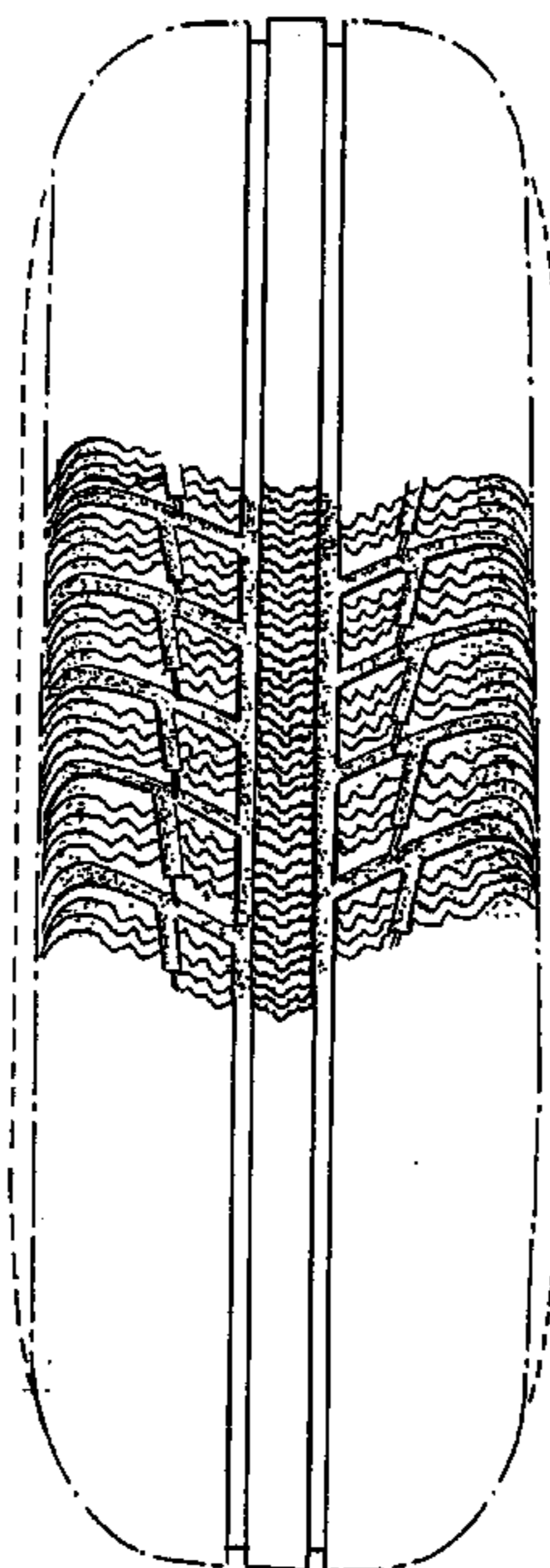
FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of one side of the tire tread shown in FIG. 1, it being understood that the other side is a mirror image of FIG. 3.

The tread pattern is understood to repeat uniformly throughout the circumference of the tire, as shown schematically in solid lines. The dash-dot-dash lines delineating the claim boundaries and the broken lines depicting the unclaimed tire sidewall and inner bead form no part of the claim.

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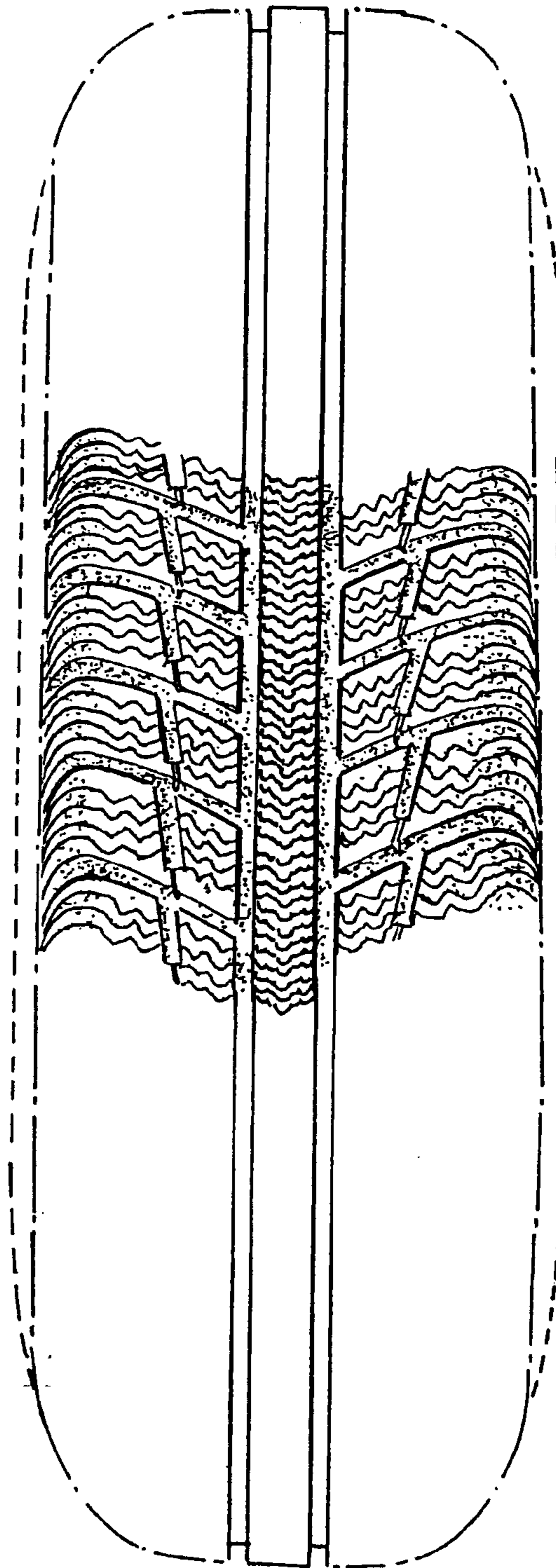


FIG. 1

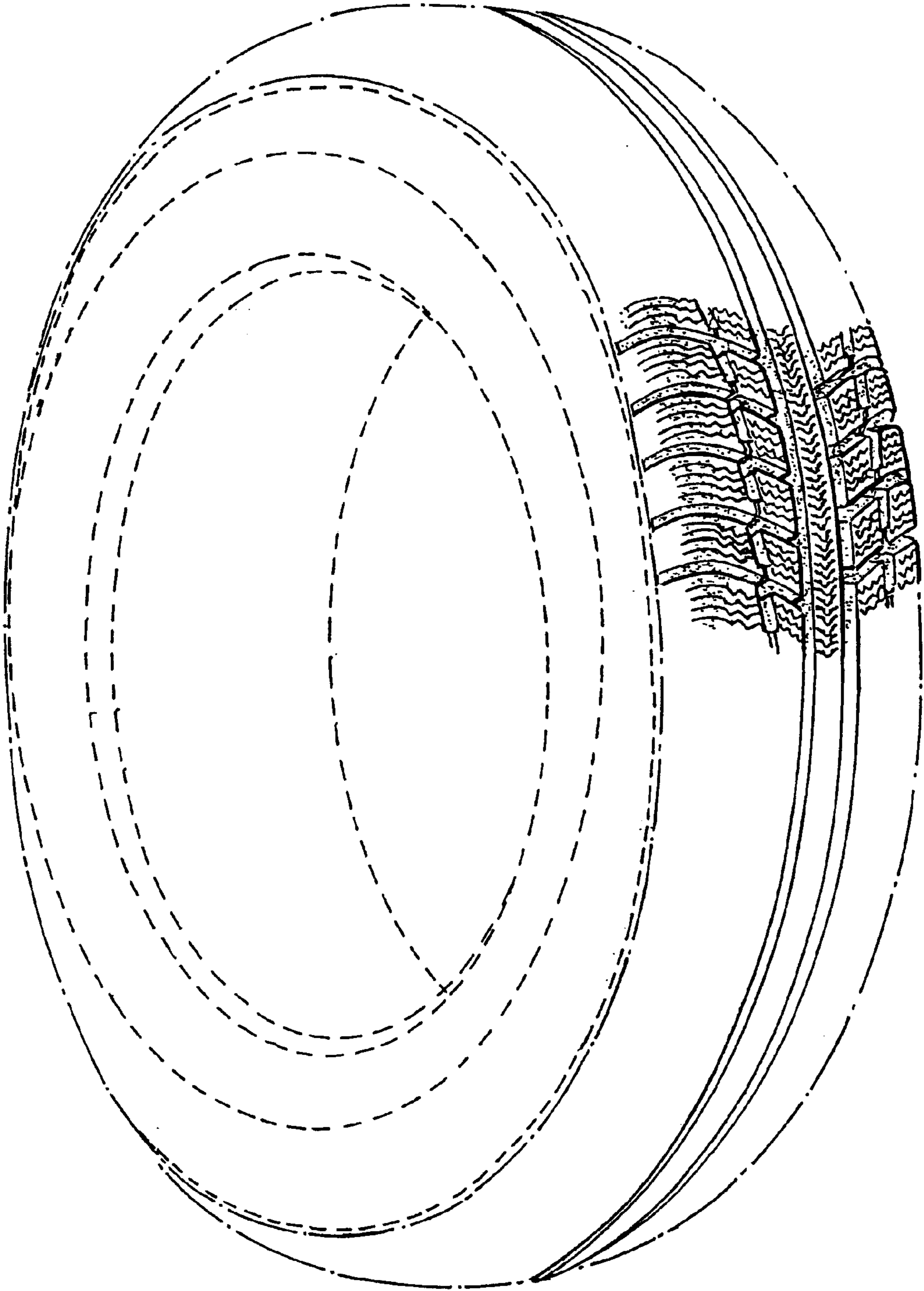


FIG. 2

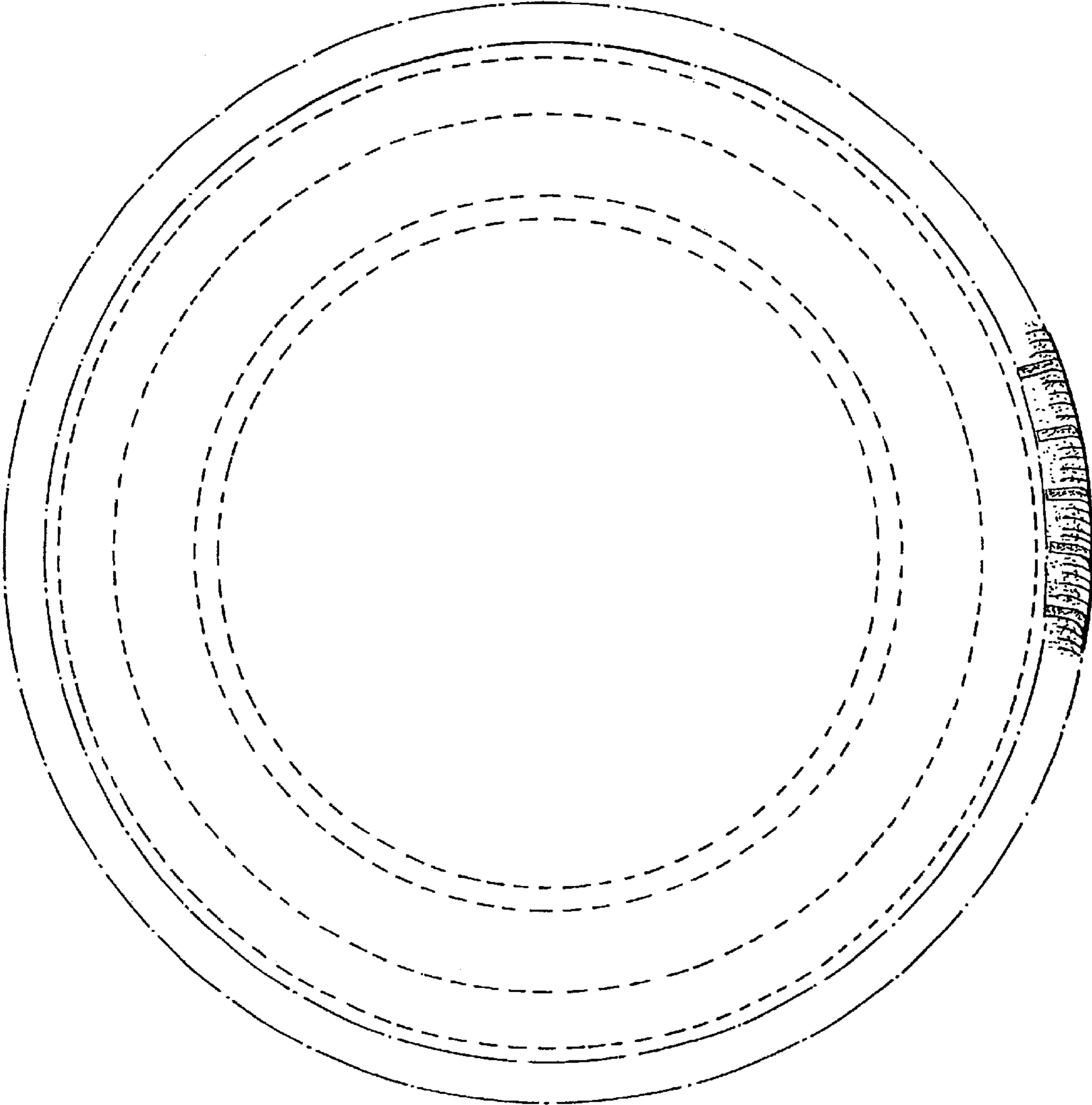


FIG. 3