

HOLCOM KAREN J
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FORM 4

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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 *
 HOLCOM KAREN J

(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)
 07/14/2005

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)
 Vice President, Controller

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/14/2005		M		2,341	A	\$ 23.65
Common Stock	07/14/2005		S		2,341	D	\$ 26.16
Common Stock	07/14/2005		M		3,862	A	\$ 16.5
Common Stock	07/14/2005		S		3,862	D	\$ 26.16
Common Stock	07/14/2005		M		5,000	A	\$ 13.8
							14,991
							12,650
							16,512
							12,650
							17,650

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Common Stock 07/14/2005 S 5,000 D \$ 26.16 12,650 ⁽¹⁾ D
 Common Stock 473 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	07/14/2005		M	5,000	⁽²⁾ 12/02/2011	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	07/14/2005		M	3,862	⁽³⁾ 10/23/2010	Common Stock	3,862
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.65	07/14/2005		M	2,341	⁽⁴⁾ 01/04/2010	Common Stock	2,341

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLCOM KAREN J 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Vice President, Controller	

Signatures

Karen J.
Holcom

07/15/2005

__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 includes 10,624 time-vesting restricted shares and 888 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.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.
- (4) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on January 5, 2004.

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