## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MURPHY KENYON W					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]											tionship of Reportin all applicable) Director Officer (give title		ng Person(s) to Iss 10% Ow Other (s		Owner	
(Last) 1170 PEA SUITE 2		rst) ( STREET, NE	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2007										EVP, CAO & General Counsel					
(Street) ATLANT (City)			30309 (Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									indiv ine) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tabl	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	es Aco	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally (	Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Secur Benef Owne		icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11150.4)	
Common Stock				12/20/2006		5			G	V	240		D	\$0		44,320		D			
Common Stock				08/17/2007		7			S		10,000	(1) D		\$	58	34,320(2)		D			
Common	Common Stock														15			I	by Son(s)		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security  Date (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transa Code ( 8)	(Instr.		Expiratio (Month/D	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)					Ow For Dir or (I)	vnership rm: ect (D) Indirect (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The sale transactions reported in this Form 4 are being made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated Aguust 16, 2007.
- 2. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions include 22,856 time-vesting restricted shares.

Kenyon W. Murphy 08/21/2007

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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