

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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOLCOM KAREN J**

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)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice President & Controller

**C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)  
**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 (A) or (D) Price                                         |                                                                                               |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 877 A \$ 30.65                                                    | 13,109                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 8,070 A \$ 13.8                                                   | 21,179                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 3,200 D \$ 42.3                                                   | 17,979                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 1,600 D \$ 42.39                                                  | 16,379                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | S                              | 300 D \$ 42.4                                                     | 16,079                                                                                        | D                                                        |                                   |

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|-------------------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|-----------|
| Common Stock            | 04/21/2006 | S | 2,047 | D | \$ 42.4  | 14,032 | D |           |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> | 04/21/2006 | S | 1,800 | D | \$ 42.23 | 12,232 | D |           |
| Common Stock            |            |   |       |   |          | 485    | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |       |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                      |       |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 13.8                                                | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 8,070                                                                                   | 12/03/2004                                               | 12/02/2011                                                    | Common Stock               | 8,070 |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 30.65                                               | 04/21/2006                           |                                                    | M                              | 877                                                                                     | 09/24/2002                                               | 09/23/2008                                                    | Common Stock               | 877   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                        | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                       | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| HOLCOM KAREN J<br>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309 |               |           | Vice President & Controller |       |

## Signatures

Karen J.  
Holcom

04/24/2006

\_\_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 after reported transaction includes 8,517 time-vesting restricted shares and 4 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

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