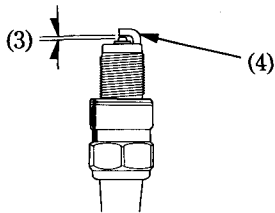


3. Inspect the electrodes and center porcelain for deposits, erosion or carbon fouling. If the erosion or deposit is heavy, replace the plug. Clean a carbon or wet-fouled plug with a plug cleaner, otherwise use a wire brush.
4. Check the spark plug gap ( 3 ) using a wire-type feeler gauge. If adjustment is necessary, bend the side electrode ( 4 ) carefully.

The gap should be:

0.8–0.9 mm (0.03–0.04 in)



- (3) Spark plug gap
- (4) Side electrode

5. Make sure the plug washer is in good condition.
6. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
7. Tighten a new spark plug 1/2 turn with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer. If you are reusing a plug, it should only take 1/8–1/4 turn after the plug seats.

#### NOTICE

The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened plug can become very hot and possibly damage the engine.

8. Reinstall the spark plug caps.