CPAP: Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

This is a completely spontaneous breathing mode.

- Not Controlled.
- Not Triggered
  Not Limited but it can be
- Not Cycled

The key feature is, NO SUPPORT. There is some PEEP being delivered, but generally its up to the patient to fight the tubes of the circuit to suck air from the cold indifferent ventilator. With no help whatsoever. In fact, you can even turn the PEEP off.

!! CPAP is NOT PEEP. The two are not equivalent. CPAP is a spontaneous mode of ventilation, PEEP is the baseline setting of pressure and is really one of the phase variables.