FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* HONEYCUTT KENNETH W						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									Check a	all app Direc		ng Person	10% C	wner
(Last) 1170 PEA	(First) (Middle) ACHTREE STREET, NE				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/21/2004									X Officer (give title below) Other (specification) Executive Vice President						
(Street) ATLANT (City)	CA GA		80309 Zip)		4. If	· Ame	endment,	Date o	f Original	Filed	(Month/Da	ay/Yea	ar)		Individ ne) X	Form	r Joint/Group n filed by Ond n filed by Mol on	e Reportii	ng Pers	on
		Tabl	e I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or	Bene	ficia	ally C	wne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Exe Day/Year) if ar		A. Deemed Execution Date, fany Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispo		rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Seco		cially I Following	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	. 1	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾			10/21	10/21/2004				S		5,000)	D	\$26		46,872		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)	Execution Date, if any		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of Deriv Secul Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amoun or Numbe		ount	8. Prio Deriva Secur (Instr.	ative ity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owne Form Direc or Inc (I) (In:	ct (D) direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	Code V				Date Exercisable D		of Title Shares		res								

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 14,268 time-vesting restricted shares.

Kenneth W. Honeycutt 10/23/2004

** 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).
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