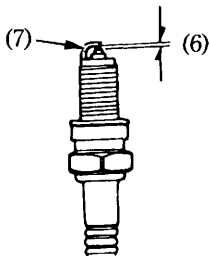


9. Inspect the electrodes and center porcelain for deposits, erosion or carbon fouling. If the erosion or deposit is heavy, replace the plug. Clean a carbon or wet-fouled plug with a plug cleaner, otherwise use a wire brush.
10. Check the spark plug gap (6) using a wire-type feeler gauge. If adjustment is necessary, bend the side electrode (7) carefully.

The gap should be:

0.8–0.9 mm (0.03–0.04 in)



(6) Spark plug gap

(7) Side electrode

11. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
12. Tighten the spark plug 1/2 turn with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer.
13. Reinstall the spark plug caps.

CAUTION:

- **The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened plug can become very hot and possibly damage the engine.**
- **Never use a spark plug with an improper heat range. Severe engine damage could result.**

14. Secure the fuel tank.

To secure the fuel tank, reverse the foregoing raising procedure.

- Set the fuel tank support rod in the rod holder (8) securely.
- Tighten the fuel tank mount bolts securely.