

Spark Plug

IGNITION

2. Spark Plug

A: REMOVAL

CAUTION:

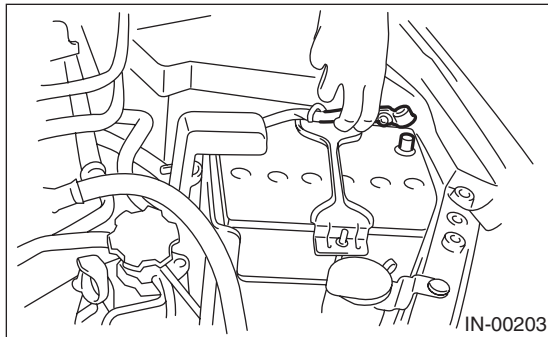
All spark plugs installed on an engine must be of the same heat range.

Spark plug:

<Ref. to IG(H4SO)-2, SPECIFICATION, General Description.>

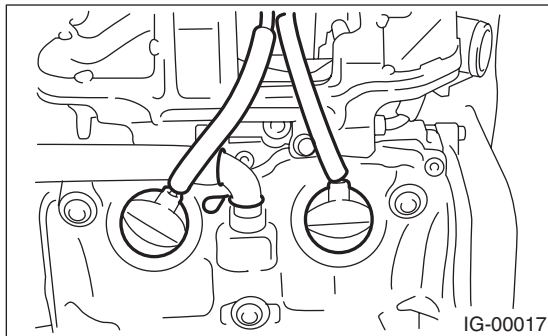
1. RH SIDE

- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from the battery.

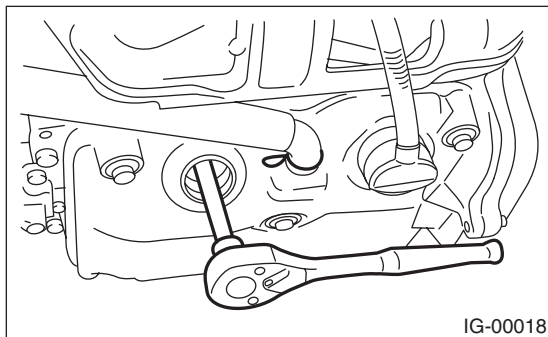


- 2) Remove the air cleaner case. <Ref. to IN(H4SO)-5, REMOVAL, Air Cleaner Case.>

- 3) Remove the spark plug cords by pulling the boot. (Do not pull the cord itself.)



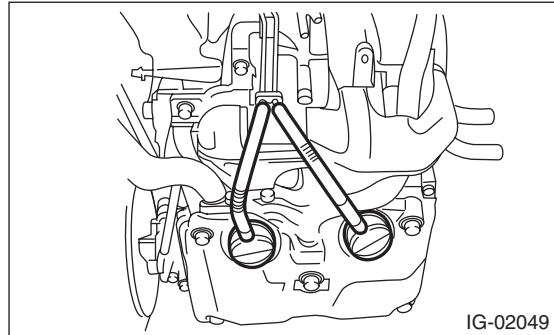
- 4) Remove the spark plug with a spark plug socket.



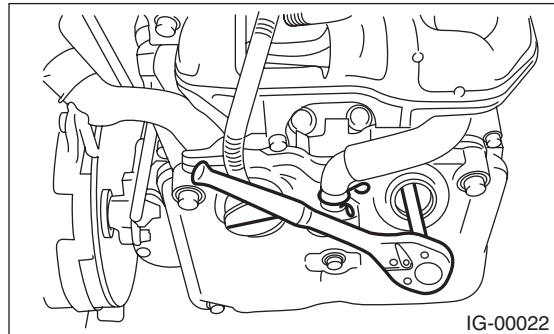
2. LH SIDE

- 1) Remove the battery. <Ref. to SC(H4SO)-27, REMOVAL, Battery.>

- 2) Remove the spark plug cords by pulling the boot. (Do not pull the cord itself.)



- 3) Remove the spark plug with a spark plug socket.



B: INSTALLATION

1. RH SIDE

Install in the reverse order of removal.

Tightening torque:

21 N·m (2.1 kgf-m, 15.2 ft-lb)

NOTE:

The tightening torque described above should be applied to only new spark plugs without oil on their threads.

In case their threads are lubricated, the torque should be reduced by approx. 1/3 of the specified torque in order to avoid over-stressing.

2. LH SIDE

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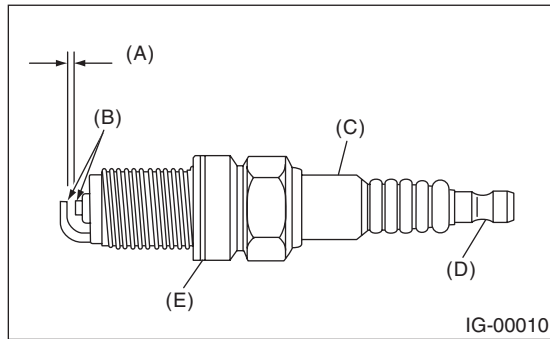
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C: INSPECTION

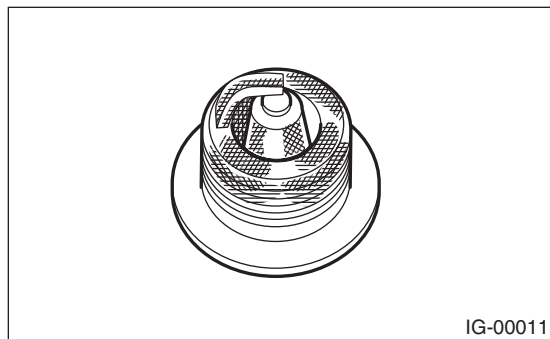
Check the electrodes and inner and outer ceramic insulator of plugs, noting the type of deposits and the degree of electrode erosion.



- (A) Spark plug gap
- (B) Carbon accumulation or wear
- (C) Cracks
- (D) Damage
- (E) Damaged gasket

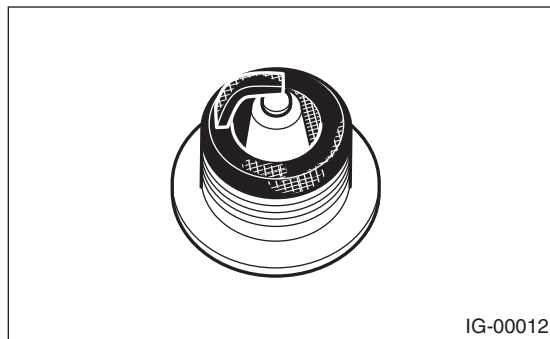
1) Normal:

Brown to grayish-tan deposits and slight electrode wear indicate correct spark plug heat range.



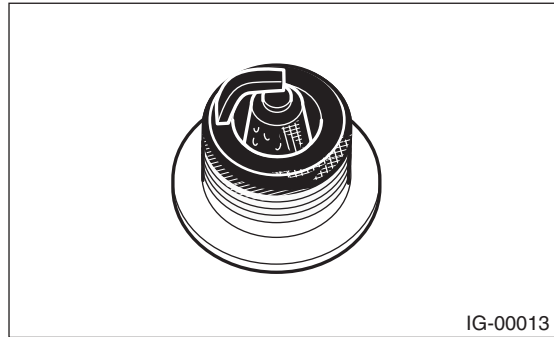
2) Carbon fouled:

Dry fluffy carbon deposits on insulator and electrode are mostly caused by slow speed driving in the city, weak ignition, too rich fuel mixture, dirty air cleaner, etc.



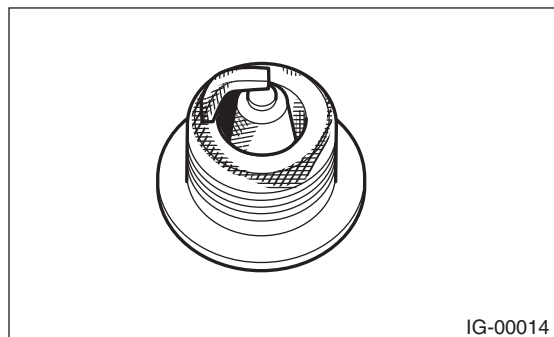
3) Oil fouled:

Wet black deposits show excessive oil entrance into combustion chamber through worn rings and pistons or excessive clearance between valve guides and stems.



4) Overheating:

White or light gray insulator with black or brown spots and bluish burnt electrodes indicate engine overheating. This is caused by inappropriate ignition timing, loose spark plugs, and inappropriate fuel.



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D: ADJUSTMENT

Clean the spark plugs using a wire brush.

Clean and remove the carbon or oxide deposits.

But do not wear away ceramic insulator at this time.

If deposits are too stubborn, replace the spark plugs.

After cleaning the spark plugs, measure the spark plug gap using a gap gauge.

NOTE:

Do not use a plug cleaner because the spark plugs are applied with platinum tip.

Spark plug gap L:

1.0 — 1.1 mm (0.039 — 0.043 in)

