

Remove the spark plug using an equipped spark plug wrench or an equivalent.

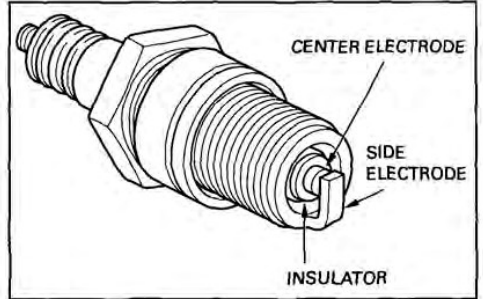
Inspect or replace as described in the maintenance schedule (page 3-3).



**INSPECTION**

Check the following and replace if necessary (recommended spark plug: page 3-1)

- Insulator for damage
- Electrodes for wear
- Burning condition, coloration;
  - dark to light brown indicates good condition.
  - excessive lightness indicates malfunctioning ignition system or lean mixture.
  - wet or black sooty deposit indicates over-rich mixture.

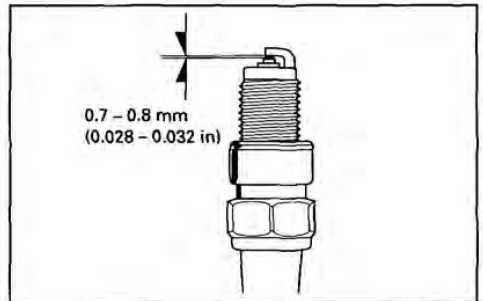


**REUSING A SPARK PLUG**

Clean the spark plug electrodes with a wire brush or special plug cleaner.

Check the gap between the center and side electrodes. If necessary, adjust the gap by bending the side electrode carefully.

**SPARK PLUG GAP: 0.7 – 0.8 mm (0.028 – 0.032 in)**



**CAUTION:**

*To prevent damage to the cylinder head, hand tighten the spark plug before using a wrench to tighten to the specified torque.*

Reinstall the spark plug in the cylinder head and hand tighten, then torque to specification.

**TORQUE: 12 N·m (1.2 kgf·m, 9 lbf·ft)**

