

5. With the plug washer attached, thread the spark plug in by hand to prevent cross-threading.
6. Tighten a new spark plug 1/2 turn with a spark plug wrench to compress the washer. If you are reusing a plug, it should only take 1/8–1/4 turn after the plug seat.
7. Reinstall the spark plug cap.

CAUTION:

- * **The spark plug must be securely tightened. An improperly tightened plug can become very hot and possibly damage the engine.**
- * **Never use a spark plug with an improper heat range. Severe engine damage could result.**

THROTTLE OPERATION

(Refer to the maintenance precautions on page 51, 52).

Cable Inspection:

Check for smooth rotation of the throttle grip from the fully closed to the fully open position. Check at full left full right steering positions. Inspect the condition of the throttle cables from the throttle grip down to the carburetor. If the cables are kinked, chafed or improperly routed, they should be replaced or rerouted. Recheck cables for tension or stress at both full left and right steering positions.

Lubricate the throttle cables with a commercial-available cable lubricant to prevent premature wear and corrosion.

▲ WARNING

- * **For safe operation and positive engine response, the throttle cables must be properly adjusted.**