CLAIMS

1. A drill bit for use in a wellbore, comprising:

a bit body having a longitudinal axis, a crown including a plurality of cutters, wherein the crown is stationary relative to the bit body, and a gauge section associated with the lateral extent of the bit body, the gauge section including:

a static member,

a cavity formed in the bit body adjacent to the static member, and

a moveable member received by the cavity and configured to translate relative to the bit body along a substantially longitudinal member axis, wherein the movable member extends from the cavity to increase a length of the gauge section and retracts into the cavity to decrease the length of the gauge section.

2. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the substantially longitudinal member axis is parallel to the longitudinal axis.

3. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the substantially longitudinal member axis is disposed to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity toward the longitudinal axis.

4. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the substantially longitudinal member axis is disposed to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity away from the longitudinal axis.

5. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the moveable member has a sliding relationship with the bit body.

6. The drill bit of claim 1, further comprising at least one bearing surface of the bit body associated with the at least one moveable member.

7. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the moveable member is retained by the bit body.

8. The drill bit of claim 1, wherein the moveable member is a moveable gauge pad.

9. A method of drilling a wellbore, comprising: providing a drill bit including a bit body having a longitudinal axis, a crown including a plurality of cutters, wherein the crown is stationary relative to the bit body, and a gauge section associated with the lateral extent of the bit body, the gauge section including: a static member, a cavity formed in the bit body adjacent to the static member, and a moveable member received by the cavity and and configured to translate relative to the bit body along a substantially longitudinal member axis, wherein the movable member extends from the cavity to increase a length of the gauge section and retracts into the cavity to decrease the length of the gauge section; conveying a drill string into a formation, the drill string having the drill bit at the end thereof; drilling the wellbore using the drill string; and selectively translating the at least one movable member relative to the bit body along a substantially longitudinal member axis in order to change the length of the gauge section.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
drilling a vertical section of the wellbore using the drill string;
selectively extending the movable member.

11. The method of claim 9, further comprising: drilling a deviated section of the wellbore using the drill string; selectively retracting the movable member.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising disposing the substantially longitudinal member axis to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity toward the longitudinal axis.

13. The method of claim 9, further comprising disposing the substantially longitudinal member axis to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity away from the longitudinal axis.

14. The method of claim 9, further comprising sliding the movable member against the bit body.

15. A system for drilling a wellbore, comprising: a drilling assembly having a drill bit configured to drill a wellbore, the drill bit including: a bit body having a longitudinal axis, a crown including a plurality of cutters, wherein the crown is stationary relative to the bit body, and a gauge section associated with the lateral extent of the bit body, the gauge section including: a static member, a cavity formed in the bit body adjacent to the static member, and a moveable member received by the cavity and is configured to translate relative to the bit body along a substantially longitudinal member axis, wherein the movable member extends from the cavity to increase a length of the gauge section and retracts into the cavity to decrease the length of the gauge section.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the movable member is configured to be controlled autonomously.

17. The system of claim 15, wherein the movable member is configured to be controlled via a controller.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the controller is a controller of a downhole tool.

19. The system of claim 15, wherein the substantially longitudinal member axis is disposed to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity toward the longitudinal axis.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein the substantially longitudinal member axis is disposed to configure the movable member to extend from the cavity away from the longitudinal axis.