

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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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 *
MORGAN JOHN K

(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)
08/13/2007

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)
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	08/13/2007		M		4,221	A	\$ 23.69 126,551 D
Common Stock	08/13/2007		F		1,767	D	\$ 56.59 124,784 D
Common Stock	08/13/2007		M		3,427	A	\$ 29.18 128,211 D
Common Stock	08/13/2007		F		1,767	D	\$ 56.59 126,444 ⁽¹⁾ 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	08/13/2007		M	4,221	<u>(2)</u> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	4,221
Employee Stock Option	\$ 29.18	08/13/2007		M	3,427	<u>(3)</u> 07/28/2015	Common Stock	3,427

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MORGAN JOHN K C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

John K. Morgan 08/15/2007
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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 transactions include 79,820 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (2) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period and will become fully vested on December 18, 2006.
- (3) This option vests in equal annual installments over a four-year period.

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