

HONEYCUTT KENNETH W
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 HONEYCUTT KENNETH W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	11/29/2004		F	174 D \$ 29.39	55,289	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	11/30/2004		F	1,541 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 29.43	53,748	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	11/30/2004		D	42 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 29.43	53,706	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HONEYCUTT KENNETH W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Kenneth W.
Honeycutt
12/01/2004
Date
**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The transactions reported are the result of vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
The terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which these restricted shares were issued requires that upon vesting one-third of the restricted shares be converted into cash using the closing price on the vesting date. A portion of the cash is used to pay required withholding taxes and the remainder is paid to the reporting person. The transactions as reported show the cash attributed to tax withholding and the amount paid in cash.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 11,133 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 11,133 time-vesting restricted shares.

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