

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for traversing an expandable metal sealing element, the method comprising:
positioning an expandable metal sealing element in a wellbore; wherein the
5 expandable metal sealing element comprises a reactive metal and a void extending axially
through at least a portion of the expandable metal sealing element,
disposing a line in the void,
contacting the expandable metal sealing element with a fluid that reacts with the
reactive metal to produce a reaction product having a volume greater than the reactive metal,
10 wherein the reaction product seals around the line while it is disposed in the void.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the void is on the exterior surface of the expandable
metal sealing element.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the void is on the interior surface of the expandable
metal sealing element.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the void is disposed through a body of the
expandable metal sealing element.
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein a clamp covers the void while the line is disposed in
the void.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein a bolt traverses the void and prevents the line from
25 being removed from the void.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the reactive metal is a first reactive metal; wherein
the bolt comprises a second reactive metal.
- 30 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the expandable metal sealing element further
comprises a closeable flange that closes to cover the void while the line is disposed in the
void.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein an endplate is coupled to an end of the expandable metal sealing element and the endplate retains the line in the void.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein a wedge is inserted into the void after the line is disposed in the void; and wherein the wedge retains the line in the void.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the void comprises an opening that is narrowed.
12. An expandable metal sealing element comprising:
a reactive metal,
a void extending axially through at least a portion of the expandable metal sealing element.
13. The expandable metal sealing element of claim 12, wherein the void is on the exterior surface of the expandable metal sealing element.
14. The expandable metal sealing element of claim 12, wherein the void is on the interior surface of the expandable metal sealing element.
15. The expandable metal sealing element of claim 12, wherein the void is disposed through a body of the expandable metal sealing element.
16. The expandable metal sealing element of claim 12, wherein a bolt traverses the void and prevents a line from being removed from the void.
17. The expandable metal sealing element of claim 12, wherein the expandable metal sealing element further comprises a closeable flange that closes to cover the void while a line is disposed in the void.
18. A system for forming a seal in a wellbore, the system comprising:
an expandable metal sealing element comprising a reactive metal and disposed on a conduit in a location, wherein the reactive metal is reactable with a fluid to produce a reaction product having a volume greater than the reactive metal, wherein the expandable metal

sealing element further comprises a void extending axially through at least a portion of the expandable metal sealing element,

a line disposed in the void, and
the conduit.

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19. The system of claim 18, wherein the void is on the exterior surface of the expandable metal sealing element.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein the void is on the interior surface of the expandable
10 metal sealing element.