MURPHY KENYON W

Form 4

January 04, 2005

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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 *

MURPHY KENYON W

(First) (Middle) (Last)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET,

NE, SUITE 2400

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

12/31/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

3. Code (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or (Instr. 8)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

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 Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

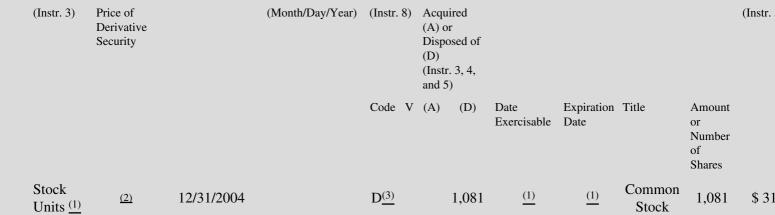
4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pric **Underlying Securities** Deriva (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MURPHY KENYON W 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309

Sr. Vice Pres. & Gen. Counsel

Signatures

Kenyon W. 01/03/2005 Murphy

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Stock Units are held in the Acuity Brands, Inc. Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan and will be paid in cash according to the plan's provisions.
- (2) 1-for-1

Pursuant to an amendment to the Supplemental Deferred Savings Plan by the Issuer effective December 31, 2004, stock units held by the plan participants in certain company contribution accounts were converted using the closing price of the Issuer's common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange and transferred to the cash equivalent fund.

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