

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
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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 \*  
HOLCOM KAREN J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 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)  
04/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President & Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 or Price		
Common Stock	04/21/2006		M		877 A \$ 30.65	13,109	D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		M		8,070 A \$ 13.8	21,179	D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		S		3,200 D \$ 42.3	17,979	D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		S		1,600 D \$ 42.39	16,379	D
Common Stock	04/21/2006		S		300 D \$ 42.4	16,079	D

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Common Stock	04/21/2006	S	2,047	D	\$ 42.4	14,032	D	
Common Stock <u>(1)</u>	04/21/2006	S	1,800	D	\$ 42.23	12,232	D	
Common Stock						485	I	by 401(k)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 13.8	04/21/2006		M	8,070	12/03/2004	12/02/2011	Common Stock	8,070
Employee Stock Option	\$ 30.65	04/21/2006		M	877	09/24/2002	09/23/2008	Common Stock	877

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLCOM KAREN J C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Vice President & Controller	

## Signatures

Karen J.  
Holcom

04/24/2006

\_\_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 after reported transaction includes 8,517 time-vesting restricted shares and 4 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.

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