

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HONEYCUTT KENNETH W</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u> | | | 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) <u>Executive Vice President</u> | | |
| | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/14/2005</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. 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 | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$27.97 | 67,215 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$27.99 | 67,015 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$28.01 | 66,815 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$28.02 | 66,615 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 400 | D | \$28.03 | 66,215 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 400 | D | \$28.06 | 65,815 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.08 | 65,715 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 300 | D | \$28.09 | 65,415 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.11 | 65,315 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.12 | 65,215 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 400 | D | \$28.13 | 64,815 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.15 | 64,715 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$28.16 | 64,515 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.17 | 64,415 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 500 | D | \$28.18 | 63,915 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$28.2 | 63,715 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$28.21 | 63,615 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 300 | D | \$28.23 | 63,315 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 400 | D | \$28.24 | 62,915 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 1,400 | D | \$28.25 | 61,515 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 920 | D | \$28.26 | 60,595 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 1,200 | D | \$28.27 | 59,395 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 900 | D | \$28.28 | 58,495 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 300 | D | \$28.29 | 58,195 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 300 | D | \$28.3 | 57,895 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 100 | D | \$38.31 | 57,795 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 200 | D | \$28.32 | 57,595 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 500 | D | \$28.33 | 57,095 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/14/2005 | | s | | 300 | D | \$28.35 | 56,795 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |

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 | 10/14/2005 | | S | | 100 | D | \$28.36 | 56,695 ⁽¹⁾ | 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) | 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 | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 30,538 time-vesting restricted shares.

By: [Jill A. Gilmer, As Power of Attorney For: Kenneth W. Honeycutt](#) 10/17/2005

** 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).

** 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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