

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 Indirect 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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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

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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