FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WITTICH WESLEY E (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 2400 (Street)							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2004 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below) SVP, Audit & Risk Mgmt. idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person			Owner r (specify v) t. Applicable
(City)			30309 Zip)			X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person									porting					
		Tabl	e I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	Se	curiti	es Ac	quir	red, [Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficia	ally O	wne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execution Date,		Tr	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		Disposed	urities Acquired (A) sed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			4 and Sec Ben Owr		cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Co	ode	v	Amount	Amount (A		Price	e Repo		action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 11/29/2						004			F		68		D	\$29.39		35,222		D		
Common	Stock ⁽¹⁾			11/30)/2004					F		811(2)		D	\$29	\$29.43 34,411 D				
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ 11/30/2)/2004	2004			D		22 ⁽²⁾		D	\$29	.43	34,389		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 Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 4. Transaction Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8)		Instr	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expi (Mor			Amount of Securities Underlyin Derivative Security (i and 4) An or Ni Expiration		unt of rities rlying ative rity (In:	ount nber	8. Pric Deriva Securi (Instr.	itive ity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			

Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ The \ transactions \ reported \ are \ the \ result \ of \ vesting \ of \ restricted \ stock \ held \ by \ the \ reporting \ person.$
- 2. The terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which these restricted shares were issued requires that upon vesting one-third of the restricted shares be converted into cash using the closing price on the vesting date. A portion of the cash is used to pay required withholding taxes and the remainder is paid to the reporting person. The transactions as reported show the cash attributed to tax withholding and the amount paid in cash.
- 3. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 10,247 time-vesting restricted shares.

Weslev E. Wittich 12/01/2004

** 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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