CLENDENIN JOHN L

Form 4

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(Middle)

1(b).

(Last)

1.Title of

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CLENDENIN JOHN L

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

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

11/01/2004

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

1170 PEACHTREE STREET.

NE, SUITE 2400

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

4. Securities

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Derivativ Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Security or Exercise any Code (Instr. 3 and 4) Security

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Ye	ear) (Instr.	8)	Securi Acqui (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr. and 5)	red sed 3, 4,					(Instr. 5)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Units (1)	(2)	11/01/2004	A		144		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	144	\$ 26.0
Stock Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	11/01/2004	A		730		<u>(3)</u>	(3)	Common Stock	730	\$ 26.0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CLENDENIN JOHN L 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2400 ATLANTA, GA 30309	X							

Signatures

John L.
Clendenin

**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).
- Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Unit Plan and are payable in cash upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees and reinvestment of dividend equivalents. During the Reporting Period, dividends earned and fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.
- (2) 1-for-1
- (3) Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in cash upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

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