

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President HR

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	Price	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006		M		22,500	\$ 13.8	64,337 <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006		S		5,500	\$ 40.19	58,837 <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006		S		300	\$ 40.18	58,537 <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006		S		700	\$ 40.16	57,837 <sup>(2)</sup> D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006		S		4,600	\$ 40.15	53,237 <sup>(2)</sup> D

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Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 40.14	52,137 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	700	D	\$ 40.13	51,437 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 40.12	50,437 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 40.11	48,837 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 10.1	47,637 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	2,100	D	\$ 40.09	45,537 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	2,000	D	\$ 40.08	43,537 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	700	D	\$ 40.07	42,837 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 40.06	42,737 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	800	D	\$ 40.05	41,937 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	02/17/2006	S	100	D	\$ 40.04	41,837 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock						194	I	by 401(k)

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 (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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Employee Stock Option <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 13.8	02/17/2006	M	22,500	<sup>(3)</sup>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	22,500
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Senior Vice President HR	

## Signatures

Joseph G.  
Parham

02/21/2006

    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) The transaction(s) reported herein was(were) effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the Reporting Person on April 26, 2004.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 21,209 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,205 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a three year period and became fully vested on December 3, 2004.

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