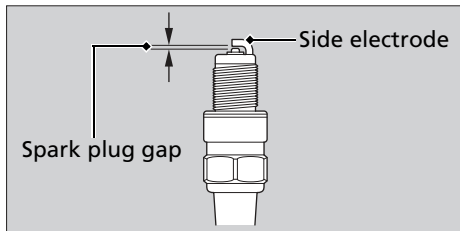


5. Check the spark plug gap using a wire-type feeler gauge.  
► If adjustment is necessary, bend the side electrode carefully.

**The gap should be:**

0.80 to 0.90 mm (0.031 to 0.035 in)



6. Make sure the plug washer is in good condition.  
7. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.

8. 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**

Improperly tightened spark plugs 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.

9. Reinstall the spark plug cap. Take care avoid pinching any cables or wires.