## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BROWNING PETER C					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]									all appl	cable)	Perso	rson(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2004									Office below	r (give title		Other (s		
SUITE 2  (Street)	400				4. If	If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					ar) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea		e, Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		urities Acquired (A sed Of (D) (Instr. 3,		4 and Securi Benefi		es ially Following	6. Own Form: I (D) or I (I) (Inst	Direct ndirect r. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	v	Amount	t (A) or (D)		e	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(113411 4)	
	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. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	1. Fransa Code (I		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 Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		De Sed (In:	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	wnership orm: irect (D) Indirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares						
Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	03/01/2004			A		365		(3)		(3)	Common Stock	365	\$	24.88	6,855		D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include an annual grant, required and elective deferral of director fees, and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- 2. 1-for-1
- 3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

Peter C. Browning 03/01/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  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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