

MCCULLOUGH ROBERT F
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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 *
 MCCULLOUGH ROBERT F

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)
 1170 PEACHTREE STREET,
 NE, SUITE 2400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/01/2005

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

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative	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
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr. 5)	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2005	A		24		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	24	\$ 26.9
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(2)</u>	02/01/2005	A		424		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	424	\$ 26.9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCULLOUGH ROBERT F 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	X			

Signatures

Robert F.
McCullough 02/02/2005

 **Signature of Date
 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) Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.
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