

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR  
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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 \*  
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

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)  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/31/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President HR

(Street)  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M		11,705	A	\$ 19.76	36,469	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M		10,223	A	\$ 16.5	46,692	D	
Common Stock	01/31/2007		M		8,442	A	\$ 23.69	55,134	D	
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	01/31/2007		F		982	D	\$ 58.01	54,152 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								195	I	by 401(k)

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 16.5	01/31/2007		M	10,223	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/23/2010	Common Stock 10,223
Employee Stock Option	\$ 19.76	01/31/2007		M	11,705	05/14/2004 05/14/2010	Common Stock 11,705
Employee Stock Option	\$ 23.69	01/31/2007		M	8,442	12/18/2006 12/17/2013	Common Stock 8,442

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Senior Vice President HR	

## Signatures

By: Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney For: Joseph G. Parham 02/02/2007

\*\*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).

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- (1) The transaction(s) being reported relate(s) to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- (2) The total direct shares owned following the reported transaction includes 9,685 time-vesting restricted shares and 1,217 shares held in a Section 423 stock purchase plan.
- (3) This option vested in equal annual installments over a four-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2004.

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