

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
NAGEL VERNON J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170
PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE
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)
02/26/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | | | (A) or (D) |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/26/2010 | | M | | 200 | A | \$ 11.85 | 220,792 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/26/2010 | | S | | 200 | D | \$ 39.5 | 220,592 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/01/2010 | | M | | 35,904 | A | \$ 11.85 | 256,496 | D | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/01/2010 | | S | | 35,904 | D | \$ 39.66 ⁽²⁾ | 220,592 | D | |
| | 03/02/2010 | | M | | 12,301 | A | | 232,893 | D | |

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|-----------------------------|------------|--|---|--------|----|------------|--|--|--|-------|---------|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | | | | | \$ | | | | | 11.85 | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 03/02/2010 | | S | 12,301 | D | \$ | | | | 39.53 | 220,592 | D |
| | | | | | | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | | |

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 | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 11.85 | 02/26/2010 | | M | 200 | ⁽⁵⁾ 04/01/2013 | Common Stock | 200 | |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 11.85 | 03/01/2010 | | M | 35,904 | ⁽⁵⁾ 04/01/2013 | Common Stock | 35,904 | |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 11.85 | 03/02/2010 | | M | 12,301 | ⁽⁵⁾ 04/01/2013 | Common Stock | 12,301 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NAGEL VERNON J C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309 | X | | Chairman, President and CEO | |

Signatures

Vernon J. Nagel

03/02/2010

**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 transactions reported herein were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the Reporting Person. The total direct shares owned includes 120,600 time-vesting restricted shares.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.50 to \$39.88, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.50 to \$39.64, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.50 to \$39.64, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (4) The transactions reported herein were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the Reporting Person.
- (5) This option was 44% vested immediately, the remainder vested in equal monthly installments over an eighteen month period and became fully vested on December 2, 2004.

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