

HEAGLE JAMES H  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**HEAGLE JAMES H**

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)  
**08/23/2005**

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

(Street)  
**ATLANTA, GA 30309**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/23/2005		A	2,375 (1) A \$ 0 (1)	37,995 (2)	D	
Common Stock					201	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)	8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Stock Units	(3)	08/23/2005		A	2,375 (4)	(5) (5)	Common Stock	2,375 \$

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HEAGLE JAMES H  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, as Power of Attorney For: James H. Heagle

08/25/2005

\_\_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).

Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under (1) the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Shares remain restricted until November 30, 2006, and at that time are payable one-third in cash and two-thirds in shares.

(2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transactions includes 24,598 time-vesting restricted shares.

(3) 1-for-1

Issued upon the achievement of performance targets set forth in a Restricted Stock Award Agreement dated December 18, 2002, under (4) the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. At the time of the award, the Reporting Person elected to have 50% of restricted earned deferred into the Acuity Brands Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan.

(5) Stock Units are held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan and will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.

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