## How Do I Inspect Spark Plugs? 10RESV/12RESV

## **INSPECTING SPARK PLUGS**

Wear protective goggles and clothing when using power tools, hand tools, or compressed air.



**Disable the generator set. Accidental starting can cause severe injury or death.** Before working on the generator set or equipment connected to the set, disable the generator set as follows:

- Press the generator set off/reset button to shut down the generator set.
- Disconnect the power to the battery charger, if equipped.
- Remove the battery cables, negative (-) lead first. Connect the positive (+) lead first when reconnecting the battery.

Reset the spark plug gap or replace the plugs with new plugs as necessary.

- Clean the area around the base of the spark plug to keep dirt and debris out of the engine.
- Remove the spark plug and check its condition. Replace the spark plug if it is worn or if its reuse is questionable.
- Check the spark plug gap using a wire feeler gauge. See Figure 4-3 for the recommended spark plug gap. Adjust the gap by carefully bending the ground electrode. See Figure 4-4 and Figure 4-5.
- For easy removal, apply a light coating of anti-seize lubricant to the cleaned spark plug threads. Wipe away any excess compound.
- Reinstall the spark plug into the cylinder head. Torque the spark plug to 24.4–29.8 Nm (18–22 ft lb)



Figure 4-5

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