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Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Black Mark A

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)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
EVP- Customer Enabling Team Ld

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 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  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Price (D)		
Common Stock	04/16/2010		M		8,600 A \$ 40.29	63,142 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		S		8,600 D \$ 45	54,542 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		M		5,984 A \$ 31.96	60,526 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		S		5,984 D \$ 45	54,542 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	04/16/2010		M		3,812 A \$ 22.86	58,354 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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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		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
					Acquired (A)	Disposed of (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Employee Stock Option	\$ 40.29	04/16/2010		M	8,600		<sup>(2)</sup>	11/02/2017	Common Stock	8,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.86	04/16/2010		M	3,812		<sup>(3)</sup>	04/06/2019	Common Stock	3,812
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 31.96	04/16/2010		M	5,984		<sup>(4)</sup>	10/24/2018	Common Stock	5,984

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Black Mark A C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309				EVP- Customer Enabling Team Ld

## Signatures

Mark A. Black      04/20/2010

<sup>\*\*</sup>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 37,475 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (2) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on November 2, 2010.
- (3) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on April 6, 2012.
- (4) These options vest ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2011.

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