

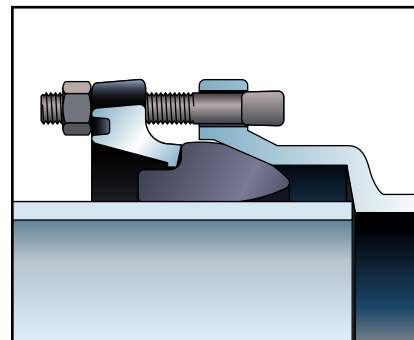
No More Missed Connections

Ford Meter Box has the gasket you need to make a sure connection. Ford's transition gaskets, Metric-Seal gaskets and SO-EZ™ gaskets are designed to simplify MJ connections.



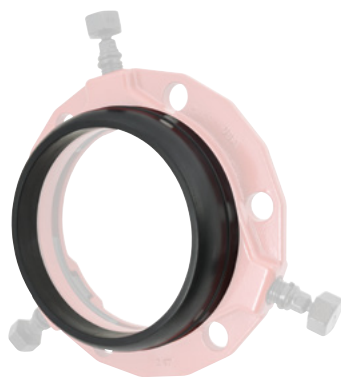
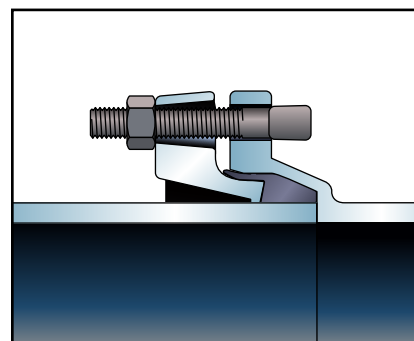
Transition Gasket

- The only gasket to connect (14" - 24") IPS pipe to MJ valves and fittings at full rated working pressure of the PVC pipe (2:1 safety factor)
- For use on 14"-24" steel size PVC and steel pipe
- Centers and maintains alignment of pipe and gland/gasket assembly
- Snaps onto compression lip I.D. for stab fit pipe insertion
- No back-up ring required



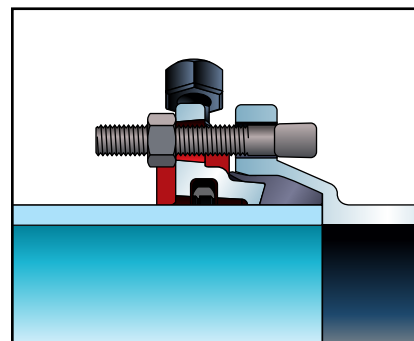
Metric-Seal Gasket

- The only gasket for connecting ISO ductile iron pipe to AWWA mechanical joint valves and fittings
- For use on 14"-24" (350mm - 600mm) ISO 2531 DI pipe
- 250 psi rated working pressure
- Centers and maintains alignment of pipe and gland/gasket assembly
- Snaps to MJ Gland for stab-fit pipe insertion



SO-EZ™ Gasket

- For fast and simple mechanical joint connections
- For use on 3"-12" IPS PVC, C900, C909, HDPE, SDR-35 and AWWA/ISO 2531 ductile iron pipe
- Rated as high as 350 psi depending on pipe type and application
- Centers and maintains alignment of pipe and gland/gasket assembly
- Snaps to MJ gland or restraint gland for stab-fit pipe insertion

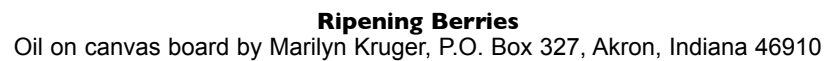


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Richard Halliburton's Roads to Adventures

Richard Halliburton was a swashbuckler in a tailored suit. He was a best-selling author, Princeton graduate, world traveler and a contemporary of such well-known figures as Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart, adventurers in their own rights. Like Earhart, Halliburton vanished somewhere in the Pacific after setting out on one of his many adventures. Unlike Earhart, Halliburton is all but forgotten.

Early in a lifetime that was filled with adventures Halliburton wrote, "I want freedom to indulge in whatever caprice strikes my fancy, freedom to search in the farthest corners of the earth for the beautiful, the joyous and the romantic." And indeed he did find the freedom to cram his brief life with unusual journeys, unusual accomplishments, accolades from his admirers and scorn from his critics, some of whom believe that Halliburton's achievements were sometimes fictional.

Halliburton's travels began when he was a young man growing up in Memphis. At the age of 19 he wandered England and France after working his way across the Atlantic on a freighter.

Determined to finance his wanderlust by writing about his adventures, Halliburton embarked on other travels, including a trip down the Nile. He spent a night atop the Cheops, the famous pyramid, climbed the Matterhorn and battled snow and ice to reach the summit of Mount Fuji. He wrote of these adventures in *Royal Road to Romance*, his first book, which sold well.

The success of his book fired Halliburton with the desire to travel even more and to seek out unusual experiences wherever he went. His curiosity was unbounded, and his nerve to attempt the impossible was astonishing.

He hid on the grounds of the Taj Mahal when groundskeepers locked the gates in late afternoon. When darkness fell Halliburton took a moonlight swim in the pool in front of the tomb.

He followed the route of Ulysses in Homer's *Odyssey*, taking time to swim the Hellespont as Lord Byron had done before him. He later wrote of these adventures, and retold the stories when he took to the lecture circuit in search of income to pay for future trips. His appearances on the speaker's platform were wildly popular, and his sponsors were soon paying him \$900 a week for his lectures.

Halliburton swam the length of the Panama Canal, watched over by escorts who stayed beside him in a small boat. They shot three alligators along the way, newspaper reports said.

The swim through the canal in 1928 garnered much publicity. The public was fascinated by Halliburton's passage, especially when it was revealed that he paid a toll of 36 cents. The toll was based upon his weight, which was about 150 pounds. Photographs show Halliburton as a minuscule figure, swimming in the middle of the great Gatun Lock as he headed toward the Pacific Ocean.

The end of Halliburton's adventuresome life came in 1939, when he was just 39 years old. He attempted to sail a Chinese junk from Hong Kong to San Francisco. In the middle of the Pacific Ocean, 19 days out from Hong Kong, Halliburton hailed a passing steamer with a brief radio message that ended with these words: "Wish you were here instead of me."

Except for one short radio transmission describing the boat's position, Halliburton was never heard from again.

by Pete Jones