

## Spark Plug ► Checking Spark Plug

7. Install the spark plug. 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:  
1/8 turn after it seats.
  - If installing a new plug, tighten it twice to prevent loosening:
    - a) First, tighten the plug:  
1/2 turn after it seats.
    - b) Then loosen the plug.
    - c) Next, tighten the plug again:  
1/8 turn after it seats.

### NOTICE

An improperly tightened spark plug can damage the engine. If a plug is too loose, a piston may be damaged. If a plug is too tight, the threads may be damaged.

9. Install the parts in the reverse order of removal.
  - When reinstalling the spark plug cap, take care to avoid pinching any cables or wires.