

PULL PROOF

Truck and tractor pulling, also known as power pulling, is the type of event that you would typically expect to find in a backwater country town rather than a modern city in the Netherlands. Yet, on Saturday, March 7th at the Ahoy in Rotterdam, tractor pulling is exactly what you'll find in the form of the European Indoor Tractor Pulling Championship—along with ample supplies of smoke, dirt and noise.

For those of you unfamiliar with tractor pulling (there are a few of us!) the sport involves tractors and large trucks pulling progressively heavier 'drags' along a track. The competing vehicles are allocated different classes depending on their size and



level of modification, so you end up with classes such as the '4.5 tons modified' and the '3.5 tons superstock'. The class names alone are enough

to intrigue the non-tractor pulling fan.

The 31st European Indoor Tractor Pulling Championship, affectionately known as

the European Superpull, is playing host to teams from at least seven countries, with a special attraction from America – "Show No Mercy". No, this isn't the name of a band or even their album but instead is one 'suped up' tractor boasting 11,000 horsepower, owned by Bruce Slagh.

The event, which has two main pulling sessions, one at noon and one at 7pm, also promises entertainment in the form of fireworks, laser shows, DJs and special demonstration trucks, along with, of course, the main pulling events.

For more information, including a short video, visit: www.europeansuperpull.nl.