

# Copper Star Condominiums

Abeyta Painting | Kim and Garret Abeyta, Owners



As long-time Tucsonans and graduates of The University of Arizona, Kim and Garret Abeyta take tremendous pride in the painting work they do in their community. Abeyta Painting, a Hispanic-owned business, enjoys a tremendous number of referrals from locals, and the company has been counted on time and again to enhance hundreds of commercial and residential buildings in the Old Pueblo since opening its doors 20 years ago.

So, when the contractors recently had the opportunity to give a face-lift to a popular Tucson gated condominium complex, they proudly seized it.

Copper Star Condominiums was built in 1986 and, because of its close proximity to the university, local eateries and shopping, it has remained



a popular home for university staff and students. The community is now in need of a complete exterior repaint of its 12 buildings and common areas.

The project had numerous challenging substrates—several structures suffered from old, failing paint and even delamination of some vertical stucco surfaces and patio overhangs.

“These surfaces really needed serious repair. Some, we’re guessing, may not have even been painted in 20 years,” Garret Abeyta said. The troubled substrates would first require tremendous prep work; some areas needing several days’ worth of scraping and cleaning before a primer coat could be applied.

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Abeyta, crew members, and his Dunn-Edwards rep had taken numerous site walks to assess needs and tested several primer/coating combinations to find the best results for the neglected surfaces. Abeyta appreciated this collaboration with his rep. The Abeyta Painting and Dunn-Edwards team found a combination of Seal-Krete Concrete Bonding Primer and two topcoats of ultra-premium EVERSIELD (in a velvet sheen) performed the best for the stucco exteriors. And ARISTOSHIELD

(in semi-gloss) was chosen to restore shine and luster to all of Copper Star’s metal surfaces including fencing, gates, bike racks and lighting structures.

The job was scheduled in four phases, with three buildings in each phase. Two phases are now complete, and the results are impressive.

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