

NAGEL VERNON J  
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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

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, NE, SUITE 2400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/05/2006

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

(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 or Price		
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/05/2006		M		\$ 13.8	172,167	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/05/2006		S		\$ 48.25	152,167	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/05/2006		S		\$ 48.23	132,167	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/05/2006		S		\$ 48.14	112,167	D
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	10/05/2006		S		\$ 48	79,567	D

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Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/09/2006	M	25,662	A	\$ 13.8	105,229	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/09/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 48.27	100,229	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/09/2006	S	5,662	D	\$ 48.23	94,567	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/09/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 48.22	89,567	D
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/09/2006	S	10,000	D	\$ 48.01	79,567	D
Common Stock	10/10/2006	M	21,738	A	\$ 13.8	101,305	D
Common Stock	10/10/2006	F	6,262	D	\$ 47.9	95,043 <u>(2)</u>	D

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)	
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 13.8	10/05/2006		M		112,600	<u>(3)</u>	12/03/2011	Common Stock	112,600
Employee Stock Option <u>(1)</u>	\$ 13.8	10/09/2006		M		25,662	<u>(3)</u>	12/03/2011	Common Stock	25,662
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	10/10/2006		M		21,738	<u>(3)</u>	12/03/2011	Common Stock	21,738

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Vernon J. Nagel                      10/10/2006

\_\_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 August 1, 2006.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction(s) include(s) 50,567 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (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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