

MORGAN JOHN K  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MORGAN JOHN K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET,  
NE, SUITE 2400

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/08/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & Chief Dev. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	07/08/2005		M		6,374 A \$ 23.65		D
Common Stock	07/08/2005		F		5,963 D \$ 25.28		D
Common Stock	07/08/2005		M		8,504 A \$ 16.5		D
Common Stock	07/08/2005		F		5,550 D \$ 25.28		D
Common Stock	07/08/2005		M		6,184 A \$ 16.17		D

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Common Stock	07/08/2005	F	3,955	D	\$ 25.28	86,162 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						4,969	I	by 401(k)

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.17	07/08/2005		M	6,184	<sup>(2)</sup> 06/25/2012	Common Stock	6,184
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	07/08/2005		M	8,504	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/23/2010	Common Stock	8,504
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.65	07/08/2005		M	6,374	<sup>(4)</sup> 01/04/2010	Common Stock	6,374

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORGAN JOHN K 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			President & Chief Dev. Officer	

## Signatures

John K. Morgan

07/11/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## 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 total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 55,320 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (2) This option vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on June 26, 2005.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.
- (4) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on January 5, 2004.

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