

Russian Weightlifter Drags 126-Ton Train Down Tracks With His Bare Hands

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Ivan Savkin pulls a train with several carriages, weighing a combined 126 tons, in the Russian Far East city of Vladivostok.

A Russian strongman is hoping to have set a new world record after dragging a 126-ton locomotive down a railroad track in Russia's Far East — even if only for a few centimeters.

In a video uploaded Monday to YouTube, Ivan Savkin, also known as "The Bear," can be seen pulling the train down a Vladivostok track using nothing but his own body weight and a ladder lying on the ground to give him some grip.

Savkin then attempted to take it a step further by adding a 30-ton wagon to the locomotive, but there remained some uncertainty as to whether the train actually moved, local news site VL.ru reported.

Savkin has applied to the Guinness Book of World Records to register himself as an official

record holder, Zvezda TV reported.

The previous record for pulling a train in this manner stood at 123 tons, according to VL.ru.

The strongman had also planned to try hauling a locomotive attached to two wagons but decided not to on the day, citing a bad back.

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