

ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

December 03, 2004

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
12/01/2004

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
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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)
Common Stock	12/01/2004		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 15,000 A \$ 13.8	41,602	D	
Common Stock	12/01/2004		F	2,628 D \$ 30	38,974	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	12/01/2004		S	9,996 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 30	28,978	D	
Common Stock					312	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	\$ 13.8	12/01/2004		M		15,000		<u>(3)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Joseph G.
Parham 12/03/2004

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 total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 15,050 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,174 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- (2) 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.
- (3) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.

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