

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
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 \*  
**WILLIAMS NEIL**

(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)  
10/28/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 (D)	Price
Common Stock	10/28/2011		M			1,815	A	\$ 11.4	13,101	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2011		S			100	D	\$ 49.22	13,001	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2011		S			400	D	\$ 49.21	12,601	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2011		S			100	D	\$ 49.2	12,501	D	
Common Stock	10/28/2011		S			1,215	D	\$ 49.19	11,286	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 11.4	10/28/2011		M	1,815	<sup>(1)</sup> 12/02/2011	Common Stock	1,815

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

WILLIAMS NEIL  
C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NESUITE 2400  
ATLANTA, GA 30309

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## Signatures

Neil Williams                      10/31/2011

\*\*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) This stock option previously represented the right to purchase 1,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$13.80. The stock option was converted to the right to purchase 1,815 shares of the Issuer's common stock at an exercise price of \$11.40 effective with the spin-off of the Issuer's specialty chemical business on October 31, 2007. The options were granted on December 3, 2001 and became fully vested on December 3, 2002.

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