#### **ACUITY BRANDS INC**

Form 4

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## FORM 4

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NAGEL VERNON J			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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	(Check an applicable)		
1170 PEACI NE, SUITE		REET	(Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2014	_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President, and CEO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ATLANTA,	GA 30309		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionr Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Code Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Direct (D) Ownership Following or Indirect (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 10/22/2014 M 14,563 A \$ 31.96 212,260 (1) D Stock Common 197,697 (1) 10/22/2014 S 14,563 D D Stock Common 10/23/2014 75,237 A \$ 31.96 272,934 (1) D M Stock \$ Common S 197,697 (1) 10/23/2014 75,237 D 133.55 D Stock (3) Common 80,000 Ι by Trust

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securit
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 31.96	10/22/2014		M	14,563	<u>(4)</u>	10/23/2018	Common Stock	14,5
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 31.96	10/23/2014		M	75,237	<u>(4)</u>	10/23/2018	Common Stock	75,2

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
reporting owner rune, runess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
NAGEL VERNON J 1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309	X		Chairman, President, and CEO		

## **Signatures**

Vernon J. Nagel	10/23/2014		
**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 75,380 time-vesting restricted shares.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$131.90 to \$134.37, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$132.83 to \$134.31, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

(4) This option vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2011.

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