

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 4  
October 31, 2014

**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 \*  
Black Mark A

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)

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300

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

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

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	10/30/2014		S		5,946 D \$ 136.74 (1)	35,808 (2)	D
Common Stock	10/30/2014		M		5,207 A \$ 46.29	41,015 (2)	D
Common Stock	10/30/2014		M		4,976 A \$ 62.54	45,991 (2)	D
Common Stock	10/30/2014		M		3,234 A \$ 103.74	49,225 (2)	D
	10/30/2014		S		13,417 D	35,808 (2)	D

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Common Stock \$ 136.74  
(1)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 46.29	10/30/2014		M	5,207	<u>(3)</u> 10/23/2021	Common Stock	5,207
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 62.54	10/30/2014		M	4,976	<u>(4)</u> 10/22/2022	Common Stock	4,976
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 103.74	10/30/2014		M	3,234	<u>(5)</u> 10/23/2023	Common Stock	3,234

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Black Mark A  
 C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300  
 ATLANTA, GA 30309

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## Signatures

Mark A. Black                      10/30/2014

\*\*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).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$135.62 to \$137.69, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (1) The total direct shares owned includes 35,808 time-vesting restricted shares.
  - (2) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2014.
  - (3) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 23, 2015.
  - (4) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2016.

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