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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 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. A top plan view and a 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.

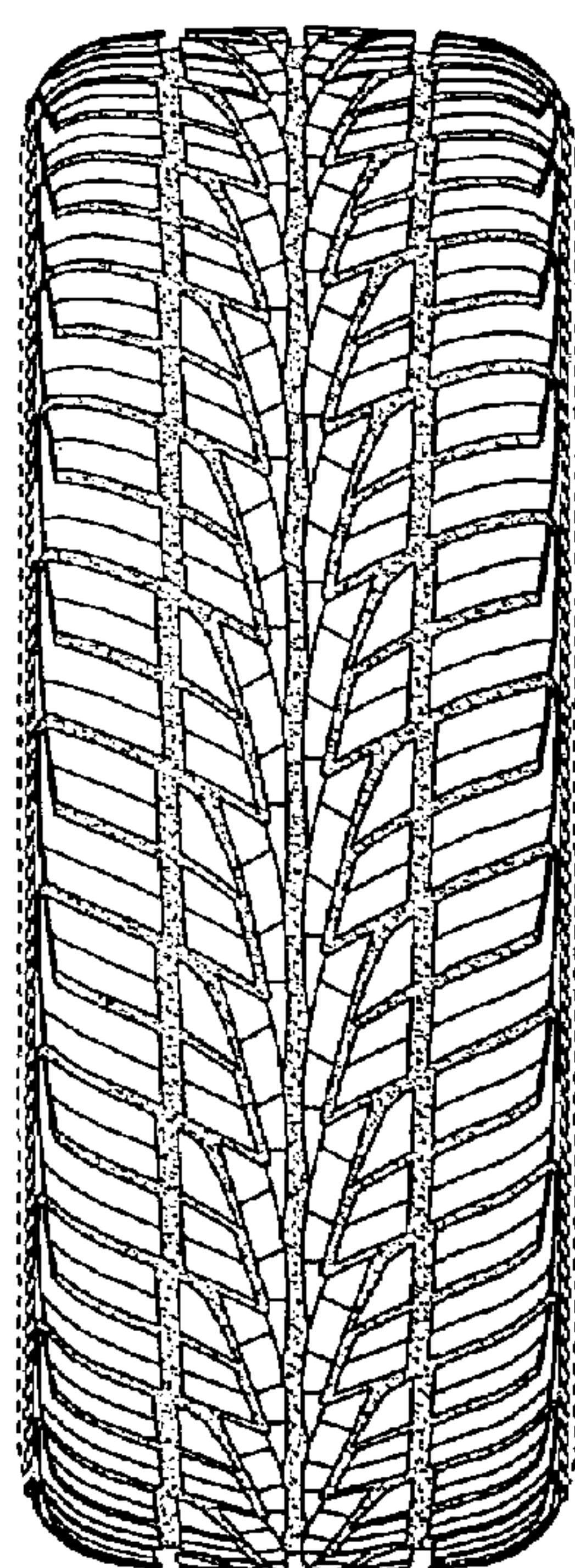
FIG. 5 is a left side elevation view thereof.

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

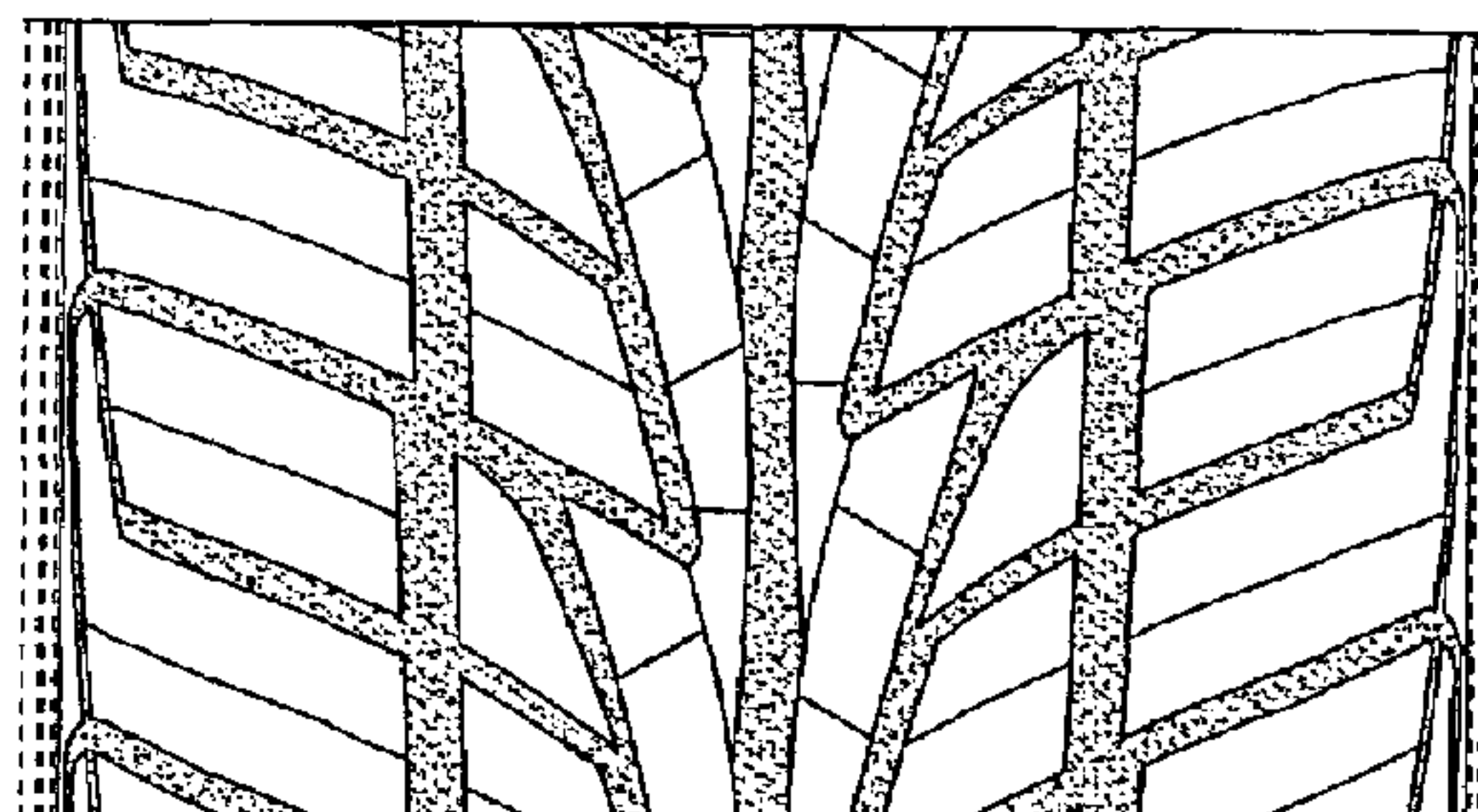
FIG. 7 is an enlarged cross-sectional view thereof taken along line 7—7 in FIG. 6.

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1 Claim, 7 Drawing Sheets



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FIG. 1

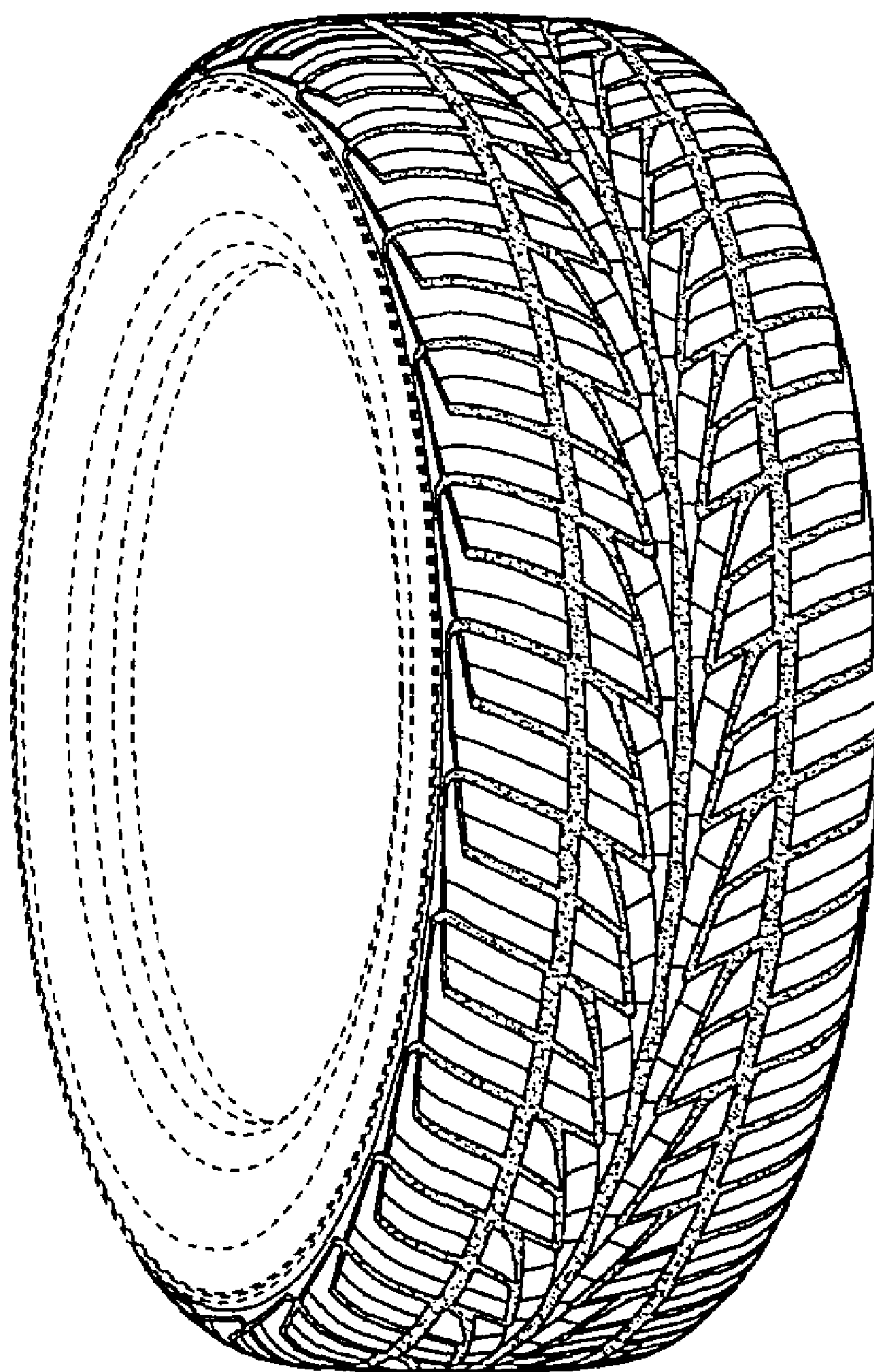


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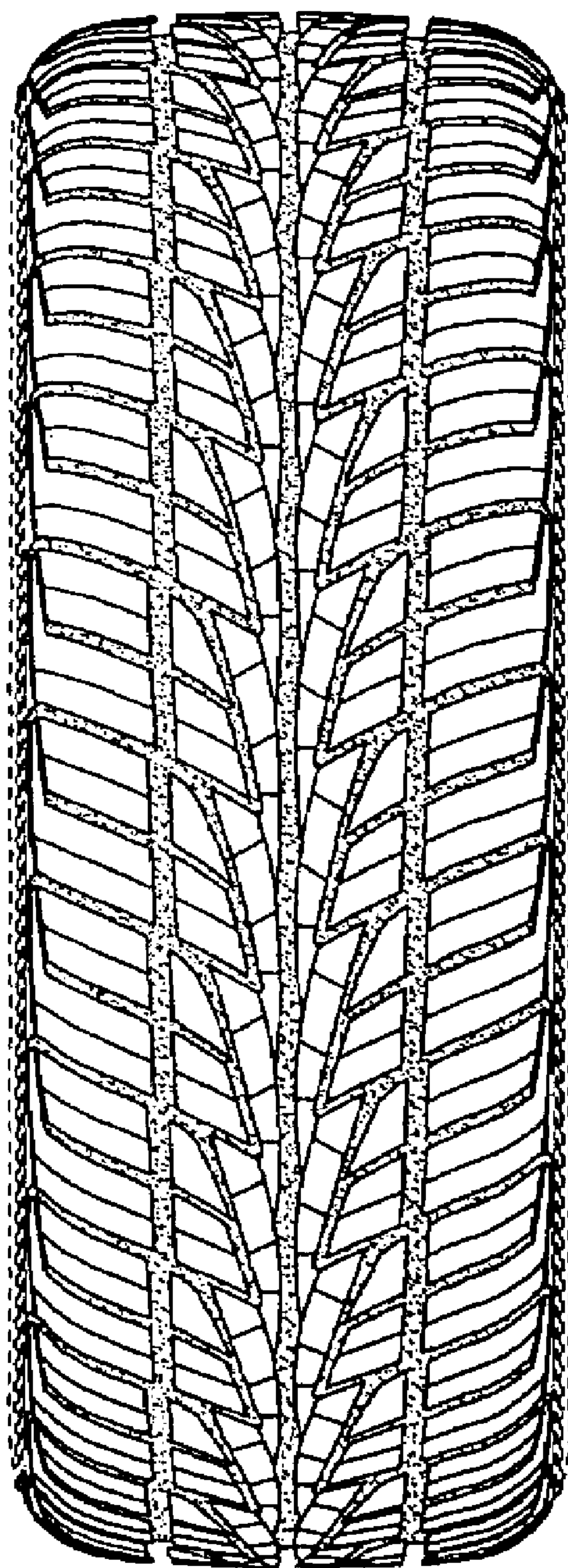


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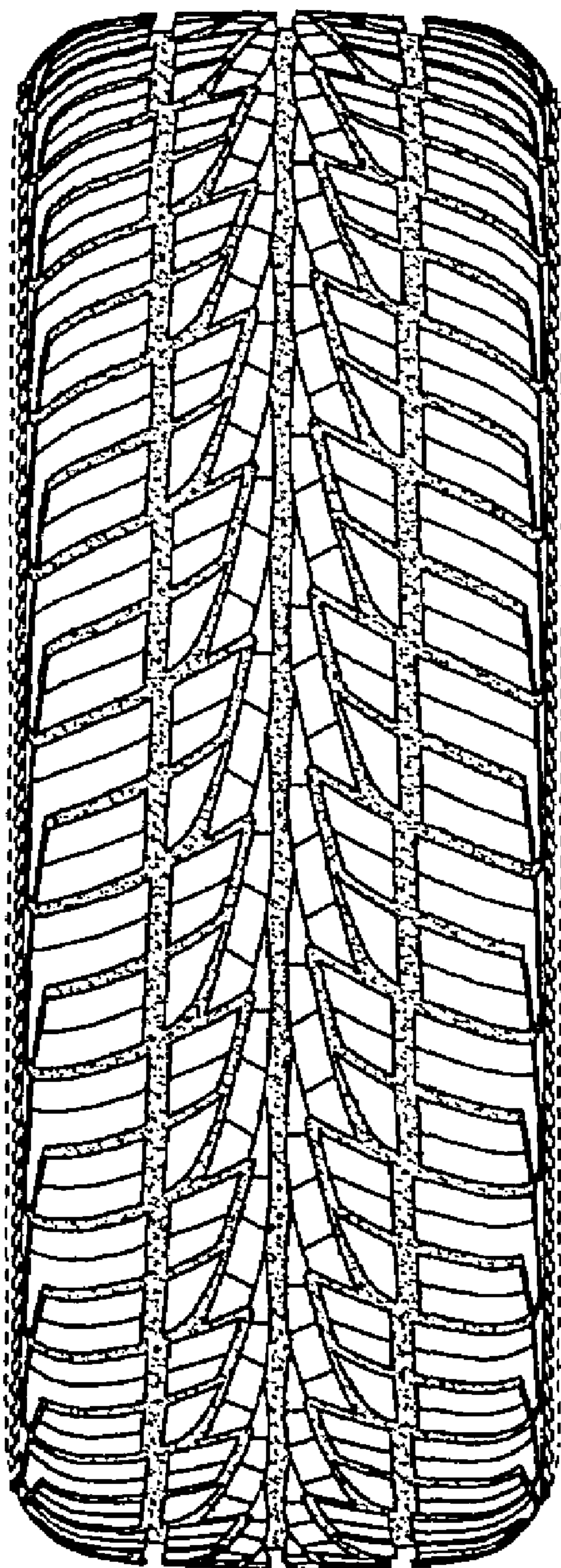


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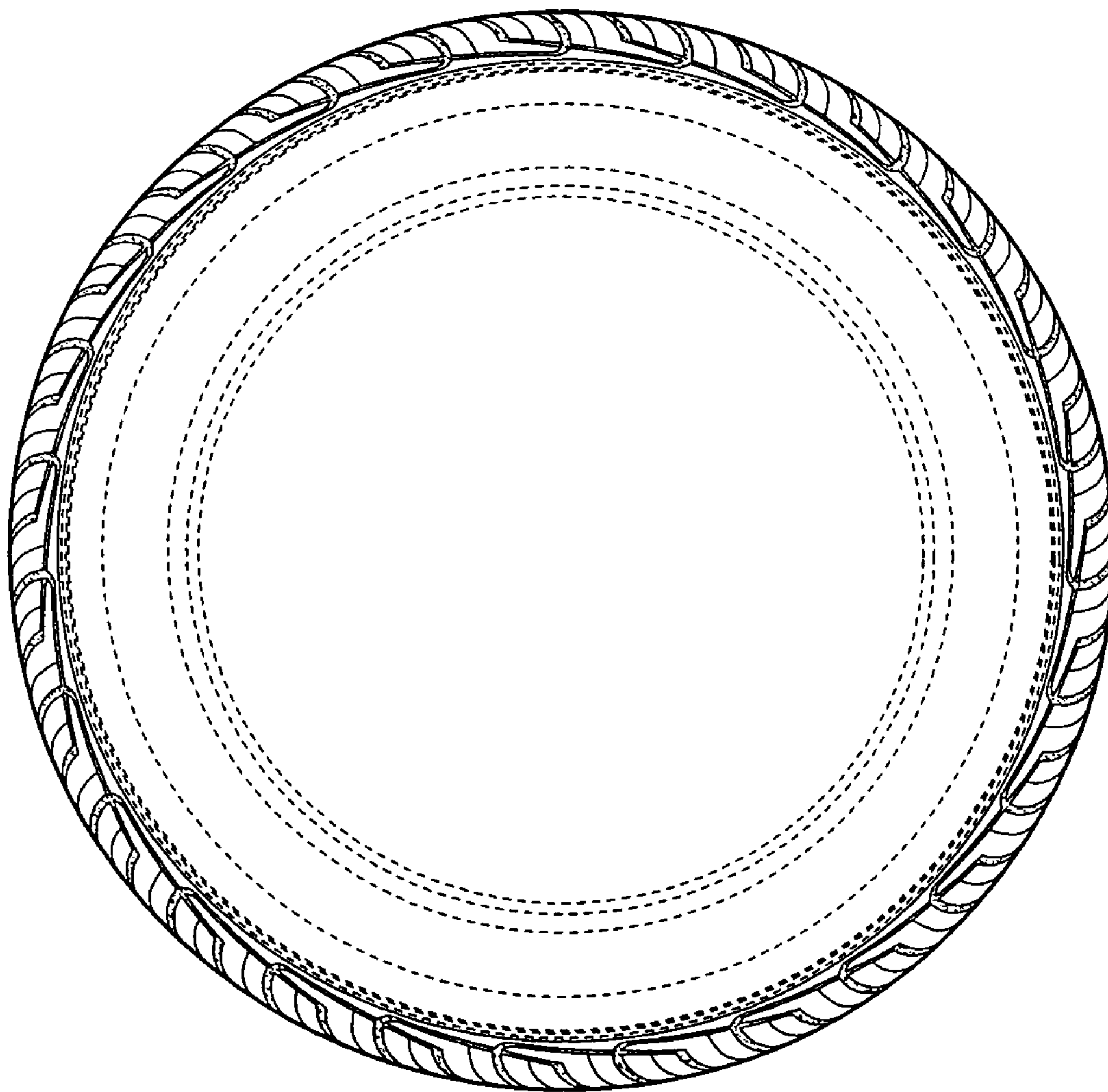


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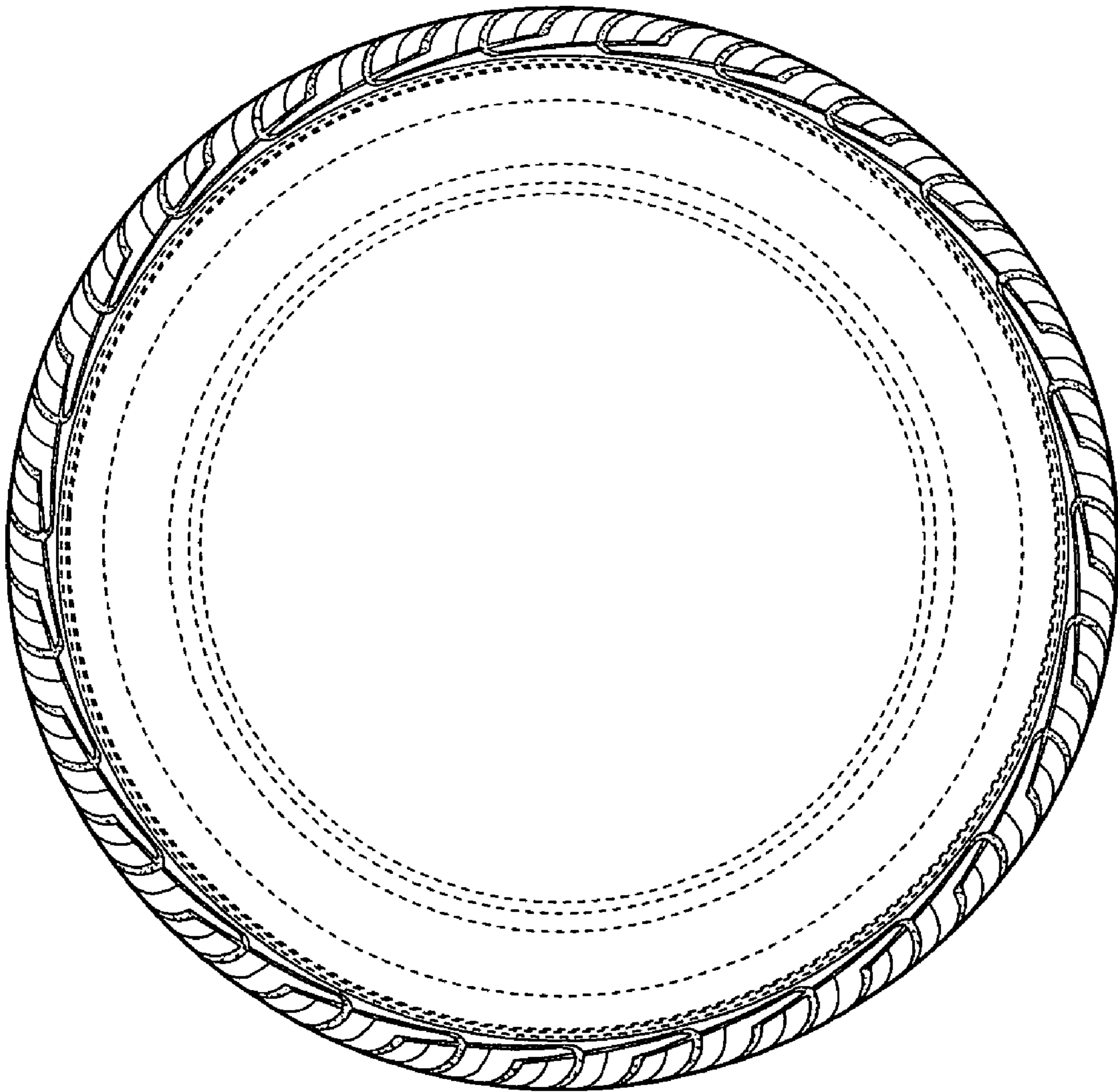


FIG. 6

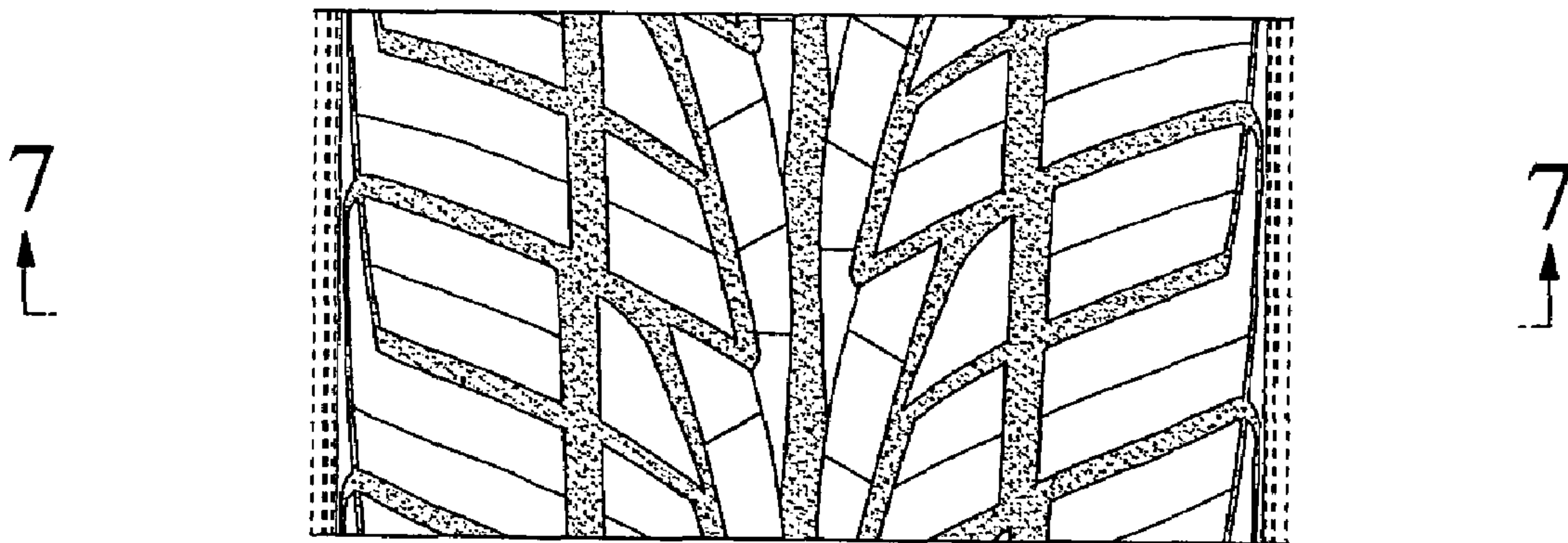


FIG. 7

