FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* MORGAN JOHN K				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									5 (0	Check all	tionship of Reporti all applicable) Director		10% C)wner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2004										A b	Officer (give title below) President & Chief Dev. Officer				
(Street) ATLANT (City)			30309 Zip)		4. If <i>i</i>	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ne) <mark>X</mark> F	orm filed by	or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson			
		Tabl	le I - Nor	n-Deriva	ative	Se	curitie	s Acq	uired,	Dis	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally Ov	vned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)			Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			nd Se Be Ov	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Tra	ported insaction(s) str. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 09/30/				/2004			A		4,750	2)	A	\$0	(2)	65,902		D				
Common Stock															4,916		I	by 401(k)		
		Та	able II - C								sed of, onvertib				y Own	ed	•			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares		ount	8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5	ve derivati Securit	ve es ially ng ed etion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ The total \ direct shares \ owned \ following \ the \ reported \ transactions \ includes \ 44,800 \ time-vesting \ restricted \ shares.$
- 2. Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares remain restricted until November 30, 2005, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.

John K. Morgan

10/02/2004

** 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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