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Ferrari power

British constructors often queried Continental power quotes, not merely for the 1.4% smaller horsepower definition, and often with good reason (see [Note 5](#) (Delage) and [Note 6](#) (Maserati)). At the time that Ferrari were making the Dino V6 series these suspicions were very common. For instance 180 HP and even 190 HP were claimed for the original 65V6 Type 156 in 1957 but an experienced observer, Denis Jenkinson, thought 150 HP was nearer the mark (502). Later, In reviewing the 1961 – 1965 period he wrote that the 1961 redesigned 120V6 “*did in fact give 178 BHP @ 9,500 RPM on its first outing*” (824) – without quoting his “*factual*” source.

Carlo Chiti provided the “*Autocar*” magazine in late 1961 with a power curve showing (as translated) 192 BHP @9.500 Rpm (422). The two figures may be compatible with a season’s development.

Walter Hassan believed that the 1961 Ferrari was 20 to 30 HP more powerful than his FPF Mk 2, which had just over 150 HP,i.e. 170 to 180 HP for the Italian car (515).
