

# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Gougeon Brothers, Inc.

### 1. CHEMICAL PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**PRODUCT NAME:** ..... WEST SYSTEM<sup>®</sup> 423<sup>™</sup> Graphite Powder.  
**PRODUCT CODE:** ..... 423  
**CHEMICAL FAMILY:** ..... Carbon.  
**CHEMICAL NAME:** ..... Natural Graphite.  
**FORMULA:** ..... C

**MANUFACTURER:**  
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**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**  
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CHEMTREC: .....800-424-9300  
Non-transportation  
Poison Hotline: .....313-745-5711

### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS

<u>INGREDIENT NAME</u>	<u>CAS#</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION</u>
Graphite (the crystalline allotropic form of Carbon)	7782-42-5	96 - 100%
Silica (crystalline)	14808-60-7	0 - 4%

### 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### EMERGENCY OVERVIEW

**HMIS Hazard Rating:**    **Health - 1**        **Flammability - 0**        **Reactivity - 0**

DANGER! Possible cancer hazard. Nuisance dust. Avoid inhalation of airborne dust. Black/gray odorless solid.

**PRIMARY ROUTE(S) OF ENTRY:** ..... Inhalation.

#### POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS:

**ACUTE INHALATION:** ..... If exposure limits are exceeded, the respiratory tract may become irritated. May cause shortness of breath, coughing and/or chest tightness due to temporary physical overloading of the lungs.

**CHRONIC INHALATION:** ..... Prolonged or repeated inhalation of dust may cause pulmonary fibrosis or emphysema. Possible lung cancer hazard.

**ACUTE SKIN CONTACT:** ..... Mild irritation.

**CHRONIC SKIN CONTACT:** ..... No evidence of long-term health effects.

**EYE CONTACT:** ..... Moderate irritation.

**INGESTION:** ..... No information.

**SYMPTOMS OF OVEREXPOSURE:** ..... Respiratory irritation, shortness of breath or coughing.  
Red, irritated skin. Eye irritation.

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS AGGRAVATED BY EXPOSURE:**

Emphysema, asthma or other respiratory conditions.

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES:**

**FIRST AID FOR EYES:** ..... Flush adequately with water to remove particles. If discomfort persists, seek medical advice.

**FIRST AID FOR SKIN:** ..... Wash with soap and water.

**FIRST AID FOR INHALATION:** ..... Remove to fresh air if effects occur. If effects persists, seek medical advice.

**FIRST AID FOR INGESTION:** ..... No information.

**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES:**

**FLASH POINT:** ..... Not applicable.

**EXTINGUISHING MEDIA:** ..... Water.

**SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES:**

Spray with water.

**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES:**

**SPILL OR LEAK PROCEDURES:** ..... Sweep and shovel or use properly grounded vacuum equipment. Do so in a manner that minimizes airborne dust.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE:**

**STORAGE TEMPERATURE (min./max.):** ..... 0°F (-17°C)/100°F (38°C).

**SHELF LIFE:** ..... Indefinite, if stored properly.

**STORAGE:** ..... Keep away from oxidizing agents.

**HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:** ..... Avoid handling that will unnecessarily generate airborne dust. Graphite is a good conductor of electricity. Exercise caution when handling in areas where contact with electrical circuitry is possible.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION:**

**EYE PROTECTION GUIDELINES:** ..... Safety glasses or goggles are recommended, depending on the expected level of exposure.

**SKIN PROTECTION GUIDELINES:** ..... Areas expected to have repeated exposure, such as hands, may need to be protected by an impervious material to prevent dryness and irritation. Barrier creams can be used effectively.

**RESPIRATORY/VENTILATION GUIDELINES:**

Work environments should be maintained below applicable exposure level through the use of engineering controls, such as dilution and exhaust ventilation. If this is not feasible, use a NIOSH approved dust mask/respirator for nuisance dust.

**ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES:**

Practice good industrial hygiene by washing with soap and water after each use. Avoid excessive inhalation.

**OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS:** ..... This product should be treated as a nuisance dust. Refer to OSHA's Permissible Exposure Level (PEL) or the ACGIH Guidelines for information on specific ingredients.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES:**

**PHYSICAL FORM** ..... Powder.  
**COLOR** ..... Gray/Black.  
**ODOR** ..... Odorless.  
**BOILING POINT** ..... No data.  
**MELTING POINT/FREEZE POINT** ..... Sublimes at 3650°C.  
**pH** ..... No data.  
**SOLUBILITY IN WATER** ..... Insoluble.  
**SPECIFIC GRAVITY** ..... 1.80 to 2.25  
**BULK DENSITY** ..... 3.755 pounds/gallon.  
**VAPOR PRESSURE** ..... Not applicable.  
**VAPOR DENSITY** ..... Not applicable.  
**% VOLATILE BY WEIGHT** ..... Zero.

**10. REACTIVITY:**

**STABILITY:** ..... Stable.

**HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:** ..... Will not occur.

**INCOMPATIBILITIES:** ..... Oxidizing agents.

**DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:** ..... Carbon monoxide (CO) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

No information.

**CARCINOGENICITY:**

NTP ..... Yes (crystalline silica, present at 0 - 4%)  
 IARC ..... Yes (crystalline silica, present at 0 - 4%)  
 OSHA ..... No.

International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Monograph Vol. 68, 1997, concludes that there is sufficient evidence that inhaled crystalline silica causes cancer in humans. IARC Classification is Group 1.

**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION:**

No information.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**WASTE DISPOSAL METHOD:** This material is determined not to be a hazardous waste as per RCRA standards, either by listing or characteristics. Disposer must comply with all federal, state and local laws. Landfill is the preferred disposal method.

**14. TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**

**D.O.T. SHIPPING NAME:** ..... Not regulated by D.O.T.  
**TECHNICAL SHIPPING NAME:** ..... Not applicable.  
**D.O.T. HAZARD CLASS:** ..... Not applicable.  
**U.N./N.A. NUMBER:** ..... Not applicable.  
**PACKING GROUP:** ..... Not applicable.

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

**OSHA STATUS:** ..... Hazardous. Nuisance dust. Possible carcinogen.  
**TSCA STATUS:** ..... All components are listed on TSCA Inventory.  
**SARA TITLE III:**  
**SECTION 313 TOXIC CHEMICALS** ..... None.

**STATE REGULATORY INFORMATION:**

The following chemicals are specifically listed or otherwise regulated by individual states. For details on your regulatory requirements you should contact the appropriate agency in your state.

<u>COMPONENT NAME</u> <u>/CAS NUMBER</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION</u>	<u>STATE CODE</u>
Crystalline Silica 14808-60-7	0 -4%	<sup>1</sup> CA

<sup>1</sup>. These substances are known to the state of California to cause cancer or reproductive harm, or both.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION:**

**REASON FOR ISSUE:** ..... Information update in Section 2, 3, 11, 15 and 16.

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Note: The Hazardous Material Indexing System (HMIS), cited in the Emergency Overview of Section 3, uses the following index to assess hazard rating: 0 = Minimal; 1 = Slight; 2 = Moderate; 3 = Serious; and 4 = Severe.

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