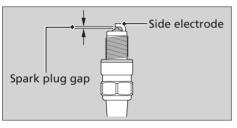
## Spark Plug ► Checking Spark Plug

- **5.** Check the spark plug gap using a wire-type 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.
- 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: NGK: 3/4 turn after it seats. DENSO: 1/2 turn after it seats.
    - b) Then loosen the plug.
    - c) Next, tighten the plug again: 1/8 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 cap. Take care avoid pinching any cables or wires.