

Spark Plug Cap

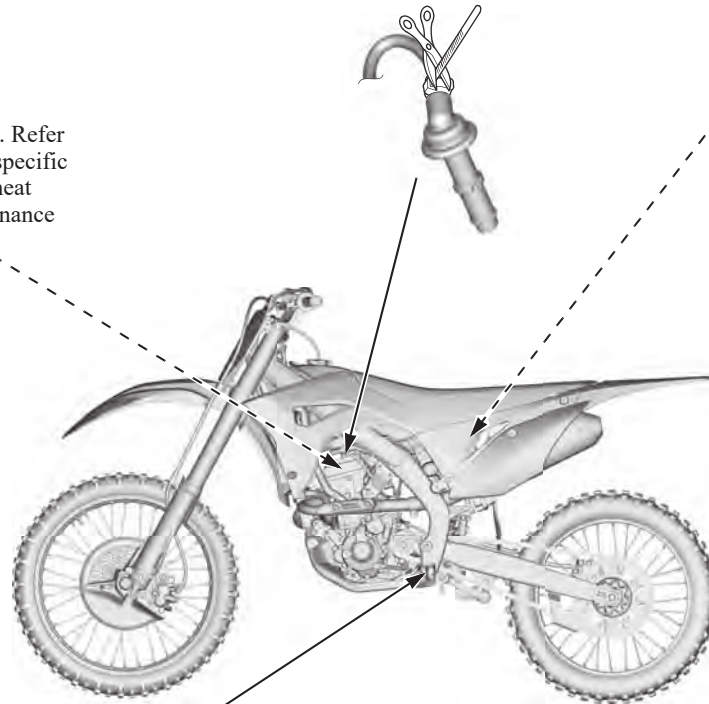
Install a small plastic wire band around the spark plug cap to reduce any possibility of it loosening or of water penetration.

Spark Plug

Some non-resistor plugs may cause ignition problems. Refer to the recommendations elsewhere in this manual for specific types so you will be sure to use the proper reach and heat range. Replace periodically as specified in the Maintenance Schedule (page 25).

Air Cleaner

Clean and oil your air cleaner regularly because the volume of air able to pass through it has a great effect on performance. Both engine performance and long term durability may be affected by an air cleaner that has deteriorated and allows dirt to pass. Inspect the air cleaner closely each time it's serviced for evidence of small tears or seam separation. Keep a spare air cleaner oiled and ready to install, sealed in a plastic bag. Riding in dusty conditions may require servicing the air cleaner or replacing it with a pre-serviced air cleaner between motos (CRF250R)/races (CRF250RX). Be careful not to over oil the air cleaner. While it is important to oil the air cleaner thoroughly, over oiling will cause an overall rich running condition, probably more noticeable off idle and in low rpm performance. Follow the servicing instructions in the Maintenance section. Use Pro Honda Foam Air Filter Oil or an equivalent. Be sure to grease the air cleaner flange where it contacts the air cleaner housing. Pro Honda Foam Air Filter Sealer, or an equivalent, is handy for this because any dirt that penetrates this sealing area will show up clearly (page 70). Use the Honda Genuine air cleaner or an equivalent air cleaner specified for your model. Using the wrong Honda air cleaner or a non-Honda air cleaner which is not of equivalent quality may cause premature engine wear or performance problems.



Footpegs

Worn footpeg teeth can be repaired by filing the grooves between the teeth with a triangular shaped file. Be aware that filing them too sharp will reduce boot sole lifespan. Sharpen only the points of the teeth. Filing the grooves deeper will weaken the footpegs. Be sure the pegs are free to pivot freely and that the pivot pin retaining cotter pins are in good condition.



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