POSReady 2009/Windows XP Professional/Windows XP Professional for Embedded Systems Comparison

Category	POSReady 2009	Windows XP Professional for Embedded Systems	Windows XP Professional
Footprint	Minimum RAM: 64 MB Minimum Hard-disk space: 512 MB for core image	Minimum RAM: 64 MB Minimum Hard-disk space: 1.5 GB	Minimum RAM: 64 MB Minimum Hard-disk space: 1.5 GB
Processor	x86	x86	x86
Win32 Applications	Full Win32 compatibility	Full Win32 compatibility	Full Win32 compatibility
Support life cycle (10 years)	Mainstream support until April 2014. Extended support until April 2019.	Mainstream support ends April 2009. Extended support ends April 2014.	Mainstream support ends April 2009. Extended support ends April 2014.
File-Based Write Filter support	Yes	No	No
USB Boot and Install to/from USB	Yes	No	No
Windows OOBE	Yes	Yes	Yes
MS Office Productivity Applications	License restriction prevents running Office Productivity applications on POSReady	License restriction prevents running Office Productivity applications on POSReady	Any number and types of supported applications can be run on Windows XP
Purpose	"Point of Service" operating system, optimized and licensed to run POS applications only	Embedded systems operating system for Kiosk, Industrial and Medical applications when footprint size is not an issue.	General Purpose operating system
POS for .NET	Yes, in the box	Yes, as an add-in	Yes, as an add-in
Management software	Standard PC management software	Standard PC management software	Standard PC management software
Help Files	No	Yes	Yes
Troubleshooters	No	Yes	Yes
Device Update Agent	Yes	No	No
Approximate components in the minimum installation	900	12,000	12,000
Files and settings transfer wizard	No	Yes	Yes
Games out-of-the-box	No	Yes	Yes
Windows Movie Maker	No	Yes	Yes
Outlook Express	No	Yes	Yes