

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>HONEYCUTT KENNETH W</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400  (Street) ATLANTA 2Q 30309  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title) Other (specify below) <u>Executive Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2005	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		11,100	A	\$13.8	73,399	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		11,100	D	\$27.33	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		1,100	A	\$13.8	63,399	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		1,100	D	\$27.26	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		1,800	A	\$13.8	64,099	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		1,800	D	\$27.25	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		1,400	A	\$13.8	63,699	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		1,400	D	\$27.23	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		300	A	\$13.8	62,599	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		300	D	\$27.2	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		400	A	\$13.8	62,699	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		400	D	\$27.15	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		2,600	A	\$13.8	64,899	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		2,600	D	\$27.1	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		100	A	\$13.8	62,399	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		100	D	\$27.07	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		6,000	A	\$13.8	68,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		6,000	D	\$27.06	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		1,600	A	\$13.8	63,899	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		1,600	D	\$27.05	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		400	A	\$13.8	62,699	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		400	D	\$27.04	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		1,900	A	\$13.8	64,199	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		1,900	D	\$27.03	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		4,200	A	\$13.8	66,499	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		4,200	D	\$27.02	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		400	A	\$13.8	62,699	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		400	D	\$27.01	62,299	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2005		M		3,900	A	\$13.8	66,199	D	

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/01/2005		S		3,900	D	\$27	62,299	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. 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 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				
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			11,100	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	11,100	\$0	86,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			1,100	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,100	\$0	85,000	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			1,800	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,800	\$0	83,200	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			1,400	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,400	\$0	81,800	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			300	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	300	\$0	81,500	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			400	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	81,100	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			2,600	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,600	\$0	78,500	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			100	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	78,400	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			6,000	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	6,000	\$0	72,400	D	
Employee Stock Purchase	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			1,600	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,600	\$0	70,800	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			400	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	70,400	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			1,900	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,900	\$0	68,500	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			4,200	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	4,200	\$0	64,300	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			400	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	400	\$0	63,900	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	03/01/2005		M			3,900	(1)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	3,900	\$0	60,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

**Remarks:**

The transactions reported on this Form 4 are being made pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan dated February 28, 2005, which plan is intended to comply with Rule 10b5-1, and the representation regarding the Reporting Person's lack of knowledge of material nonpublic information as of the date of the Trading Plan.

Jill A. Gilmer, Power of Attorney for Kenneth W. Honeycutt

03/03/2005

\*\* 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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