

Checking Spark Plug

For the recommended spark plug, see "Specifications." ➤ P. 116

Use only the recommended type of spark plug in the recommended heat range.

NOTICE

Using a spark plug with an improper heat range can cause engine damage.

1. Remove the shroud. ➤ P. 51
2. Disconnect the spark plug cap from the spark plug.
3. Clean any dirt from around the spark plug base.
4. Remove the spark plug using a suitable spark plug wrench.
5. Inspect the electrodes and center porcelain for deposits, erosion or carbon fouling.

- ▶ If the erosion or deposit is heavy, replace the plug.
 - ▶ Clean a carbon or wet-fouled plug with a plug cleaner, otherwise use a wire brush.
6. Check the spark plug gap using a wire-type feeler gauge.
- ▶ If adjustment is necessary, bend the side electrode carefully.

The gap should be:

0.031 - 0.035 in (0.80 - 0.90 mm)

