

Black Mark A
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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 *
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/16/2010

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
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C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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ATLANTA, GA 30309

(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	04/16/2010		M		8,600 A \$ 40.29	63,142 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		S		8,600 D \$ 45	54,542 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		M		5,984 A \$ 31.96	60,526 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		S		5,984 D \$ 45	54,542 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		M		3,812 A \$ 22.86	58,354 ⁽¹⁾	D

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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		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
					Acquired (A)	Disposed of (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Employee Stock Option	\$ 40.29	04/16/2010		M	8,600		⁽²⁾	11/02/2017	Common Stock	8,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.86	04/16/2010		M	3,812		⁽³⁾	04/06/2019	Common Stock	3,812
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 31.96	04/16/2010		M	5,984		⁽⁴⁾	10/24/2018	Common Stock	5,984

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ATLANTA, GA 30309

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Signatures

Mark A. Black 04/20/2010

^{**}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 includes 37,475 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (2) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on November 2, 2010.
- (3) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on April 6, 2012.
- (4) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2011.

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