

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PARHAM JOSEPH G JR (Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) SVP, Human Resources
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2005	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M		3,077	A	\$13.8	43,281	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S		3,077	D	\$28.99	40,204 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								319	I	by 401(k)

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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			15,800	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	15,800	\$0	67,777	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			1,100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,100	\$0	66,677	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			2,300	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,300	\$0	64,377	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			3,200	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	3,200	\$0	61,177	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			1,200	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,200	\$0	59,977	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			1,500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,500	\$0	58,477	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	57,977	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			4,900	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	4,900	\$0	53,077	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	52,977	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			300	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	300	\$0	52,677	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			2,000	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,000	\$0	50,677	D	

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	50,577	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			100	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	\$0	50,477	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			1,900	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,900	\$0	48,577	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			500	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	\$0	48,077	D	
Employee Stock Option	\$13.8	08/11/2005		M			3,077	(2)	12/02/2011	Common Stock	3,077	\$0	45,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 25,668 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,188 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- This option vested in equal annual installments over a three year period and became fully vested on December 3, 2004.

Remarks:

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Joseph G. Parham

08/14/2005

** 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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