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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] MORGAN JOHN K			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]		tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer all applicable) Director 10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE		(<i>'</i> ,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/08/2004	x	Officer (give title below) President & Chief	Other (specify below)	
SUITE 2400			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6 Indiv	lividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable		
(Street) ATLANTA	GA	30309		Line)	Form filed by One Rep Form filed by More that Person	porting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

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 (8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock	07/08/2004		М		4,500	A	\$13.8	65,652	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	07/08/2004		S		4,500	D	\$25	61,152	D	
Common Stock								4,874	Ι	by 401(k)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	on Date (Month/Day/Year)	Date	Date	Execution Date, if any	Transa Code (of Deri Sec Acq (A) Disp of (I	vative urities uired or oosed O) tr. 3, 4	Expiration Da	ate	Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative	f 9 Security	Derivative Security	derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	07/08/2004		М			4,500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	4,500	\$0	115,566	D				

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 40,050 time-vesting restricted shares.

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

John K. Morgan

07/12/2004

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).

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