FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] BALLOUN JAMES S		n*	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
BALLOUN J	<u>AMES 5</u>			X	Director	10% Owner			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/25/2003	X	Officer (give title below) Chairman, President	Other (specify below) t & CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line)	vidual or Joint/Group Filing ((Check Applicable			
	(-)	(-)		X	Form filed by One Repor	ting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Form filed by More than Person	One Reporting			

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. Transa Code (l 8)		4. Securities / Disposed Of (5)			Securities	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	06/25/2003		Α		6,250 ⁽²⁾	Α	0	21,707 ⁽³⁾	D	

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. Transa Code (8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		ate	e and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. In addition to the common shares reported herein, the Reporting Person holds a total of 141,795 shares indirectly (90,000 in a grantor retained annuity trust, 50,934 in a family limited partnership, and 861 in the company's 401K plan).

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, 2003, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.

3. Includes 10,750 time-vesting restricted shares and 6,457 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

James S. Balloun

06/25/2003

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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