

## VALVE CLEARANCE

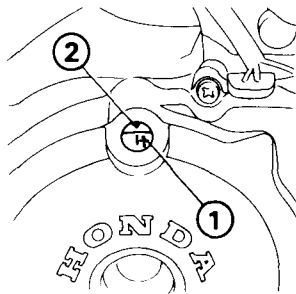
Refer to the maintenance precautions on page 39)

Excessive valve clearance will cause noise, and little or no clearance will prevent the valve from closing and cause valve damage and power loss. Check valve clearance at the specified intervals.

### NOTE:

\* Checking or adjusting of valve clearance should be performed while the engine is cold. The clearance will change as the engine temperature rises.

1. Remove the crankshaft hole cap and timing mark hole cap.
2. Remove the valve adjuster covers.
3. Rotate the crankshaft counterclockwise and align the T mark (1) with the index mark (2). Make sure the piston is at the top of the compression stroke by jiggling the rocker arms with your fingers. If they are free, the piston is at the top of the compression stroke. If they are tight, rotate the crankshaft 360° and re-align the marks.



(1) "T" mark

(2) Index mark