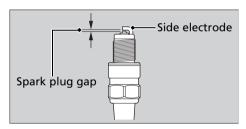
Maintenance

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

The gap should be:

0.031 to 0.035 in (0.80 to 0.90 mm)



- 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: 1/5 turn after it seats
 - If installing a new plug, tighten it twice to prevent loosening:
 - a) First, tighten the plug:
 - NGK · 1/4 turn after it seats
 - b) Then loosen the plug.
 - c) Next, tighten the plug again: 1/5 turn after it seats

NOTICE

Improperly tightened spark plugs can damage the engine. If a plug is too lose, a piston may be damaged. If a plug is too tight, the threads may be damaged.

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