POSReady 2009 v Windows Embedded Standard

Category	POSReady 2009	Windows Embedded Standard
Footprint	Minimum RAM: 64 MB	12,000 Individual Components; 40 MB
	Minimum Hard-disk space: 512 MB for	at smallest
	core image	
Processor	x86	x86
Win32 Applications and Drivers	Full Win32 compatibility	Full Win32 compatibility
Support life cycle (10 years)	Mainstream support ends April 2014.	Mainstream support ends April 2014.
	Extended support ends April 2019.	Extended support ends April 2019.
Ready to Install OS	Yes	No.
Windows Update Services	Yes.	Available on local WSUS.
POS for .NET to interface with	Supported	Not Supported
peripherals following UPOS standard		
Add/Remove Windows Components	Yes	Depends on configuration
Language Collections	Yes	No
MUI	Add-on	Must be built into the image
Componentized Drivers	Not required, can use XP Pro drivers	Yes
Enhanced Write Filter	No	Yes
El-Torito Emulation Specification –	No	Yes
supports running the OS from a CD		
USB Boot	Yes	Yes
.NET Framework 3.5 Support	Yes	Yes
Silverlight Support	Version 2.0	Version 1.0
Japanese Font Set	Yes	Yes
SCCM Client Support	Yes	Yes
SCOM Client Support	Yes	Yes
SCCM OSD Support	Yes	Yes