

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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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 *
MURPHY KENYON W

(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. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/25/2006

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)
SVP & General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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)	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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	07/25/2006		M	1,970 A \$ 37.85	42,752	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2006		S	1,970 D \$ 42.56	40,782	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2006		M	2,706 A \$ 29.95	43,488	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2006		S	2,093 D \$ 42.56	41,395	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2006		S	100 D \$ 42.58	41,295	D	

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Common Stock	07/25/2006	S	100	D	\$ 42.6	41,195	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2006	S	413	D	\$ 42.61	40,782 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock						15	I	by Son(s)

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	\$ 29.95	07/25/2006		M	2,706	09/22/2002 09/21/2008	Common Stock	2,706
Employee Stock Option	\$ 37.85	07/25/2006		M	1,970	09/23/2001 09/22/2007	Common Stock	1,970

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MURPHY KENYON W C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	SVP & General Counsel

Signatures

Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney for Kenyon W.
Murphy

07/27/2006

__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 includes 14,510 time-vesting restricted shares.

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