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- Uses the coils high voltage to create a spark in the engine.
- Can have a resistor built in.
- Can be a non-resistor plug
- Can have different heat ranges.
- There are different lengths (Reach)

BASIC PARTS OF A SPARK PLUG

- Steel shell
- Ceramic insulator
- Side electrode
- A center electrode sometimes called a center terminal



SPARK PLUG REACH

- The distance from the end of the threads to the tapered seat or sealing surface.
- This is critical because it determines the position of the spark inside of the combustion chamber.

REACH

SPARK PLUG REACH



SPARK PLUGS SIZE

- Spark plugs also vary in the size of the thread diameter. 10, 12, 14, and 18mm plugs are being made.
- 14mm are the most common being used in today's cars, 18mm were used on older cars the other sizes being used on small engines.



READING THE PLUGS

- One of the most important things to do when you replace spark plugs during a tune-up is to take a close look at them.
- This is called reading the plugs.





PLUG GAP

- Spark plug gap needs to be checked.
- Older cars will have a gap of .030-.035 with point systems, but newer cars can have gaps of over .060 please check the manual.
- The wider the gap the more voltage needed to fire the plug. The bigger the gap the bigger the match.



PLUG GAP

- Some newer cars use spark plugs with a very thin center electrode be very careful.
- It is best just to replace the plugs when the reach the end of there service life





Spark plug removal

- Remove the spark plug boot by twisting it to break it loose
- Clean around the spark plug (If needed loosen plug one turn and blow out with air gun.)
- Use a steady pressure when removing plug
- Clean threads with a thread chaser if needed
- Do not allow dirt to get into plug hole

Installation of plugs

- Make sure you have the right spark plug
- Make sure the gap is correct
- Use a anti-seize on the threads
- Use a rubber hose or plug boot to help install the spark plug.
- Torque to Specs



Installation of plugs

• Make sure you use a Spark Plug socket – it has a rubber insert to protect it from breaking.

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Installation of plugs

 Sockets come in a variety of sizes the most common are the 5/8 & 13/16





Search the internet or tool catalogs and find out what the other sizes are.







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