

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
NAGEL	VERNON	J.	ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (AYI)			[] Director [] 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)			4. Statement for Month/Day/Year		
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.	1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400					04/02/2003		
(Street)						5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		
ATLANTA	GEORGIA	30309				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)				[X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

Table I-- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YY)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YY)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
NONE										

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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 (MM/DD/YY)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YY)	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 (MM/DD/YY)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPT.	\$14.34	04/02/03		A		100,000		(FN1)	04/01/13
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPT(FN2)									

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	100,000		100,000	D	
Common Stock	160,000		160,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

FN 1. This option becomes exercisable as follows: 44,444 options become exercisable on April 2, 2003 with the remaining 55,556 options becoming exercisable over the next 20 months in monthly installments.

FN 2. This option was granted on December 3, 2001 and becomes exercisable over a three-year period in monthly installments at an exercise price of \$13.80.

/s/ Vernon J. Nagel

04/18/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.