

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                | V                                                        | Amount                                                          | (D) | Price |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | (Instr. 5) |     |                     |                    |                 |                                        |          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |                                    |                  | Code       | V                                                                                               | (A)        | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |          |
| Stock<br>Units <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u>                         | 08/01/2005       | A          |                                                                                                 | 22         |     | <u>(3)</u>          | <u>(3)</u>         | Common<br>Stock | 22                                     | \$ 29.23 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                     | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| PARHAM JOSEPH G JR<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE<br>SUITE 2400<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309 |               |           | SVP, Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney For: Joseph G. Parham 08/03/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Stock Units held in Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan that will be paid in cash according to the Plan's provisions. During the Reporting Period, dividends paid resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Stock Units are payable in cash according to the provisions of the Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan.

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