Changing Spark Plug

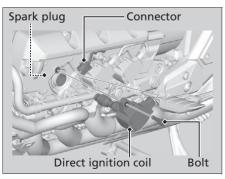
For the recommended spark plugs, see "Specifications." ▶ P. 237, 239

Use only the recommended type of spark plugs in the recommended heat range.

NOTICE

Using a spark plug with an improper heat range can cause engine damage.

- Remove the left and right cylinder head side covers. ■ P. 154



- **3.** Disconnect the connectors from the direct ignition coils.
- **4.** Remove the bolts and direct ignition coils.
- **5.** Clean any dirt around the spark plug bases.
- **6.** Remove the spark plugs using a suitable spark plug wrench.
- 7. Install new spark plugs. With the plug washers attached, thread the spark plugs in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
- 8. Tighten the spark plugs.
 - Installing a new plug, tighten it twice to prevent loosening:
 a) First, tighten the plug:
 - 1 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, make sure the wire grommets are installed in place as shown.

