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Features	Windows 8	Windows 8 Pro	Windows RT
Upgrade from Windows 7 Starter, Home Basic, Home Premium	✔	✔	✘
Upgrade from Windows 7 Professional, Ultimate	✘	✔	✘
Installation of x86/64 and desktop software	✔	✔	✘
Microsoft Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, & OneNote	✘	✘	✔
Device Encryption	✘	✘	✔
Storage Space	✔	✔	✘
Windows Media Player	✔	✔	✘
BitLocker & BitLocker To Go	✘	✔	✘
Remote Desktop (host)	✘	✔	✘
Group Policy	✘	✔	✘
Domain Join	✘	✔	✘
Boot from VHD	✘	✔	✘
Encrypting File System	✘	✔	✘
Client Hyper-V	✘	✔	✘
Touch & Thumb Keyboard	✔	✔	✔
VPN Client	✔	✔	✔
ISO / VHD mount	✔	✔	✔
Mobile broadband options	✔	✔	✔
Exchange ActiveSync	✔	✔	✔
Trusted Boot	✔	✔	✔
Remote Desktop (client)	✔	✔	✔

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Windows Update	✔	✔	✔
Windows Defender	✔	✔	✔
SmartScreen	✔	✔	✔
Connected standby	✔	✔	✔
Windows Store	✔	✔	✔
Windows Apps	✔	✔	✔
Internet Explorer	✔	✔	✔
Microsoft Account Login	✔	✔	✔
Windows or File Explorer	✔	✔	✔
Enhanced Task Manager	✔	✔	✔
Language Packs	✔	✔	✔
Multiple monitor support	✔	✔	✔
File history	✔	✔	✔
Picture password	✔	✔	✔
Start screen	✔	✔	✔
Live Tiles	✔	✔	✔
Play To	✔	✔	✔

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