

Spark Plug

IGNITION

2. Spark Plug

A: REMOVAL

CAUTION:

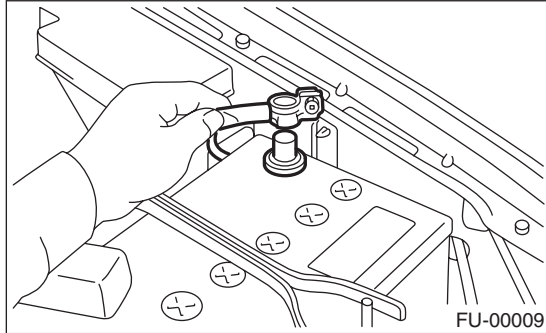
All spark plugs installed on an engine must be of the same heat range.

Spark plug:

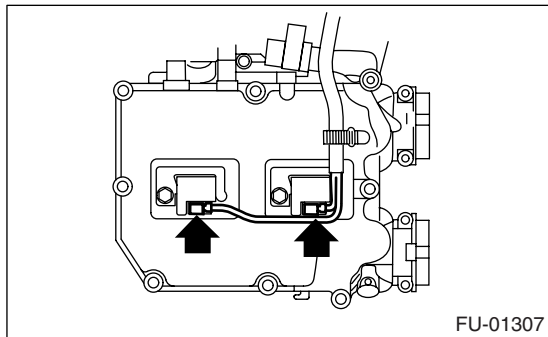
NGK: ILFR6B

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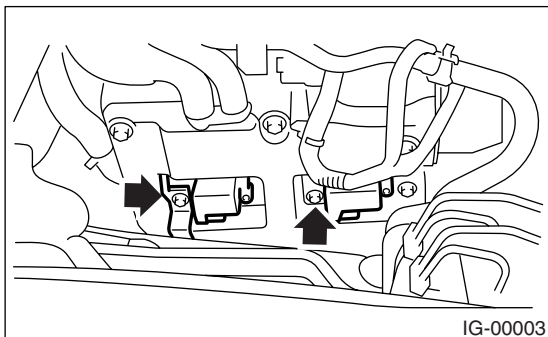
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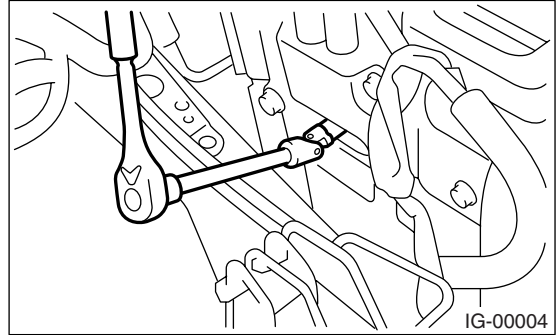
- 2) Remove the collector cover.
- 3) Remove the air cleaner lower case.
<Ref. to IN(H4DOTC)-7, REMOVAL, Air Cleaner Case.>
- 4) Disconnect the connector from ignition coil.



- 5) Remove the ignition coil.

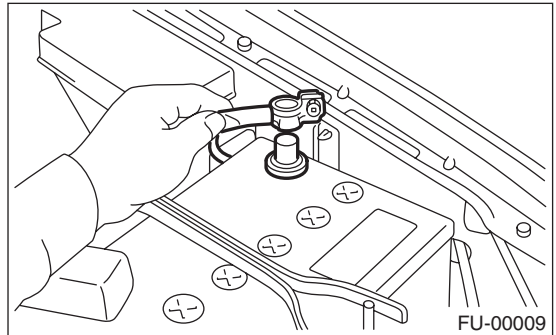


- 6) Remove the spark plug with a spark plug socket.

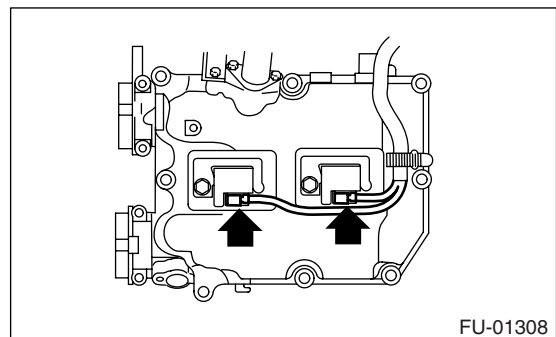


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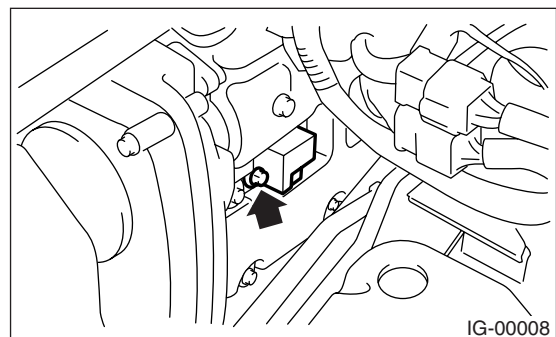
- 1) Disconnect the ground cable from battery and remove the battery and battery carrier.



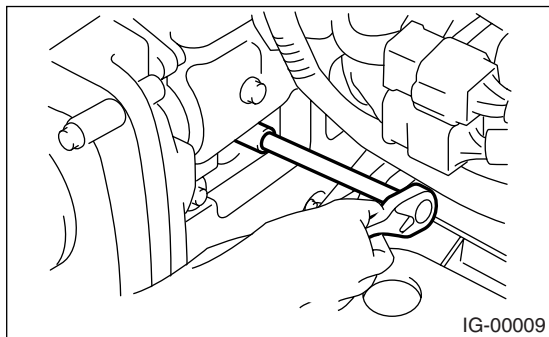
- 2) Remove the collector cover.
- 3) Remove the secondary air pump.
<Ref. to EC(H4DOTC)-9, REMOVAL, Secondary Air Pump.>
- 4) Disconnect the connector from ignition coil.



- 5) Remove the ignition coil.



6) Remove the spark plug with a spark plug socket.



B: INSTALLATION

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Install in the reverse order of removal.

Tightening torque:

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21 N·m (2.1 kgf-m, 15.2 ft-lb)

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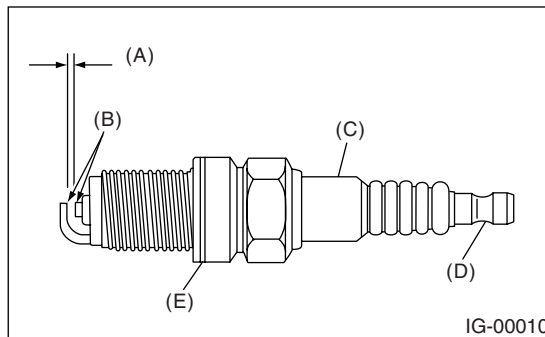
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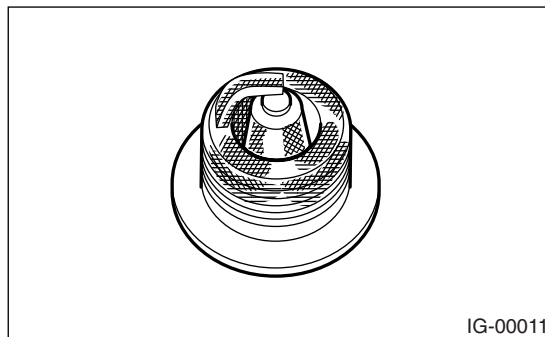
Check the electrodes and inner and outer ceramic insulator of plugs, noting the type of deposits and the degree of electrode erosion.



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

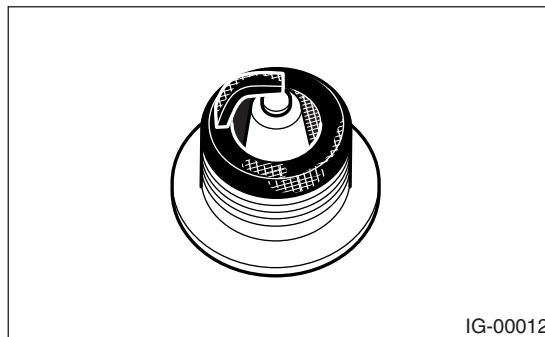
1) Normal:

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.

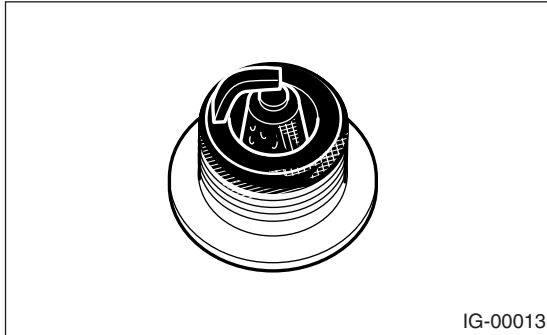


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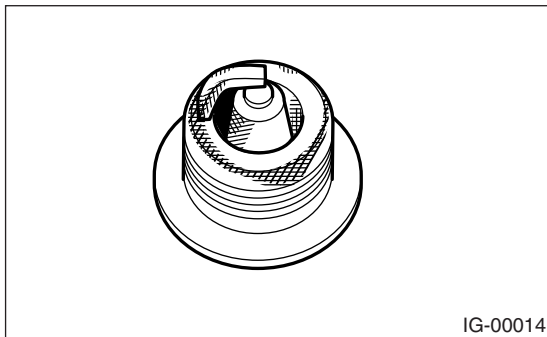
3) Oil fouled:

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. Moreover, those appearance also results from incorrect ignition timing, loose spark plugs, wrong selection of fuel, or plug with too low degree of heat durability, etc.



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 iridium tip.

Spark plug gap: *L*

0.7 — 0.8 mm (0.028 — 0.031 in)

