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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> WESLEY NORMAN H | | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|---|--|---|-------|-----------|---|--|--|--|
| | (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 01/07/2011 | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| 11 | 70 PEACH | ITREE ST | REET, | | | | | | | | | |
| SUITE 2400 | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | X_Director10% Owner OfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30309 | | | | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| | (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | neficially Owned | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | 2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4) | | | | • | | | | |
| Common Stock (1) | | | 334 | | | D | Â | | | | | |
| | minder: Repo ned directly o | | te line for ea | ch class of secu | urities benefici | ially | SEC 1 | 473 (7-02 |) | | | |
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Date Exercisable and | 3. Title and Amount of | 4. | 5. | 6. Nature of Indirect |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------------|
| (Instr. 4) | Expiration Date | Securities Underlying | Conversion | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | Derivative Security | or Exercise | Form of | (Instr. 5) |
| | | (Instr. 4) | Price of | Derivative | |
| | | Title | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | Security | Direct (D) | |

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| Date | Expiration | Amount or | or Indirect |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Exercisable | Date | Number of | (I) |
| | | Shares | (Instr. 5) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owne | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| WESLEY NORMAN 1170 PEACHTREE S ATLANTA, GA 3 | X | Â | Â | Â | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |
| Norman H. Wesley | 01/11/2011 | | | | | |
| <u>**</u> Signature of | Date | | | | | |

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 transactions includes 334 time-vesting restricted shares.

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