WITTICH WESLEY E

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * WITTICH WESLEY E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170

(Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2005

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

PEACHTREE STREET. NESUITE

(Street)

below)

below) SVP, Audit & Risk Mgmt.

2400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities

(A)

or

32.1

Beneficially (D) or Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I)

(Instr. 4)

Security (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 4)

Common Stock

12/10/2005

Price Code V Amount (D) F D 68

(Instr. 3 and 4)

47,408 (1) 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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title a		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Amount Underlyi Securitie (Instr. 3	ing es	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title N of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WITTICH WESLEY E			SVP,				
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.			Audit &				
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400			Risk				
ATLANTA, GA 30309			Mgmt.				

Signatures

Wesley E.
Wittich

**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 following the reported transaction includes 18,566 time-vesting restricted shares.

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