

Smith C. Dan
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FORM 4

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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 *
Smith C. Dan

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/25/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP, Treasurer and Secretary

(Street)
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	10/25/2010		A	2,640	A \$ 0	17,397 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock <u>(3)</u>	10/25/2010		A	1,980	A \$ 0	19,377 <u>(4)</u>	D
Common Stock <u>(5)</u>	10/26/2010		F	195	D \$ 50.34	19,182 <u>(6)</u>	D

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
Non-Qualified Stock Option <u>(7)</u>	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		A	3,930	<u>(8)</u> 10/24/2020	Common Stock	3,930
Non-Qualified Stock Option <u>(9)</u>	\$ 50.56	10/25/2010		A	2,950	<u>(8)</u> 10/24/2020	Common Stock	2,950

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith C. Dan C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			SVP, Treasurer and Secretary	

Signatures

C. Dan Smith 10/27/2010

**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 shares being reported result from the award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(2) The total direct shares owned includes 10,764 time-vesting restricted shares.

(3) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of restricted shares pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(4) The total direct shares owned includes 12,744 time-vesting restricted shares.

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- (5) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (6) The total direct shares owned includes 12,144 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (7) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (8) This option vests in equal annual installments over a three year period.
- (9) The shares being reported result from a discretionary award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan.

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