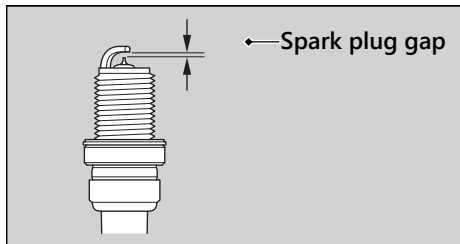


## Spark Plug ► Checking Spark Plug

8. Inspect the electrodes and center porcelain for deposits, erosion or carbon fouling.
  - If the erosion or deposit is heavy, replace the plug.
9. Make sure that a 1.0 mm wire-type feeler gauge cannot be inserted between the spark plug gap. If the gauge fits in the gap, replace the plug with a new one.



10. Make sure the plug washer is in good condition.

11. Install the spark plug. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
12. Tighten the spark plug:
  - If the old plug is good:
    - 1/8 turn after it seats.
  - If installing a new plug, tighten it twice to prevent loosening:
    - a) First, tighten the plug:
      - 1/2 turn after it seats.
    - b) Then loosen the plug.
    - c) Next, tighten the plug again:
      - 1/8 turn after it seats.

### NOTICE

An improperly tightened spark plug can damage the engine. If a plug is too loose, a piston may be damaged. If a plug is too tight, the threads may be damaged.

13. Install the parts in the reverse order of removal.
  - When reinstalling the spark plug cap, take care to avoid pinching any cables or wires.