FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* NAGEL VERNON J						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]												olicable)	g Person(s) to Is	Owner
(Last) 1170 PEA SUITE 24		rst) (STREET, NE	Middle)			. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 14/09/2004									X	belov	,	Other (specify below) rman & CFO		
(Street) ATLANT (City)			30309 Zip)		4. If Amendment, Date of					of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Indiv Line) X	vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. Trans Date (Month/				action	ar)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code (ction	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,				or	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)	Pr	се	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111341. 4)		
Common Stock					04/09/2004							2,000		A	\$24.5		1	3,167	D	
Common Stock 04					4/09/2004							200		A	\$24.95		13,367		D	
Common Stock 04/0					/ 200 4					P		300		A	\$24.96		13,667		D	
Common Stock 04/09					/2004				P		100		A	\$24.94		13,767		D		
Common Stock 04/09				/2004					P		100		A	\$24.98		13,867		D		
Common Stock 04/09/					2004					P		900		A	\$24.99		14,767		D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 04/09/					/200 4				P		3,400		A	\$25		18,167		D		
		Та	ible II - [)									sed of, onvertib					wned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Insti		on of I		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Date)	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		Deri Sec (Inst	curity str. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Code V ((A) (Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Tit	Nu of	mbe ares	r						

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 11,167 time-vesting restricted shares.

<u>Vernon J. Nagel</u> <u>04/12/2004</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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