

MURPHY KENYON W
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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

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)
11/29/2004

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP & General Counsel

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2400

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 <u>(1)</u>	11/29/2004		F	114 D \$ 29.39	21,594	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	11/30/2004		F	770 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 29.43	20,824	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u>	11/30/2004		D	21 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 29.43	20,803	D	
Common Stock					1,007	I	by 401(k)
Common Stock					15	I	by Sons

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

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, as Power of Attorney for Kenyon W. Murphy
 12/01/2004
 **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) The transactions reported are the result of vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
 The terms of the Restricted Stock Award Agreement pursuant to which these restricted shares were issued requires that upon vesting one-third of the restricted shares be converted into cash using the closing price on the vesting date. A portion of the cash is used to pay required withholding taxes and the remainder is paid to the reporting person. The transactions as reported show the cash attributed to tax withholding and the amount paid in cash.
- (3) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 6,538 time-vesting restricted shares and 4 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

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