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Power Disinformation

[Note 2](#) refers to **disinformation** on power to dishearten rivals. Before practice for the 1966 Italian GP Jack Brabham pulled the legs of his competitors by unloading from the truck a new REPCO 620 V8 engine in a crate stencilled "Monza 350 HP". In fact it had given about the usual 300 HP and attempts to secure more with a higher compression ratio had resulted in a piston failure (842)!

However, his 300 horses were certainly present and willing – in the race Brabham retired when leading due to oil leaking from a lost timing-chain inspection plate (a preparation fault). No replenishment was permitted by the rules, even if the plate could have been replaced.

The other Brabham (Denny Hulme) was 3rd behind 2 new 36-valve Ferrari V12s.
