What does that mean?

iPod Ready means that you can plug your iPod (not included) into an Optional cable and be able to control your iPod using the controls on the Radio. All of the information from the iPod will be shown on the Radio display as well. This means that you do not need to have access to the iPod except to remove it. Utilizing this optional cable also means that you will be charging your iPod while using it.

MP3 Ready means that you can plug an accessory cable (not included) into the Aux-in on the front of the Radio and play your MP3 player (or any other Portable Audio Source) through the headphone output on the source unit. Simply plug a 3.5mm stereo Mini jack into the headphone output on your MP3 player and then into the Aux-in on the front of the Radio. Press the Mode Button on the front of the Radio to select AUX mode. There is also an Aux-in off of the back of the Radio for a more permanent hook-up using RCA jacks.