

BALLOUN JAMES S
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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BALLOUN JAMES S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS,
INC., 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. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
08/31/2004

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 & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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) | (A) or (D) | Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|-------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 74,068 | D | ^ |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 890 | I | by 401(k) |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 50,934 | I | by Family LP |
| Common Stock | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | ^ | 63,277 | I | by GRAT |

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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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-----|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|---------|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 13.8 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (1) | 12/02/2011 | Common Stock | 400,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.5 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | 10/23/2010 | Common Stock | 292,647 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 16.6 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 10/04/2000 | 10/03/2010 | | Common Stock | 139,769 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 23.65 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | 01/04/2010 | Common Stock | 175,587 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 23.65 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/05/2000 | 01/04/2010 | | Common Stock | 190,207 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 23.69 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (1) | 12/17/2013 | Common Stock | 269,641 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 24.07 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (1) | 12/21/2013 | Common Stock | 30,359 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 27.76 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | 01/03/1996 | 01/02/2006 | | Common Stock | 292,647 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 29.95 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | 09/21/2008 | Common Stock | 117,058 |

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| Employee Stock Option | \$ 32.46 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | 09/16/2006 | Common Stock | 52,676 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 37.85 | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â | Â (2) | 09/22/2007 | Common Stock | 76,087 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BALLOUN JAMES S C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309 | Â X | Â | Â Chairman & CEO | Â |

Signatures

James S.
Balloun

10/07/2004

**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) This option vests in equal annual installments over three years.
- (2) This option vests in equal annual installments over four years.

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