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The ornamental design for a tread portion of an automobile tire, as shown and described.

## DESCRIPTION

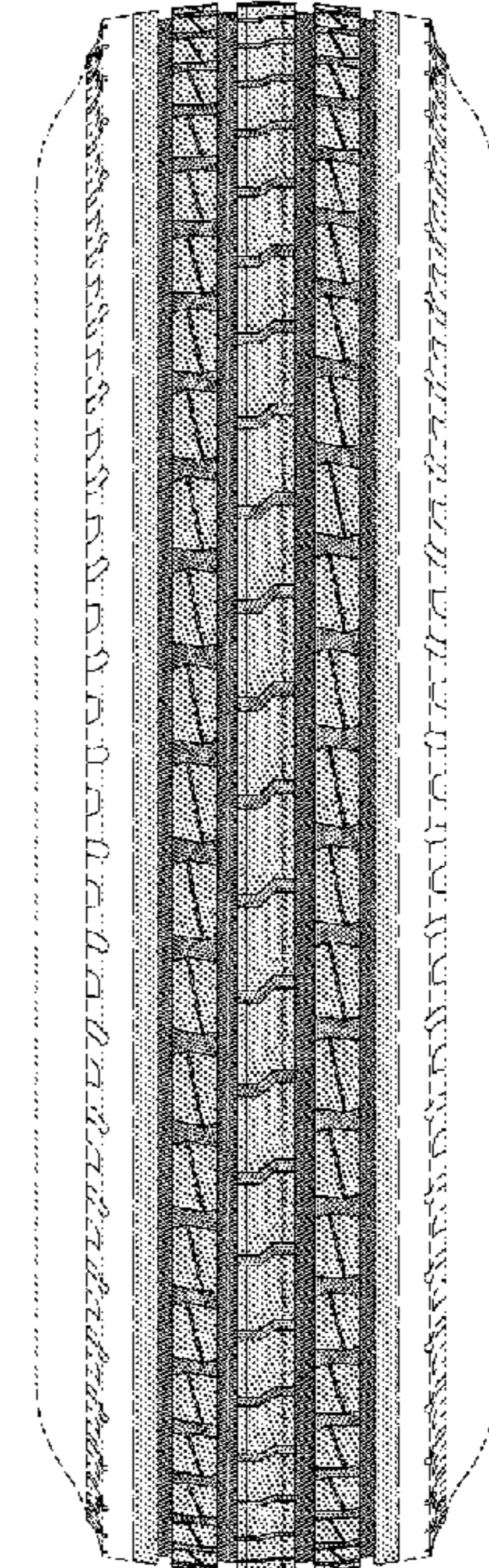
FIG. 1 is a front view of a tread portion of an automobile tire according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view thereof;

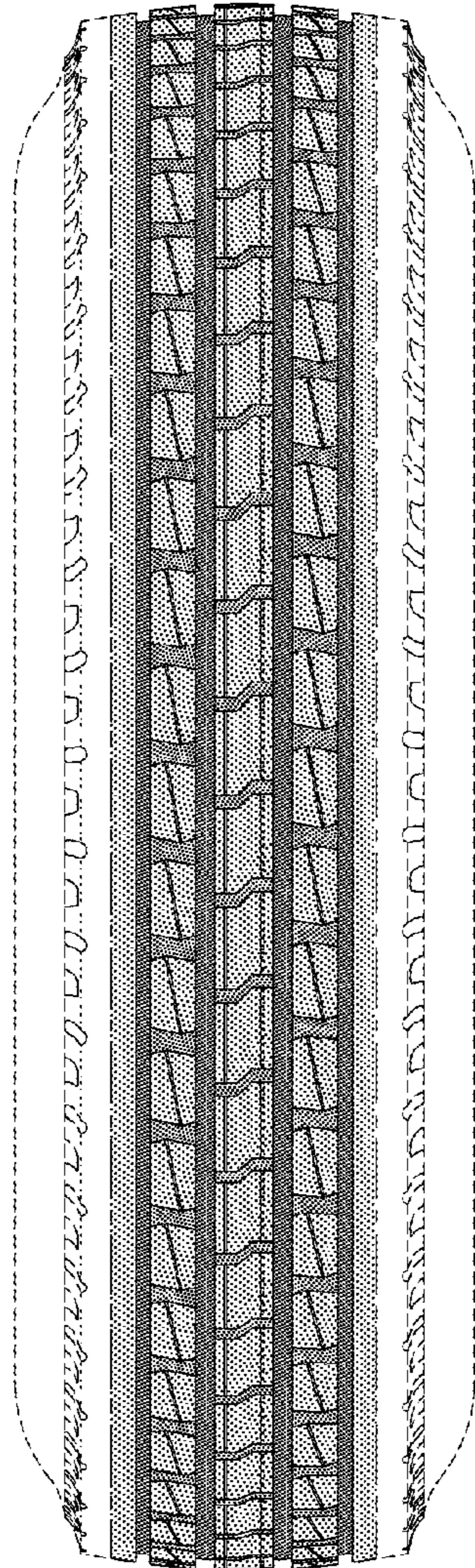
FIG. 3 is a right side view thereof; and,

FIG. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged view showing the details of the tread portion thereof.

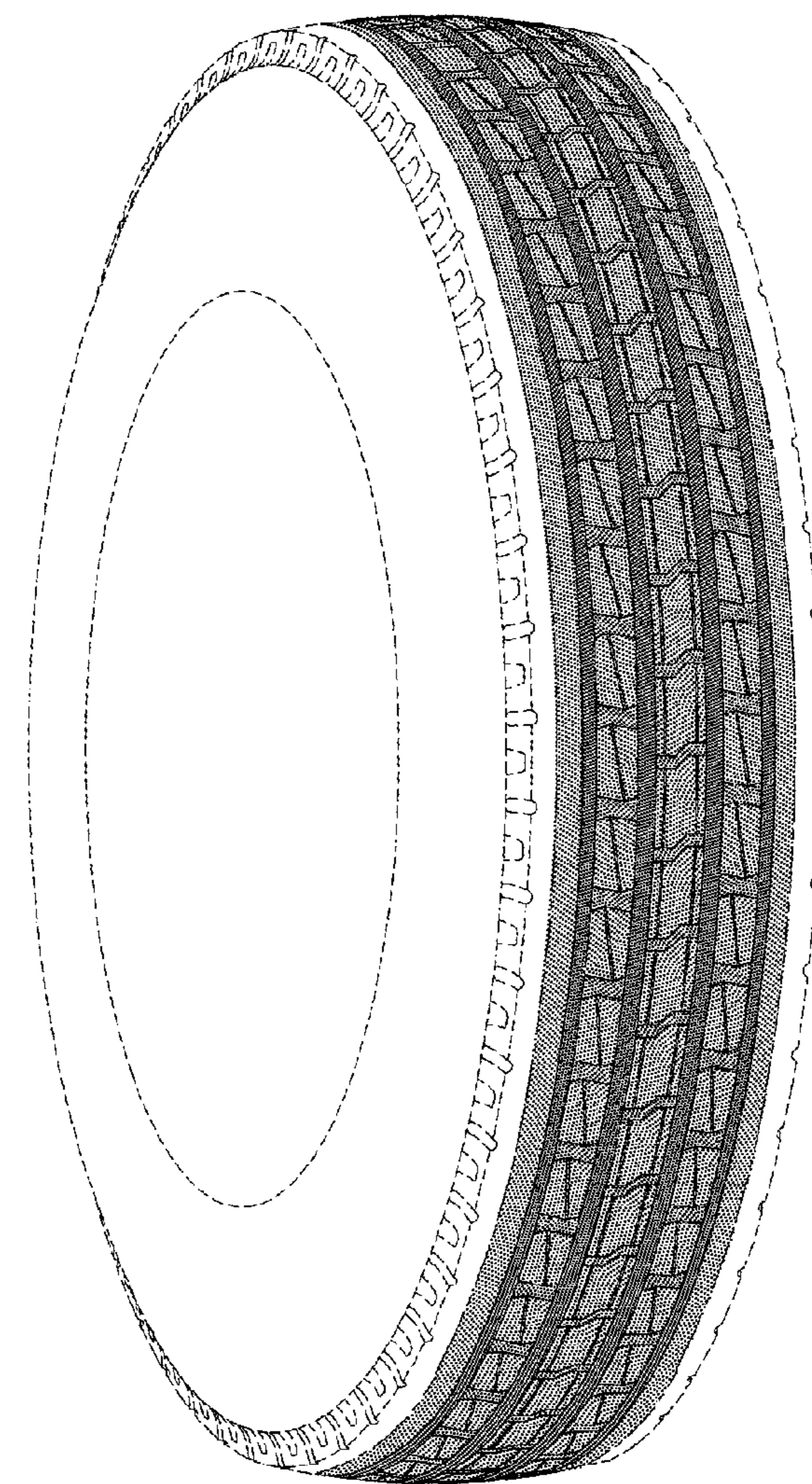
The evenly-spaced broken lines shown in the drawings are for the purpose of showing environmental structure only and form no part of the claimed design. The dashed-dotted broken lines in the drawings are used to show the boundary between claimed and unclaimed subject matter and form no part of the claimed design.

**1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets**

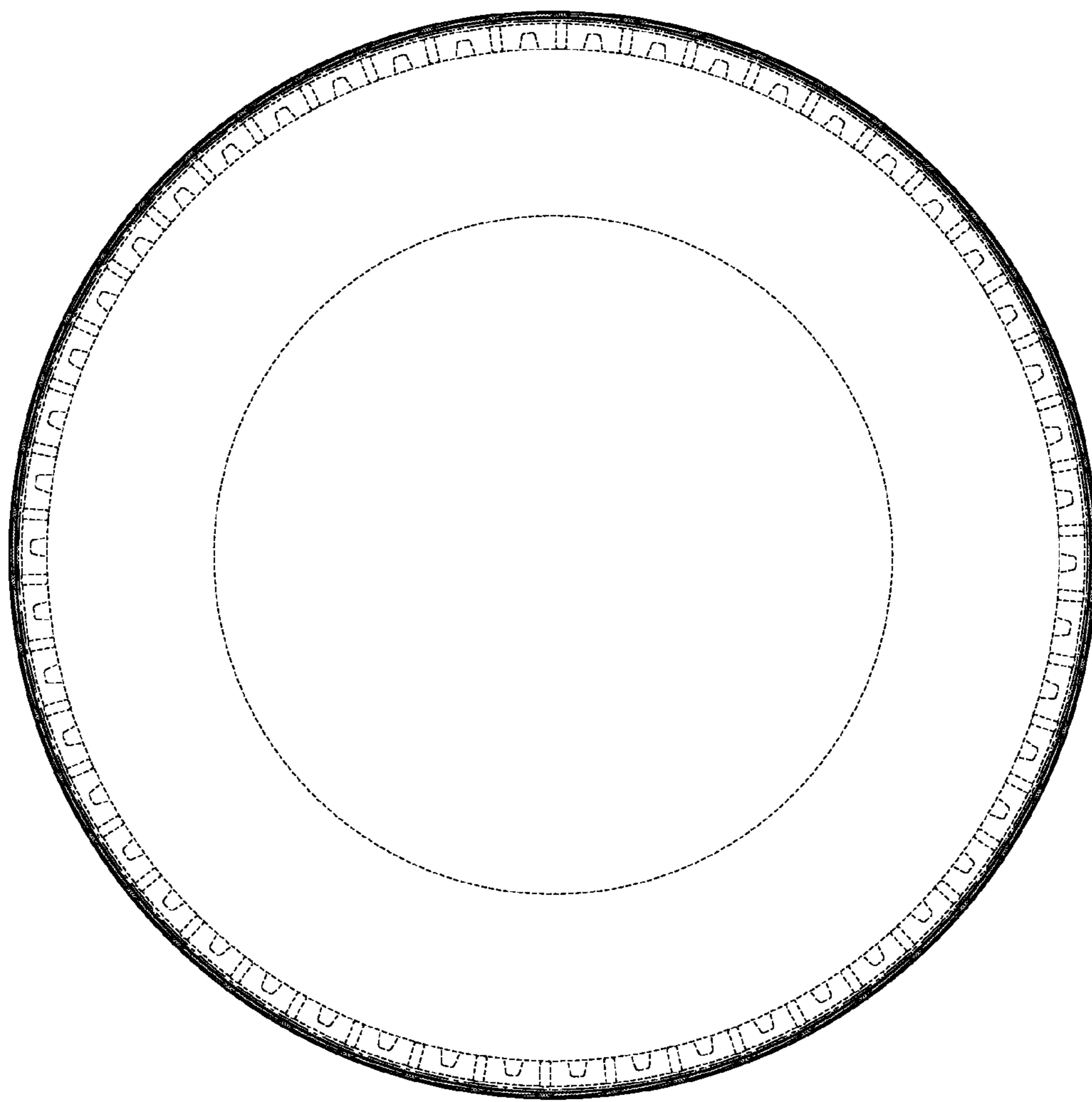
*FIG. 1*



*FIG. 2*



*FIG. 3*



*FIG. 4*

