#### HONEYCUTT KENNETH W

Form 4 July 22, 2005

## FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1 Name and Address of Departing De

See Instruction

1. Name and A HONEYCU	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last) 1170 PEAC NE, SUITE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/20/2005					(Check all applicable)  Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Executive Vice President					
				ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	U	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	) Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	07/20/2005			M	7,023	A	\$ 26.27	69,322	D		
Common Stock	07/20/2005			F	6,657	D	\$ 27.72	62,665 <u>(1)</u>	D		

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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. Transactic 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.27	07/20/2005		M	7,023	(2)	09/19/2005	Common Stock	7,023

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HONEYCUTT KENNETH W 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

**Executive Vice President** 

## **Signatures**

By: Jill A. Gilmer, Power of Attorney For: Kenneth W. Honeycutt

07/22/2005

\*\*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 transactions includes 25,788 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (2) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on September 20, 1999.

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