

ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

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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 \*  
NAGEL VERNON J

(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)  
10/20/2010

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)  
Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	10/20/2010		M		40,000 A \$ 19.58	256,411 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	10/20/2010		S		40,000 D \$ 49.51 <sup>(2)</sup>	216,411 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	10/21/2010		M		43,005 A \$ 19.58	259,416 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	10/21/2010		S		43,005 D \$ 50.53 <sup>(3)</sup>	216,411 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 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
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.58	10/20/2010		M	40,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.58	10/21/2010		M	43,005	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	43,005

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Vernon J. Nagel 10/22/2010

\_\_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 110,750 time-vesting restricted shares.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$49.50 to \$49.57, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate

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price within the ranges set forth herein.

- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$50.40 to \$50.93, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 68,593 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$23.69.

- (4) The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 83,005 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$19.58 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. This option vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on December 18, 2006.

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