

Step-by-Step Instructions

Removing the Old Spark Plugs

Step One

Locate the spark plug (some applications the spark plug might be hidden under the upper intake manifold, ignition coil or ignition coil cover); locate the wire connected to the spark plug or ignition coil. Pull on the boot - the connector at the end of the wire or unplug wiring connector on the coil. Be sure not to pull on the wire itself, you risk damaging the wire or wiring connector.

Step Two

After the wire or coil is removed, use your socket wrench with the spark plug socket to remove the spark plug. Place the socket around the spark plug and turn the socket counterclockwise. The spark plug should unscrew easily. If you are having problems removing a spark plug that is too tight, stop before you break it off. You can put a bit of penetrating oil like WD-40 to help loosen it.

Step Three

Take a look at the old plug; it should be a little dirty on the end. If it is oily or white, this could point to other issues that you need to investigate with the help of a professional mechanic. Set the old spark plug aside.

Step Four

Examine the threads in the engine, if they are dirty; clean them with a thread cleaning tool.