



Abrasives, Electro Minerals & Metals

MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

Brand Name(s):

Walnut Shell Granules

Mac'Ants Group Ref:

WSG

Product:

Organic Walnut Shell Granules

1. Identification of the Substances/Preparation & Company

Preparation: The products this data pertain to is as above & relate to ; Walnut Shell Granules

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2. Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical Description

Product Ref	Chemical Desc
WSG	Organic granules of vegetable origin from natural walnut shell

Hazardous Components: None.

3. Hazard Identification.

Human Health Effects: The material is not considered hazardous in normal use but the following potential hazards should be recognised;

- (a) Dust - Inhalation. (See below)
- (b) Skin irritation in susceptible individuals.
- (c) Noxious fumes evolved during fire.
- (d) Risk of dust explosion.

Environmental Effects: On the basis of information available, these products are not expected to produce any adverse environmental effects when recommended use instructions are followed.

4. First Aid Measures

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Skin Contact: Wash with plenty of water or soap and water. If irritation persists or any sign of tissue damage is apparent, obtain medical advice immediately. As with any industrial product, contact with skin can cause irritation leading in some cases to dermatitis (Reference 7.1) and it is wise to take the usual precautionary measures of obtaining medical clearance for employees who have a history of skin disease or allergy. Skin contact should therefore be avoided as much as emollient such as white petroleum jelly (Vaseline) is useful to minimise dryness of the skin.

Eye Contact: Irrigate with copious quantities of water for at least ten minutes and obtain medical advice if irritation persists or if there is any tissue damage.

Inhalation: In the event of exposure to levels above those stated above, evacuate individuals concerned to a dust free environment, preferably into fresh air - if respiratory difficulties are encountered seek medical advice immediately. We recommend the use of approved dust masks (P2) or where abrasive blasting operations are conducted then appropriate extraction plant should be utilised or approved breathing apparatus (CE or HSE Approved Blast Helmet).

Ingestion: The material should not be ingested and for this reason the preparation and consumption of food and drink in working areas should not be allowed. Rinse mouth with water and obtain medical advice immediately where accidentally ingested.

5. **Fire Fighting Measures**

Extinguishing Media: Any available.

Exposure Hazards: Refer to ignition /melt point reference at point 9.

Protective Equipment: Fire fighters & others exposed, wear self-contained breathing apparatus and be aware of other combustible substances involved in any fire.

6. **Accidental Release Measures**

Personal Precautions: Avoid dust inhalation, observe occupational exposure limits detailed in section 8.

Environmental Precautions: Do not allow to enter drains & water courses.

Methods of Cleaning Up: Vacuum or sweep up, for disposal see section 13.

7. **Handling & Storage**

Handling: Handle in normal manner and be mindful of manual handling methods (weights), keep dust formation to a minimum.

Storage: Store in closed bags / containers in dry well ventilated areas.

8. **Exposure Controls/Personal Protection**

Engineering Measure: In a blast cabinet with dust collectors or a closed circuit blast cleaning system are preferred methods of use. If a blast room is used it must have a dust extraction system to keep dust levels below the occupational exposure limits.

For use in refractory linings, slip resistant products, bonded & coated abrasives, ceramic materials & other applications where product is added, poured or applied the occupational exposure limits for the given product must be adhered to.

Occupational Exposure Limits:

All dusts have been assigned exposure limits. The following information has been taken from Guidance Note E.H.40/2005 from the Health and Safety Executive (Workplace Exposure Limits)

Long term exposure limits (8 hours T.W.A. Reference Period)

Total Inhalable Dust - 10 mg.m⁻³
Respirable Dust - <4 mg.m⁻³

Short term exposure limits – Not Applicable

Respiratory & Eye Protection: In blasting environments if a blast room is used , an air fed blast helmet with built in visor to EN146 must be used. For applied, poured and added applications wear approved dust mask (P2) and eye protection.

Skin & Hand Protection: Prolonged contact with the skin should be avoided and protective clothing such as overalls and PVC or cotton-chrome gloves should always be available. Face masks should be worn when dust is likely to be created.

Ear Protection: Wear hearing protection when blasting and in other applications abide by noise regulations dictated by employer.

9. **Physical / Chemical Properties**

Product Ref	Appearance	Odour	Melt Point	Solubility in Water
WSG	Medium Brown Granules	None	>198 °C	Fluids outside the ph range 4 – 10 will cause decomposition

10. **Stability & Reactivity**

Conditions to avoid: Excessive thermal exposure to decomposition points.

Hazardous Decomposition: None, products change from solids to liquids with no adverse decomposition.

Products: None.


11. **Toxicological Information**

Laboratory Data: These materials have not been tested for toxicity; they are not classified under EC Directives.

Human Data: There is no human data available.

12. **Ecological Information**

Assessment: Handled correctly these products pose no environmental hazard, these products are processed naturally occurring materials.



Test Results: Mac'Ants Group has not conducted any environmental studies on these products, and no information has been found in a search of literature. These products do not contain any substances that are classified under EC legislation for environmental effects.

13. **Disposal Considerations**

In accordance with the Environmental Protection Act (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991. In use as a blast media the product is likely to become mixed with the stripped coating and or some substrate. These need to be taken into account during disposal. Similarly the inclusion of these products in applied, poured and bound products/applications the binding materials / materials worn against them must be borne in mind and their disposal implications taken into consideration.

14. **Transport Information**

Not classified according to Transport Regulations for Hazardous Goods.

15. **Regulatory Information**

These products are not classified as hazardous under EC Directives. It is exempt for registration under the requirements of REACH regulation or CLP.

16. **Other Information**

Use: These products are used as blast medias, slip resistant materials, refractory linings, abrasive aggregates. If they are used for any other purpose, the advice of Mac'Ants Group should be sought regarding any additional hazards that may arise.

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