

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
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**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 \*  
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)  
08/11/2005

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)

SVP, Human Resources

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		M	3,077 A \$ 13.8	43,281	D	
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	3,077 D \$ 28.99	40,204 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					319	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	15,800	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	15,800	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	1,100	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,100	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	2,300	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,300	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	3,200	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	3,200	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	1,200	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,200	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	1,500	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,500	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	500	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	500	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	4,900	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	4,900	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	100	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	100	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005		M	300	<u>(2)</u> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	300	

Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	2,000	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	2,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	100	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	100	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	100
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	1,900	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,900
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	500	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	500
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	08/11/2005	M	3,077	<u>(2)</u>	12/02/2011	Common Stock	3,077

## 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

08/14/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 25,668 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,188 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
  - (2) This option vested in equal annual installments over a three year period and became fully vested on December 3, 2004.

### Remarks:

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