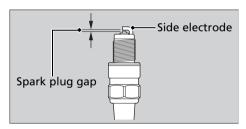
Maintenance

- 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.