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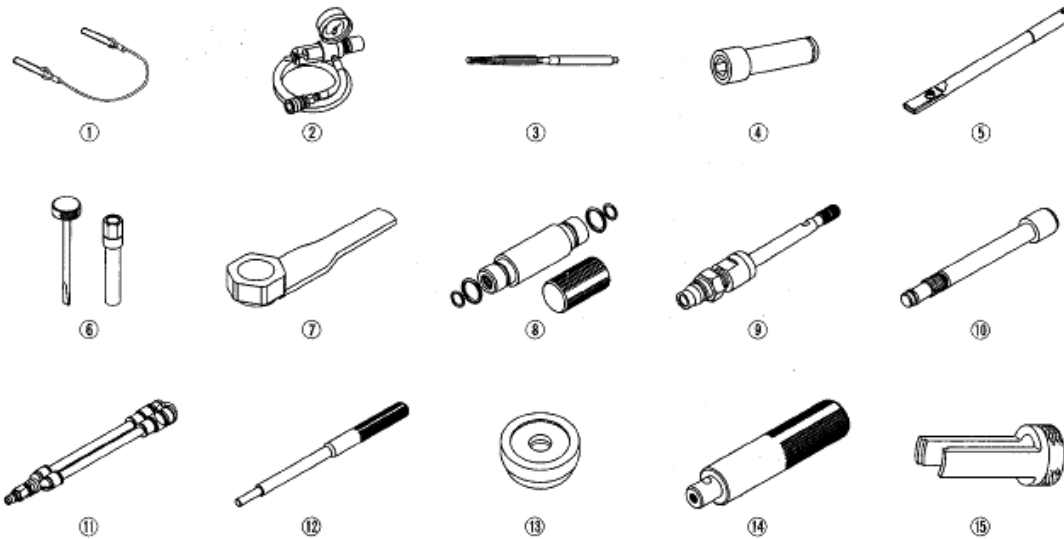
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## SPECIAL TOOLS

Ref. No.	Tool Number	Description	Qty
①	07AAB-RWCA120	Camshaft Lock Pin Set	1
②	07AAJ-PNAA101	Air Pressure Regulator	1
③	07HAH-PJ7A100	Valve Guide Reamer, 5.5 mm	1
④	07JAA-001020A	Socket, 19 mm	1
⑤	07JAB-001020B	Holder Handle	1
⑥	07MAA-PR70100	Tappet Adjust Wrench Set	1
⑦	07NAB-001040A	Holder Attachment, 50 mm	1
⑧	07PAD-0010000	Stem Seal Driver	1
⑨	07ZAJ-PNAA101	VTEC Air Adapter	2
⑩	07ZAJ-PNAA200	VTEC Air Stopper	1
⑪	07ZAJ-PNAA300	Air Joint Adapter	1
⑫	07742-0010100	Valve Guide Driver, 5.5 mm	1
⑬	07746-0010400	Attachment, 52 x 55 mm	1
⑭	07749-0010000	Handle Driver	1
⑮	07757-PJ1010A	Valve Spring Compressor Attachment	1



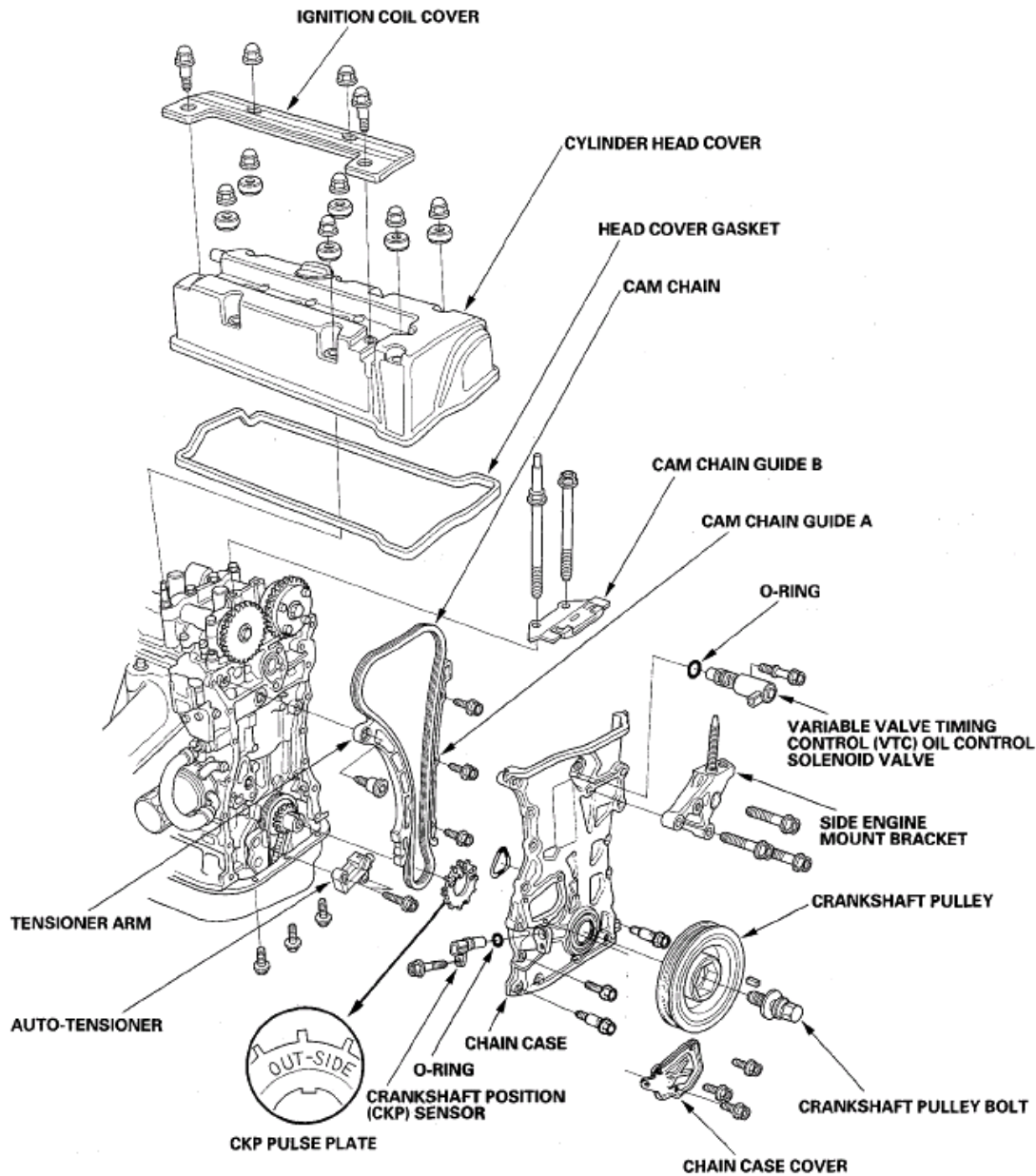
**Fig. 1: Identifying Special Tools**

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## COMPONENT LOCATION INDEX

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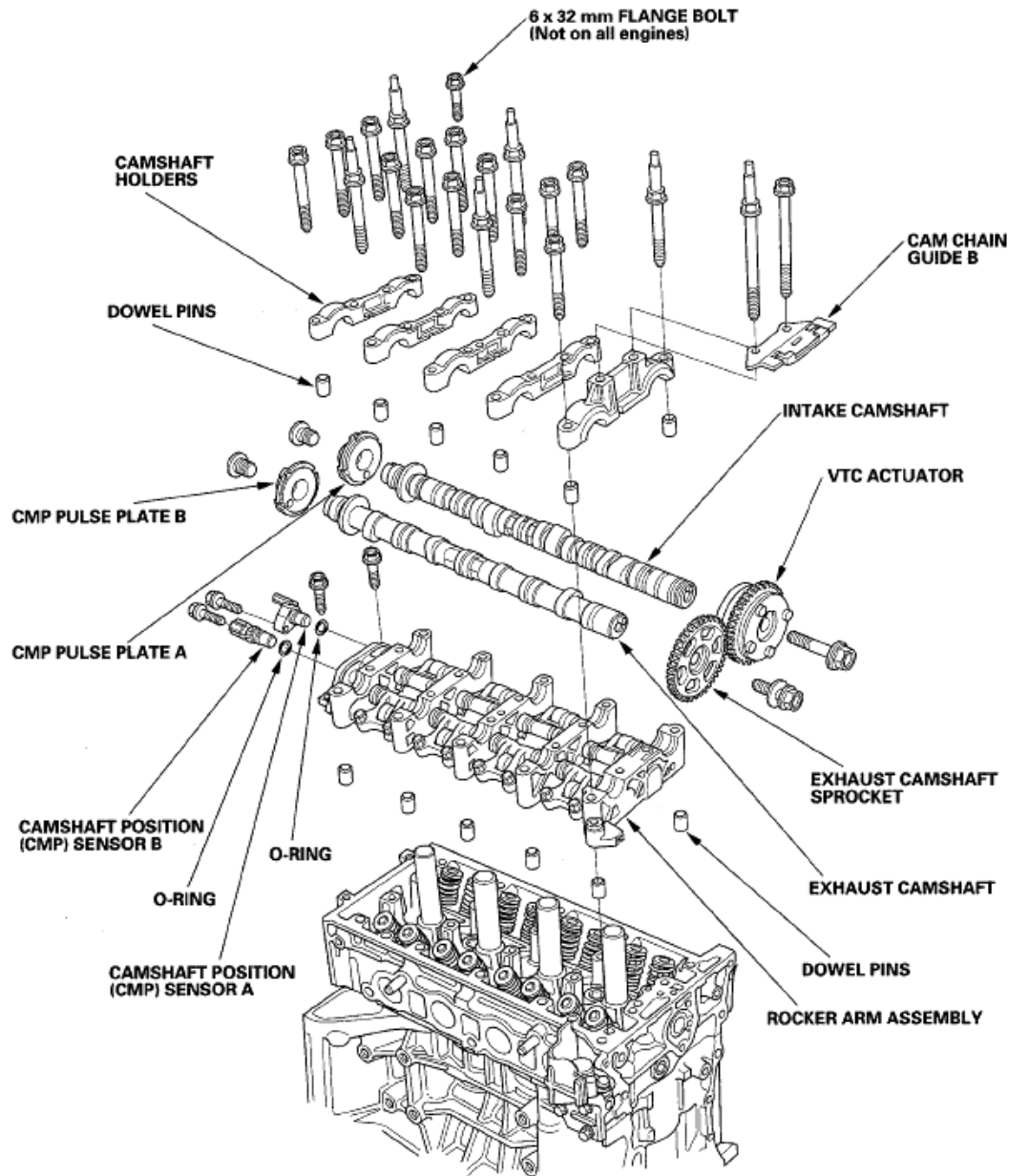


**Fig. 2: Identifying Cylinder Head Component Location (1 Of 3)**

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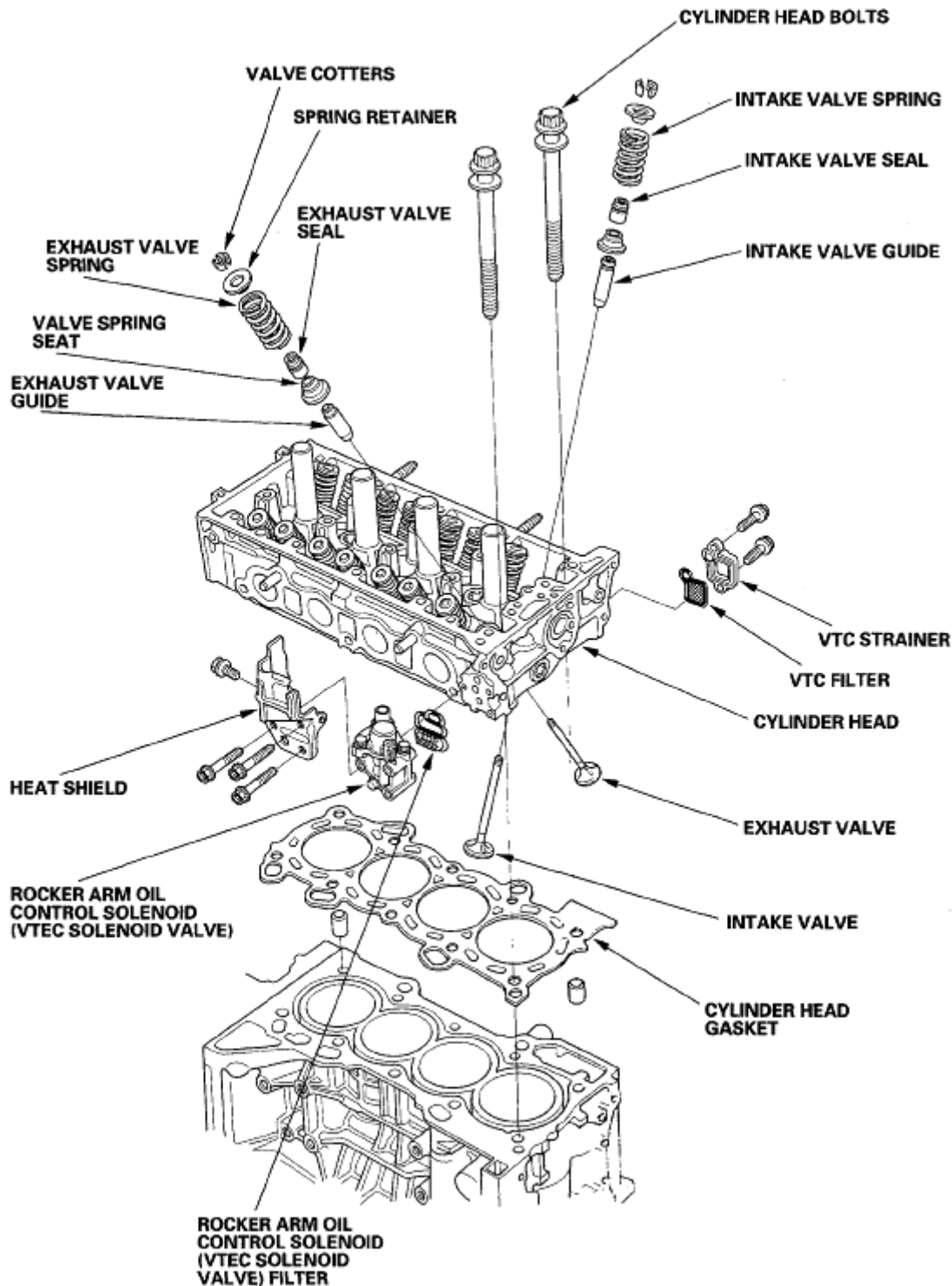
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**Fig. 3: Identifying Cylinder Head Component Location (2 Of 3)**  
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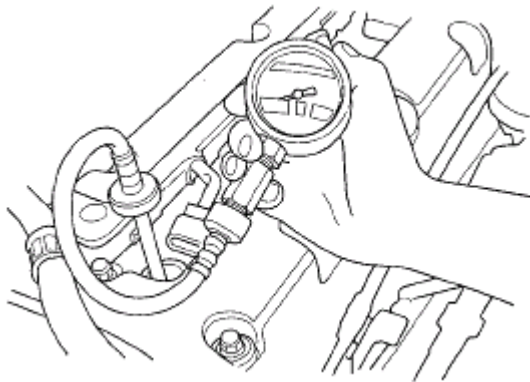


**Fig. 4: Identifying Cylinder Head Component Location (3 Of 3)**  
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## ENGINE COMPRESSION INSPECTION

**NOTE:** After the inspection, you must reset the engine control module (ECM)/powertrain control module (PCM). Otherwise, the ECM/PCM will continue to stop the fuel injectors from functioning.

1. Warm up the engine to normal operating temperature (cooling fan comes on).
2. Turn the ignition switch OFF.
3. Connect the Honda Diagnostic System (HDS) to the data link connector (DLC) (see step 2 in **GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION** ).
4. Turn the ignition switch ON (II).
5. Make sure the HDS communicates with the vehicle and the ECM/PCM. If it doesn't communicate, troubleshoot the DLC circuit (see **DLC CIRCUIT TROUBLESHOOTING** ).
6. Select PGM-FI, INSPECTION, then ALL INJECTORS OFF function on the HDS.
7. Remove the four ignition coils (see **IGNITION COIL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION** ).
8. Remove the four spark plugs (see **SPARK PLUG INSPECTION** ).
9. Attach the compression gauge to the spark plug hole.



**Fig. 5: Attaching Compression Gauge To Spark Plug Hole**  
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10. Open the throttle fully, then crank the engine with the starter motor and measure the compression.

**Compression Pressure:**

**Above 930 kPa (9.5 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> , 135 psi)**

11. Measure the compression on the remaining cylinders.

**Maximum Variation:**

**Within 200 kPa (2.0 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> , 28 psi)**

12. If the compression is not within specifications, check the following items, then remeasure the

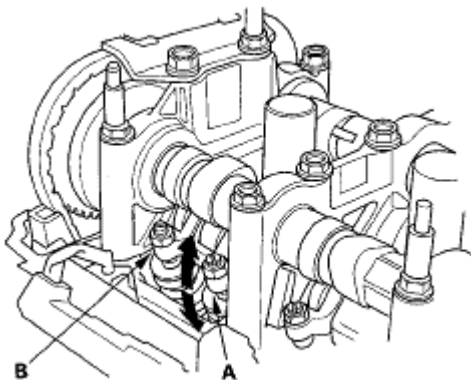
compression.

- Damaged or worn valves and seats
  - Damaged cylinder head gasket
  - Damaged or worn piston rings
  - Damaged or worn piston and cylinder bore
13. Remove the compression gauge from the spark plug hole.
  14. Install the four spark plugs (see **SPARK PLUG INSPECTION** ).
  15. Install the four ignition coils (see **IGNITION COIL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION** ).
  16. Select the ECM/PCM reset (see **IF THE MIL DID NOT STAY ON** ) to cancel ALL INJECTORS OFF FUNCTION on the HDS.

## VTEC ROCKER ARM TEST

### Special Tools Required

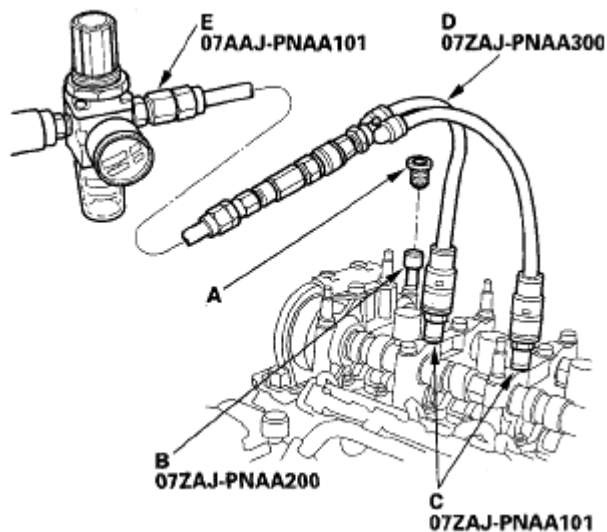
- Air pressure regulator 07AAJ-PNAA101
  - VTEC air adapter 07ZAJ-PNAA101
  - VTEC air stopper 07ZAJ-PNAA200
  - Air joint adapter 07ZAJ-PNAA300
1. Start the engine and let it run for 5 minutes, then turn the ignition switch OFF.
  2. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
  3. Set the No. 1 piston at top dead center (TDC) (see step 4 ).
  4. Verify that the intake primary rocker arm (A) moves independently of the intake secondary rocker arm (B).
    - If the intake primary rocker arm moves freely, go to step 5.
    - If the intake primary rocker arm does not move, remove the primary and secondary rocker arms as an assembly and check that the pistons in the secondary and primary rocker arms move smoothly (see **ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT INSPECTION** ). If any rocker arm needs replacing, replace the primary and secondary rocker arms as an assembly, and test.





**Fig. 6: Identifying Intake Primary Rocker Arm**  
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5. Repeat step 4 on the remaining intake primary rocker arms with each piston at TDC. When all the primary rocker arms pass the test, go to step 6.
6. Inspect the valve clearance (see **VALVE CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT** ).
7. Check that the air pressure on the shop air compressor gauge indicates over 400 kPa (4.0 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> , 57 psi).
8. Remove the sealing bolt (A) from the relief hole, and install the VTEC air stopper (B).



**Fig. 7: Identifying Sealing Bolt From Relief Hole**  
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9. Remove the No. 2 and No. 3 camshaft holder bolts, and install the VTEC air adapters (C) finger-tight.
10. Connect the air joint adapter (D) and air pressure regulator (E).
11. Loosen the valve on the regulator, and apply the specified air pressure.

#### **Specified Air Pressure:**

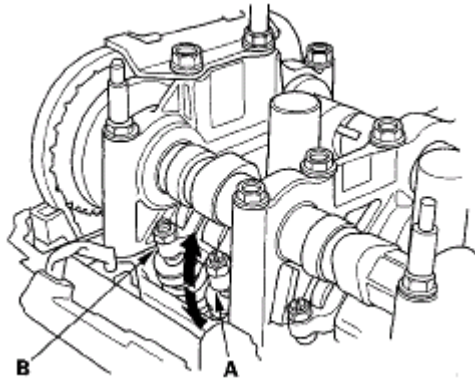
**290 kPa (3.0 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup> , 42 psi)**

**NOTE:** If the rocker arm piston does not move after applying air pressure, move the primary or secondary rocker arm up and down manually by rotating the crankshaft clockwise.

12. With the specified air pressure applied, move the intake primary rocker arm (A) for the No. 1 cylinder. The primary rocker arm and secondary rocker arm (B) should move together.

If the intake secondary rocker arm does not move, remove the primary and secondary rocker arms as an

assembly, and check that the pistons in the primary and secondary rocker arms move smoothly (see **ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT INSPECTION** ). If any rocker arm needs replacing, replace the primary and secondary rocker arms as an assembly, and test.



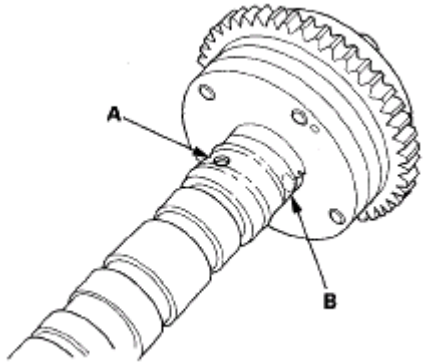
**Fig. 8: Identifying Intake Primary Rocker Arm**  
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13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 for the remaining cylinders. Be sure to set the cylinder's piston at TDC before beginning work.
14. Remove the VTEC air stopper and VTEC air adapters.
15. Torque the camshaft holder mounting bolts to 22 N.m (2.2 kgf.m, 16 lbf.ft).
16. Torque the sealing bolt to 20 N.m (2.0 kgf.m, 15 lbf.ft).
17. Install the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION** ).

## **VTC ACTUATOR INSPECTION**

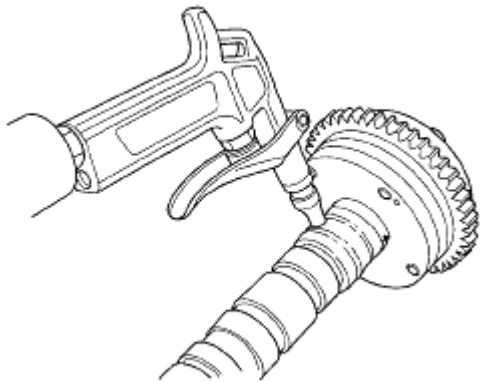
1. Remove the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN REMOVAL** ).
2. Loosen the rocker arm adjusting screws (see step 2 ).
3. Remove the camshaft holders (see step 3 ).
4. Remove the intake camshaft.
5. Check that the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator is locked by turning the VTC actuator counterclockwise. If not locked, turn the VTC actuator clockwise until it stops, then recheck it. If it is still not locked, replace the VTC actuator.
6. Seal the advance holes (A) and retard holes (B) in the No. 1 camshaft journal with tape.





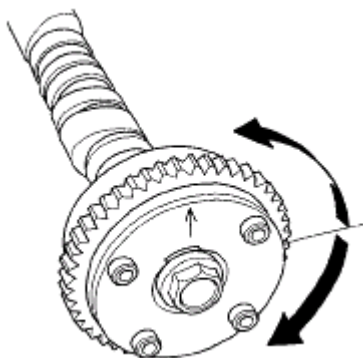
**Fig. 9: Identifying Advance Holes And Retard Holes**  
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7. Punch a hole in the tape over one of the advance holes.
8. Apply air to the advance hole to release the lock.



**Fig. 10: Applying Air To Advance Hole To Release Lock**  
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9. Check that the VTC actuator moves smoothly. If the VTC actuator does not move smoothly, replace the VTC actuator.



**Fig. 11: Checking VTC Actuator Movement**

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10. Remove the tape adhesive residue from the No. 1 camshaft journal.
11. Make sure the punch marks on the VTC actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket are facing up, then set the camshafts in the rocker shaft holder (see step 6 ).
12. Set the camshaft holders and chain guide B in place (see step 7 ).
13. Torque the camshaft holder bolts to the specified torque (see step 8 ).
14. Hold the camshaft, and turn the VTC actuator clockwise until you hear it click. Make sure to lock the VTC actuator by turning it.
15. Install the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN INSTALLATION** ).
16. Adjust the valve clearance (see **VALVE CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT** ).

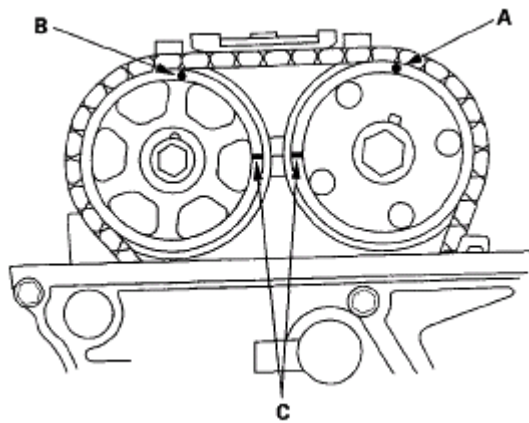
## VALVE CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT

### Special Tools Required

Tappet adjust wrench set 07MAA-PR70100

**NOTE:** Adjust the valves only when the cylinder head temperature is less than 100°F (38°C).

1. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
2. Set the No. 1 piston at top dead center (TDC). The punch mark (A) on the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator and the punch mark (B) on the exhaust camshaft sprocket should be at the top. Align the TDC marks (C) on the VTC actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket.



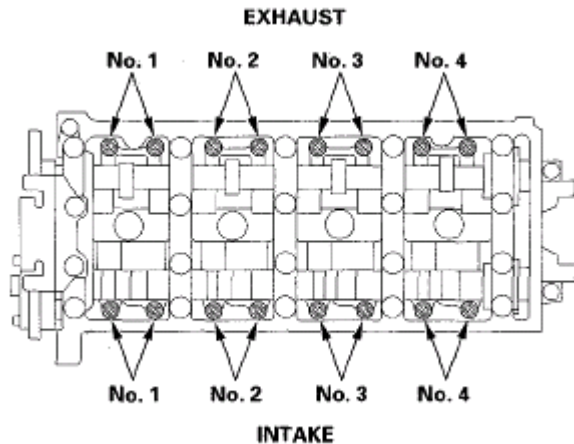
**Fig. 12: Identifying Punch Mark On Variable Valve Timing Control (VTC) Actuator**  
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3. Select the correct thickness feeler gauge for the valves you're going to check.

### Valve Clearance

**Intake: 0.21-0.25 mm (0.008-0.010 in.)**

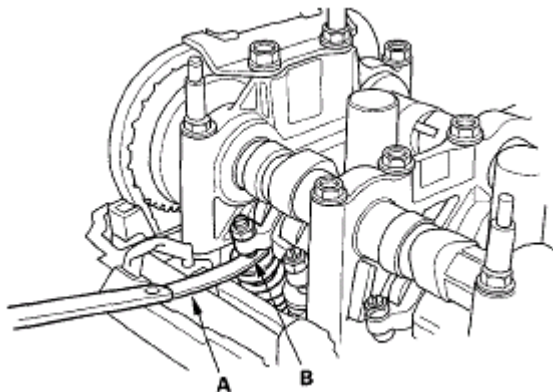
**Exhaust: 0.28-0.32 mm (0.011-0.013 in.)**



**Fig. 13: Identifying Valve Position**

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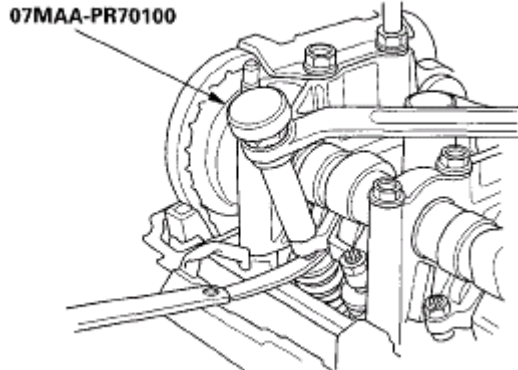
4. Insert the feeler gauge (A) between the adjusting screw (B) and the end of the valve stem, then slide it back and forth, you should feel a slight amount of drag.



**Fig. 14: Inserting Feeler Gauge Between Adjusting Screw**

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5. If you feel too much or too little drag, loosen the locknut with the tappet adjust wrench set, and turn the adjusting screw until the drag on the feeler gauge is correct.



**Fig. 15: Loosening Locknut**

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6. Torque the locknut to the specified torque.

**Specified Torque**

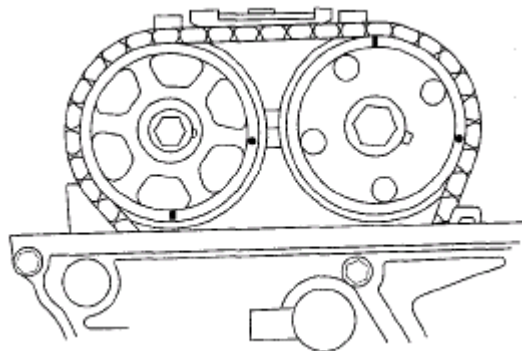
**Intake: 20 N.m (2.0 kgf.m, 15 lbf.ft)**

**Apply new engine oil to the nut threads.**

**Exhaust: 14 N.m (1.4 kgf.m, 10 lbf.ft)**

**Apply new engine oil to the nut threads.**

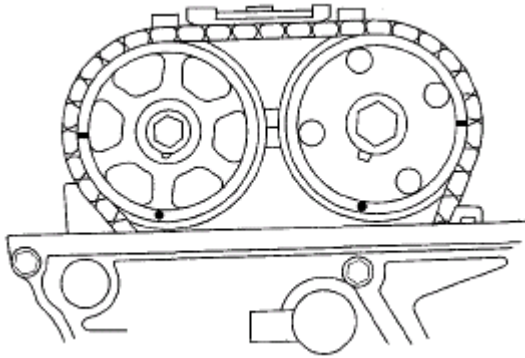
7. Recheck the valve clearance. Repeat the adjustment if necessary.
8. Rotate the crankshaft 180° clockwise (camshaft pulley turns 90°).



**Fig. 16: Rotating Crankshaft Clockwise**

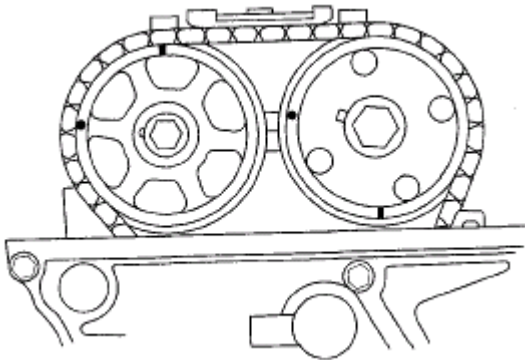
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9. Check and, if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on No. 3 cylinder.
10. Rotate the crankshaft 180° clockwise (camshaft pulley turns 90°).



**Fig. 17: Rotating Crankshaft Clockwise**  
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11. Check and, if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on No. 4 cylinder.
12. Rotate the crankshaft 180° clockwise (camshaft pulley turns 90°).



**Fig. 18: Rotating Crankshaft Clockwise**  
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13. Check and, if necessary, adjust the valve clearance on No. 2 cylinder.
14. Install the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION**).

## CRANKSHAFT PULLEY REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### Special Tools Required

- Socket, 19 mm 07JAA-001020A or a commercially available 19 mm socket
- Holder handle 07JAB-001020B
- Holder attachment, 50 mm 07NAB-001040A

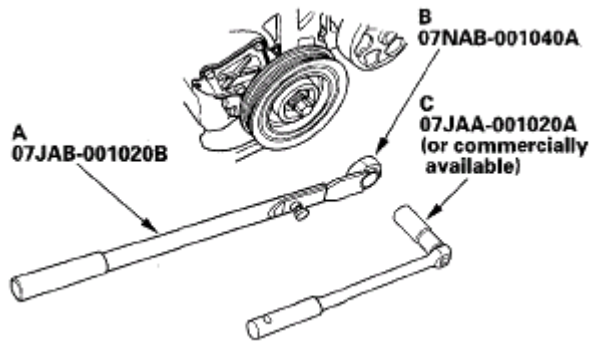
### REMOVAL

1. Remove the right front wheel.

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2. Remove the splash shield (see step 26 in **ENGINE REMOVAL** ).
3. Remove the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
4. Hold the crankshaft pulley with holder handle (A) and holder attachment (B).

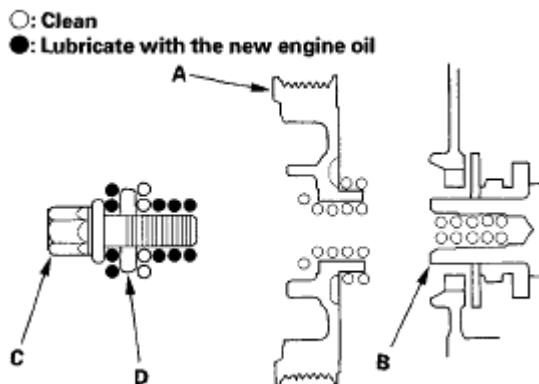


**Fig. 19: Identifying Crankshaft Pulley With Holder Handle**  
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5. Remove the bolt with a 19 mm socket (C) and breaker bar, then remove the crankshaft pulley.

### INSTALLATION

1. Clean the crankshaft pulley (A), crankshaft (B), bolt (C), and washer (D). Lubricate with the new engine oil as shown.



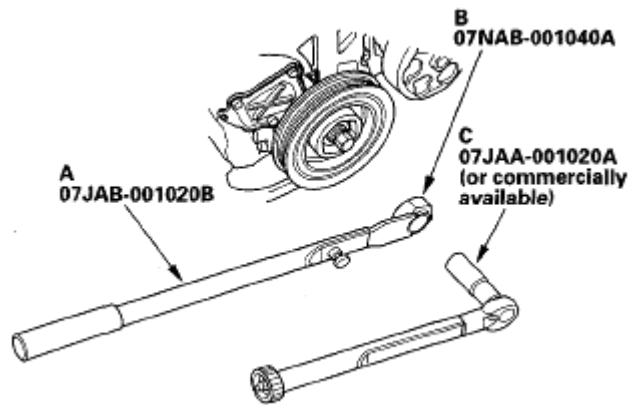
**Fig. 20: Identifying Crankshaft Pulley Lubricating Area**  
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2. Install the crankshaft pulley, and hold the pulley with holder handle (A) and holder attachment (B).



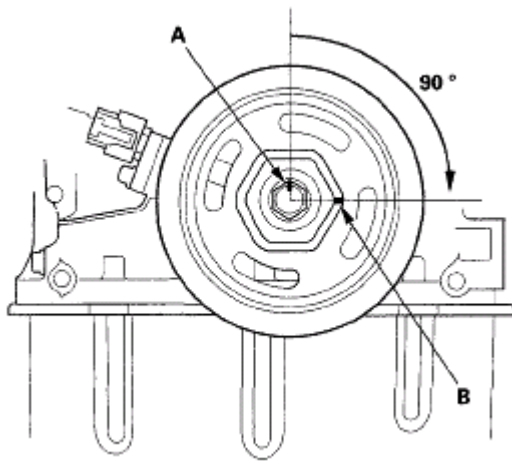
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**Fig. 21: Identifying Pulley With Holder Handle**  
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3. Torque the bolt to 50 N.m (5.0 kgf.m, 37 lbf.ft) with a torque wrench and 19 mm socket (C). Do not use an impact wrench.
4. Mark the bolt head (A) and the crankshaft pulley (B) as shown, then torque the bolt an additional 90° (The mark on the bolt head lines up with the mark on the crankshaft pulley).



**Fig. 22: Identifying Mark On Bolt Head And Crankshaft Pulley**  
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5. Install the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
6. Install the splash shield (see step 24 in **ENGINE INSTALLATION** ).
7. Install the right front wheel.

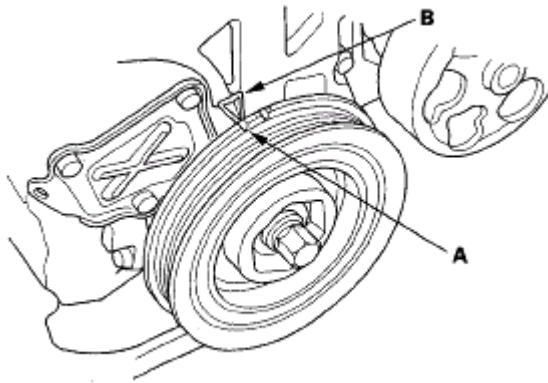
## CAM CHAIN REMOVAL

### Special Tools Required

Camshaft lock pin set 07AAB-RWCA120

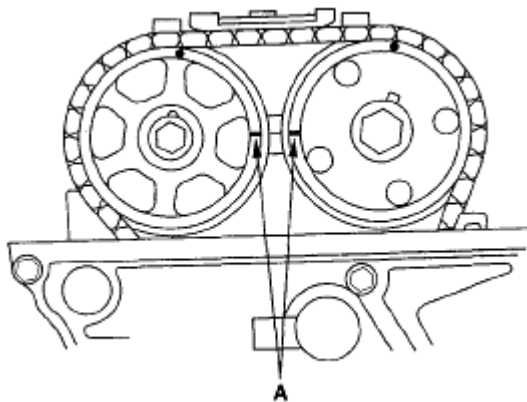
**NOTE: Keep the cam chain away from magnetic fields.**

1. Remove the right front wheel.
2. Remove the splash shield (see step 26 in **ENGINE REMOVAL** ).
3. Remove the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
4. Turn the crankshaft pulley so its top dead center (TDC) mark (A) lines up with the pointer (B).



**Fig. 23: Identifying TDC Mark Lines With Pointer**  
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5. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
6. Check that the No. 1 piston TDC marks (A) on the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket are aligned.

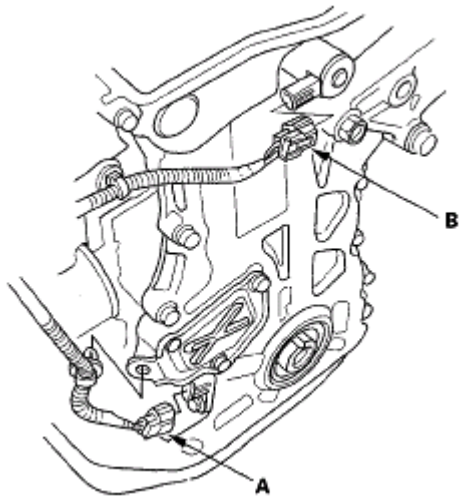


**Fig. 24: Identifying TDC Marks On Variable Valve Timing Control (VTC) Actuator**  
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7. Remove the crankshaft pulley (see **CRANKSHAFT PULLEY REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION** ).
8. Disconnect the crankshaft position (CKP) sensor connector (A) and VTC oil control solenoid valve connector (B).

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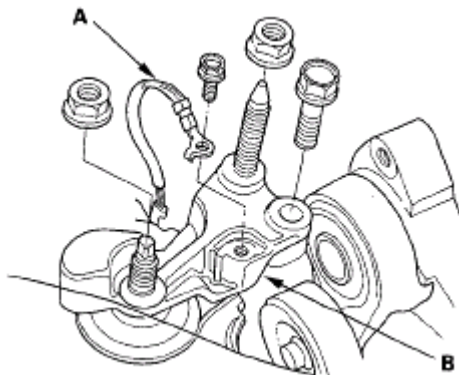
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**Fig. 25: Identifying Crankshaft Position (CKP) Sensor Connector And VTC Oil Control Solenoid Valve Connector**

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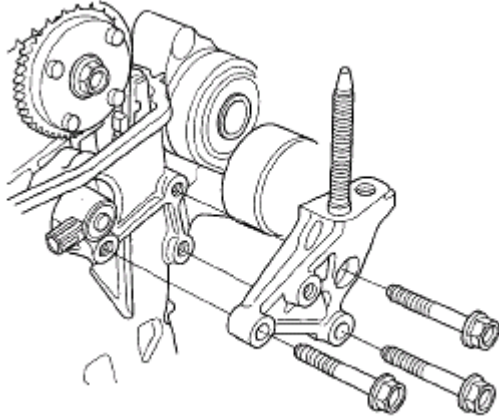
9. Remove the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see **VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION** ).
10. Support the engine with a jack and wood block under the oil pan.
11. Remove the ground cable (A), and remove the upper engine mount bracket (B).



**Fig. 26: Identifying Upper Engine Mount Bracket And Ground Cable**

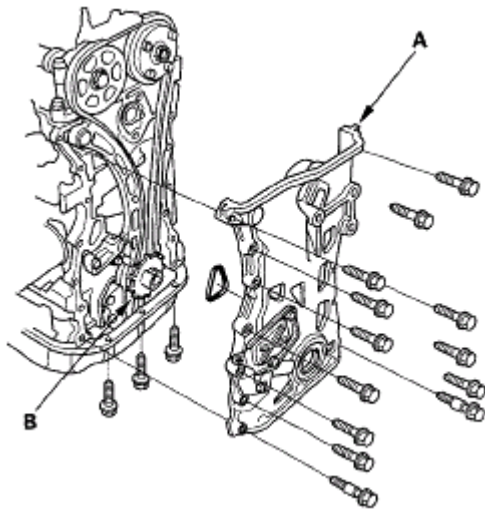
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12. Remove the side engine mount bracket.



**Fig. 27: Identifying Side Engine Mount Bracket Bolts**  
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13. Remove the chain case (A).

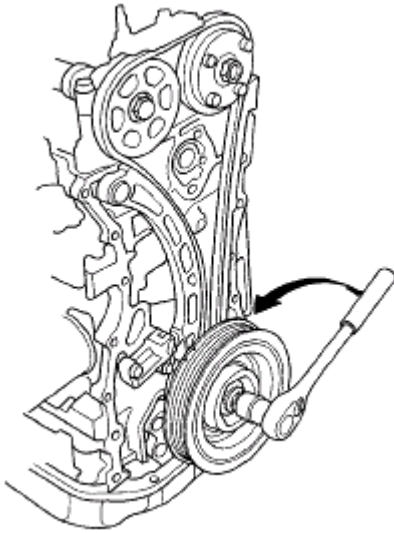


**Fig. 28: Identifying Chain Case**  
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14. Remove the CKP pulse plate (B).
15. Loosely install the crankshaft pulley.
16. Turn the crankshaft counterclockwise to compress the auto-tensioner.

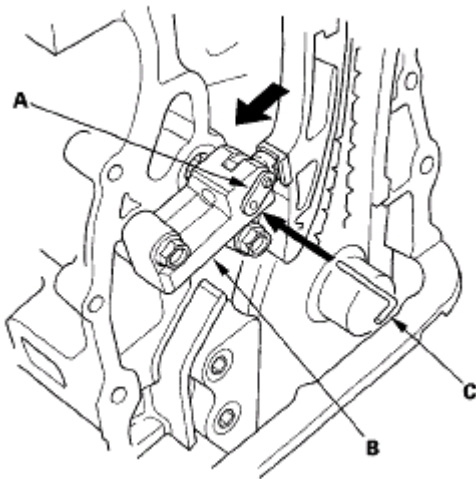
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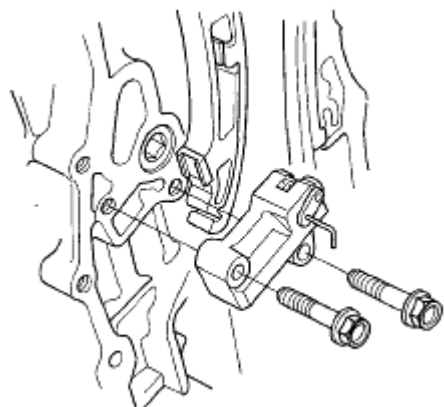
**Fig. 29: Turning Crankshaft Counterclockwise**  
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17. Align the holes on the lock (A) and the auto-tensioner (B), then insert a 1.5 mm (0.06 in.) diameter pin (C) into the holes. Turn the crankshaft clockwise to secure the pin.



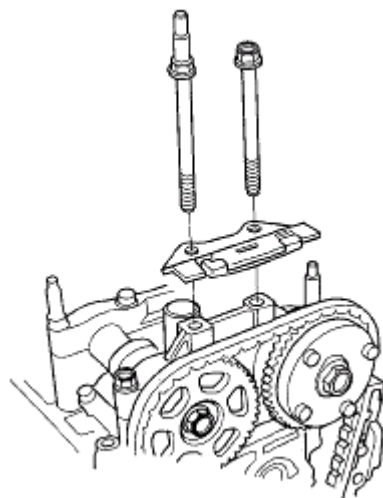
**Fig. 30: Aligning Holes On Lock**  
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18. Remove the auto-tensioner.



**Fig. 31: Identifying Auto-Tensioner Bolts**  
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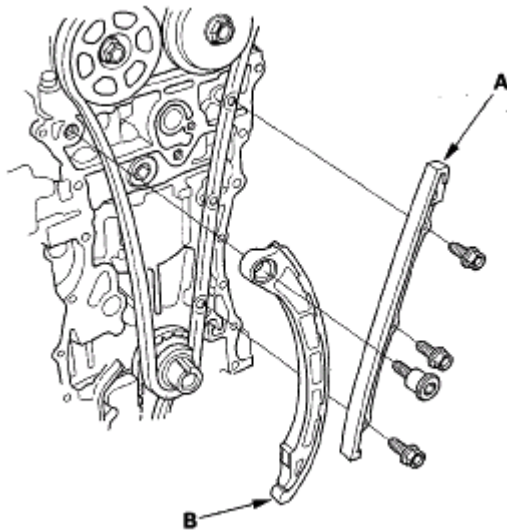
19. Remove the crankshaft pulley.
20. Remove the cam chain guide B.



**Fig. 32: Identifying Crankshaft Pulley**  
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21. Remove the cam chain guide A and tensioner arm (B).





**Fig. 33: Identifying Cam Chain Guide And Tensioner Arm**  
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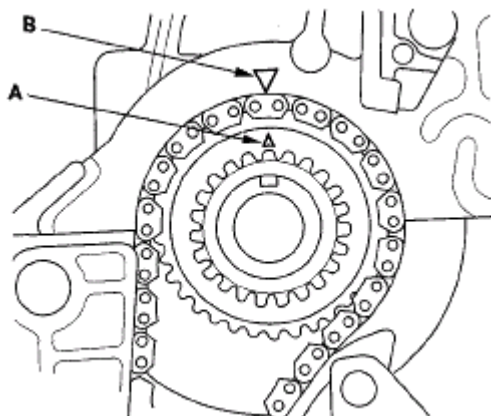
22. Remove the cam chain.

## CAM CHAIN INSTALLATION

### NOTE:

- Keep the cam chain away from magnetic fields.
- Before this procedure, check that the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator is locked by turning the VTC actuator counterclockwise. If not locked, turn the VTC actuator clockwise until it stops, then recheck it. If it is still not locked, replace the VTC actuator.

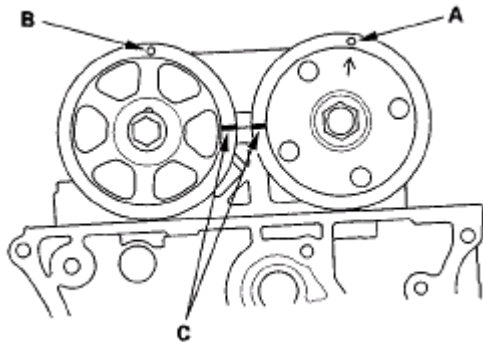
1. Set the crankshaft to top dead center (TDC). Align the TDC mark (A) on the crankshaft sprocket with the pointer (B) on the engine block.



**Fig. 34: Aligning TDC Mark On Crankshaft Sprocket With Pointer**

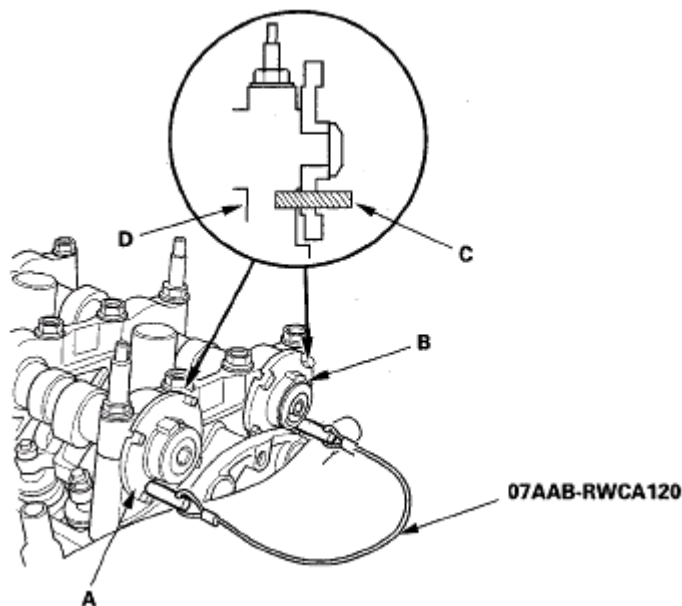
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- Set the camshafts to TDC. The punch mark (A) on the VTC actuator and the punch mark (B) on the exhaust camshaft sprocket should be at the top. Align the TDC marks (C) on the VTC actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket.



**Fig. 35: Aligning TDC Marks On VTC Actuator And Exhaust Camshaft Sprocket**  
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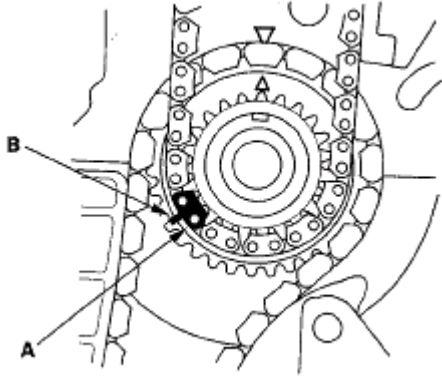
- To hold the intake camshaft, insert one of the pins (C) from the camshaft lock pin set into the maintenance hole in the camshaft position (CMP) pulse plate A and through the hole in the No. 5 rocker shaft holder (D).



**Fig. 36: Identifying Camshaft Lock Pin Set And Camshaft Position (CMP) Pulse Plate**  
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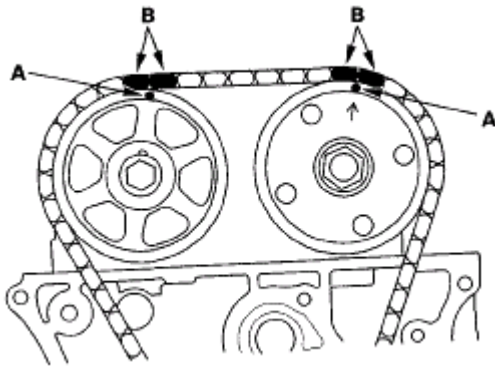
- To hold the exhaust camshaft, insert the other pin from the camshaft lock pin set into the maintenance hole in the camshaft position (CMP) pulse plate B and through the hole in the No. 5 rocker shaft holder.

5. Install the cam chain on the crankshaft sprocket with the colored link plate (A) aligned with the mark (B) on the crankshaft sprocket.



**Fig. 37: Aligning Mark On Crankshaft Sprocket**  
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6. Install the cam chain on the VTC actuator and the exhaust camshaft sprocket with the punch marks (A) aligned with the center of the two colored link plates (B).

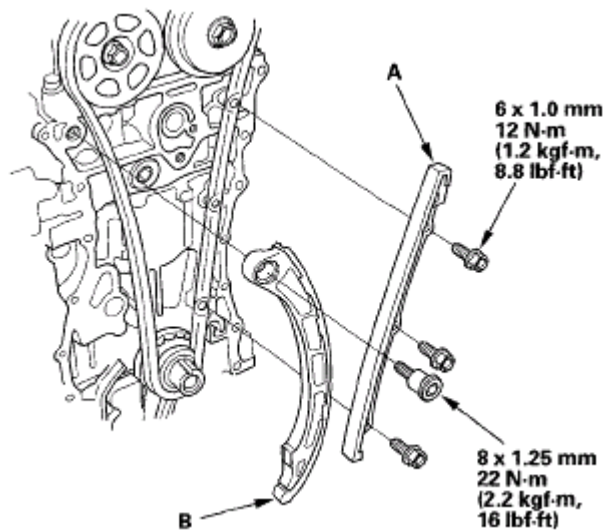


**Fig. 38: Aligning Center Of Colored Link Plates**  
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7. Install the cam chain guide A and the tensioner arm (B).

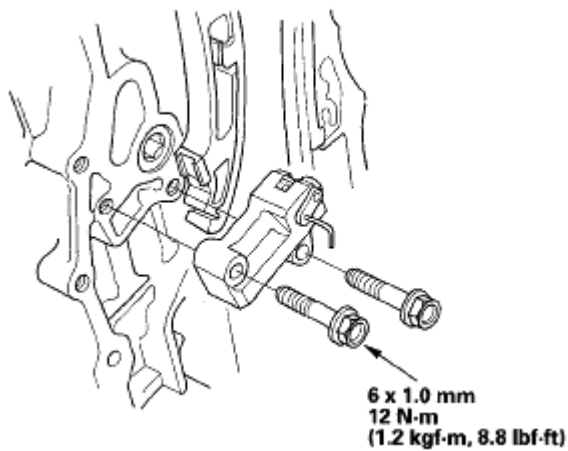
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**Fig. 39: Identifying Cam Chain Guide And Tensioner Arm With Torque Specifications**  
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8. Install the auto-tensioner.

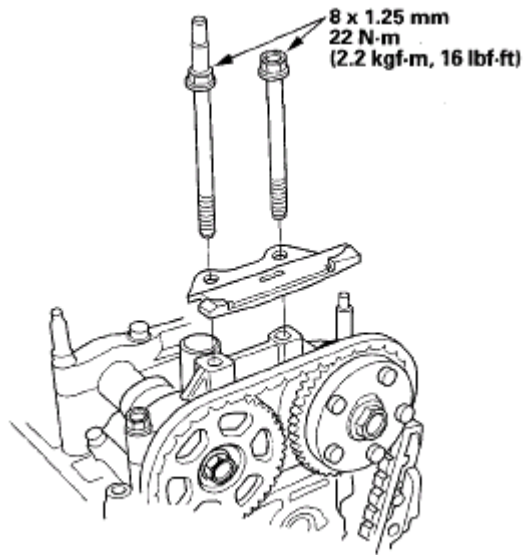


**Fig. 40: Identifying Auto-Tensioner With Torque Specification**  
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9. Install cam chain guide B.

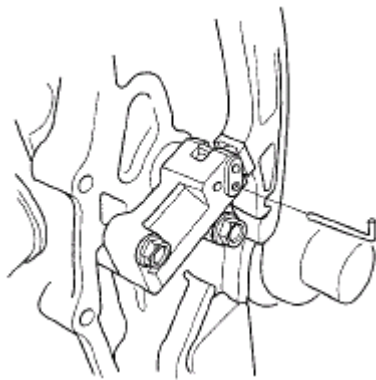
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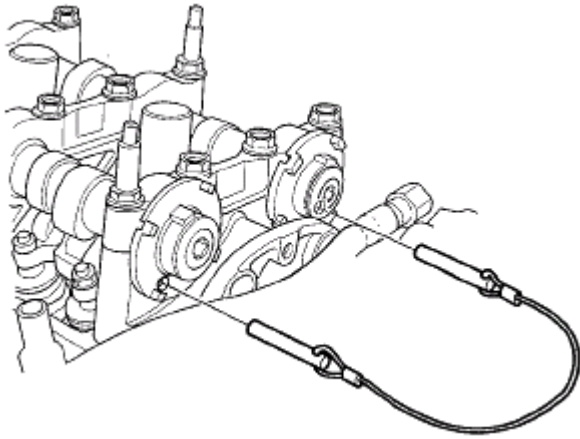
**Fig. 41: Identifying Cam Chain Guide With Torque Specification**  
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10. Remove the pin from the auto-tensioner.



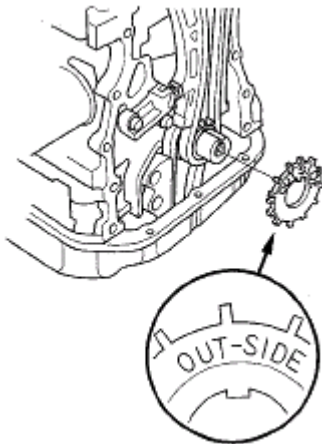
**Fig. 42: Identifying Pin From Auto-Tensioner**  
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11. Remove the camshaft lock pin set (07AAB-RWCA120).



**Fig. 43: Identifying Camshaft Lock Pin Set**  
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12. Install the crankshaft position (CKP) pulse plate.



**Fig. 44: Identifying Crankshaft Position (CKP) Pulse Plate**  
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13. Check the chain case oil seal for damage. If the oil seal is damaged, replace the chain case oil seal (see **CHAIN CASE OIL SEAL INSTALLATION** ).
14. Remove old liquid gasket from the chain case mating surfaces, bolts, and bolt holes.
15. Clean and dry the chain case mating surfaces.
16. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the engine block mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket.

**NOTE:**

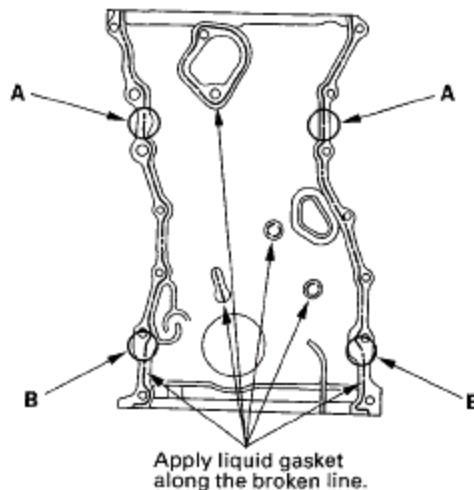
- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove



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the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.

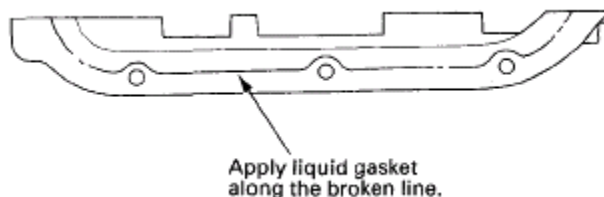


**Fig. 45: Identifying Liquid Gasket Applying Area**  
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17. Apply liquid gasket to the engine block upper surface contact areas (A) on the chain case and lower block upper surface contact areas (B) on the chain case.
18. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the oil pan mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket.

**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.



**Fig. 46: Applying Liquid Gasket On Broken Line**  
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19. Install the new O-ring (A) on the chain case. Set the edge of the chain case (B) to the edge of the oil pan (C), then install the chain case on the engine block (D). Wipe off excess liquid gasket on the oil pan and chain case mating surface.

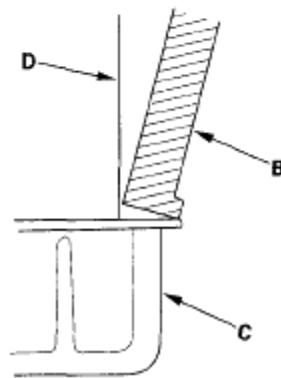
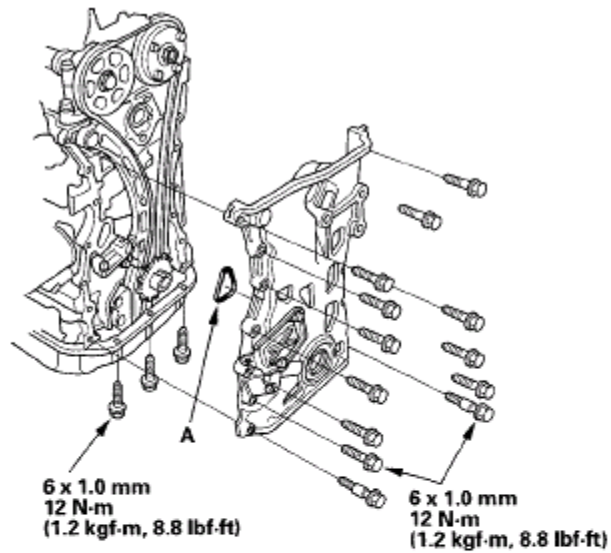
**NOTE:**

- When installing the chain case, do not slide the bottom surface on the oil pan mounting surface.

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- Wait at least 30 minutes before filling the engine with oil.
- Do not run the engine for at least 3 hours after installing the chain case.



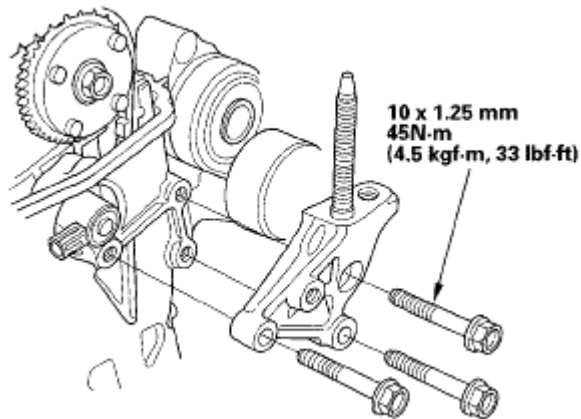
**Fig. 47: Identifying O-Ring On Chain Case And Bolts With Torque Specifications**

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20. Install the side engine mount bracket.

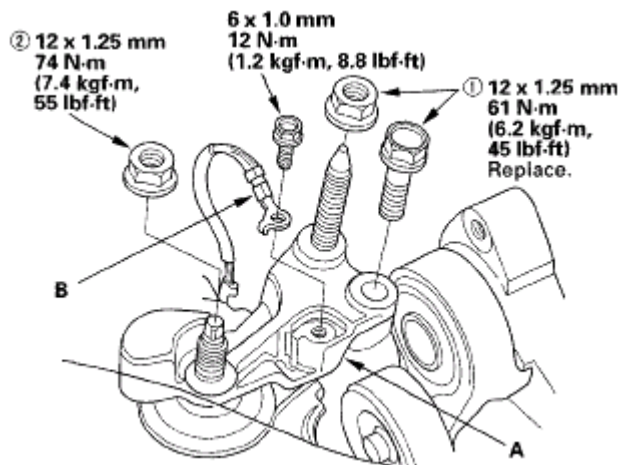
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**Fig. 48: Identifying Side Engine Mount Bracket With Bolts With Torque Specification**  
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21. Install the upper engine mount bracket (A), then torque the bolt/nuts in the numbered sequence shown.

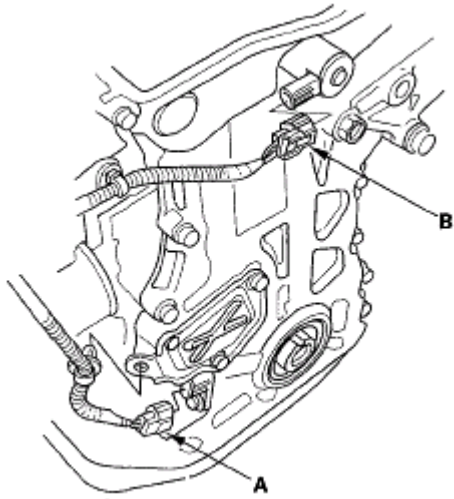


**Fig. 49: Identifying Upper Engine Mount Bracket Bolt With Torque Specifications**  
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22. Install the ground cable (B).
23. Install the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see **VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION** ).
24. Connect the CKP sensor connector (A) and VTC oil control solenoid valve connector (B).

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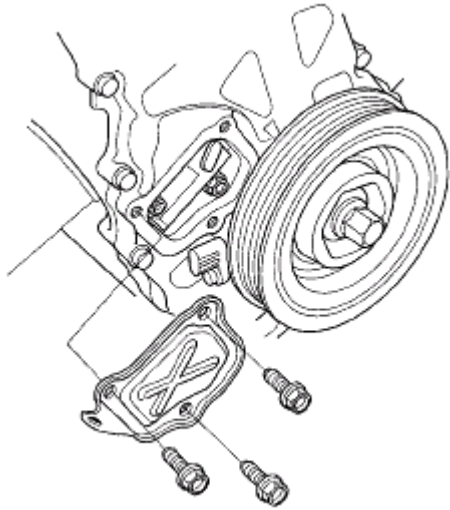
**Fig. 50: Identifying CKP Sensor Connector And VTC Oil Control Solenoid Valve Connector**  
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25. Install the crankshaft pulley (see **INSTALLATION** ).
26. Install the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION** ).
27. Install the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
28. Install the splash shield (see step 24 in **ENGINE INSTALLATION** ).
29. Install the right front wheel.
30. Do the CKP pattern clear/CKP pattern learn procedure (see **CRANK (CKP) PATTERN CLEAR/CRANK (CKP) PATTERN LEARN** ).

## **AUTO-TENSIONER REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION**

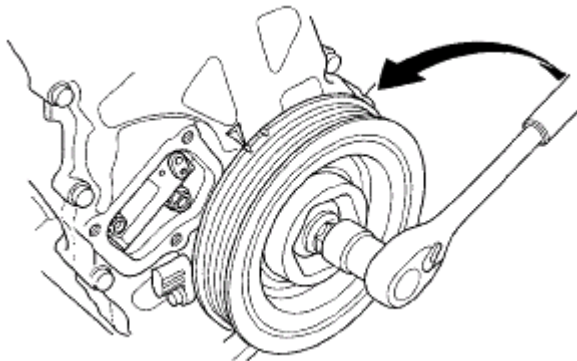
### **REMOVAL**

1. Remove the chain case cover.



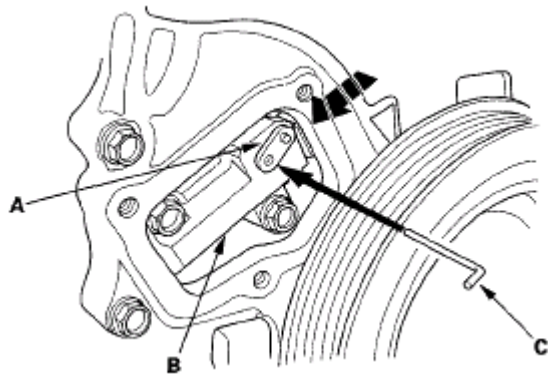
**Fig. 51: Identifying Chain Case Cover**  
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2. Turn the crankshaft counterclockwise to compress the auto-tensioner.



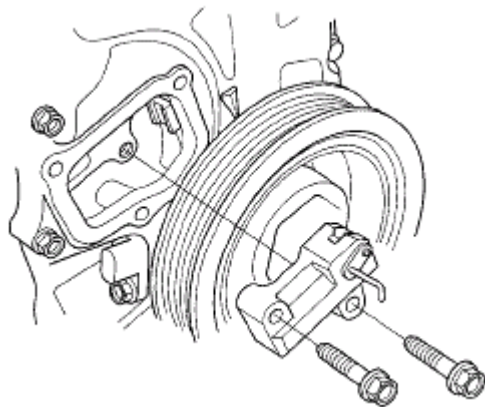
**Fig. 52: Turning Crankshaft Counterclockwise**  
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3. Align the holes on the lock (A) and the auto-tensioner (B), then insert a 1.5 mm (0.06 in.) diameter pin (C) into the holes. Turn the crankshaft clockwise to secure the pin.



**Fig. 53: Aligning Holes On Lock And Auto-Tensioner**  
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4. Remove the auto-tensioner.



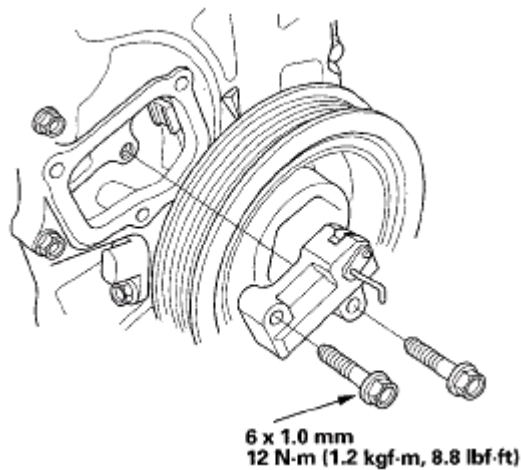
**Fig. 54: Identifying Auto-Tensioner**  
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## INSTALLATION

1. Install the auto-tensioner.

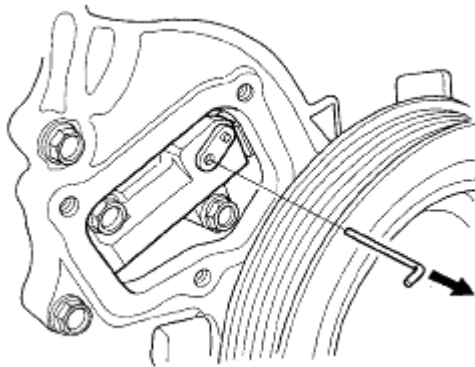
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**Fig. 55: Identifying Auto-Tensioner With Torque Specification**  
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2. Remove the pin from the auto-tensioner.



**Fig. 56: Identifying Pin From Auto-Tensioner**  
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3. Remove any old liquid gasket from the chain case cover mating surfaces, bolts, and bolt holes.
4. Clean and dry the chain case cover mating surfaces.
5. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the chain case mating surface of the chain case cover. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket.

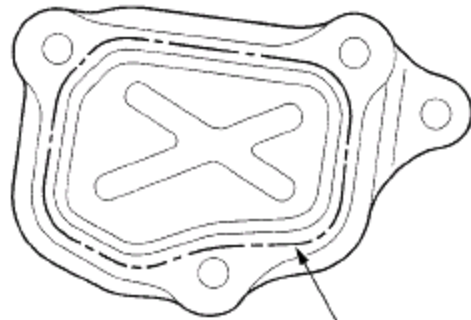
**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.



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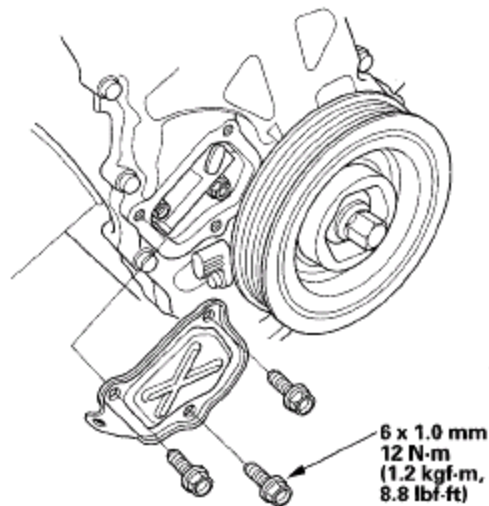
Apply liquid gasket  
along the broken line.

**Fig. 57: Identifying Liquid Gasket Applying Area**  
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6. Install the chain case cover.

### NOTE:

- Wait for at least 30 minutes before filling the engine with oil.
- Do not run the engine for at least 3 hours after installing the chain case cover.



6 x 1.0 mm  
12 N·m  
(1.2 kgf·m,  
8.8 lbf·ft)

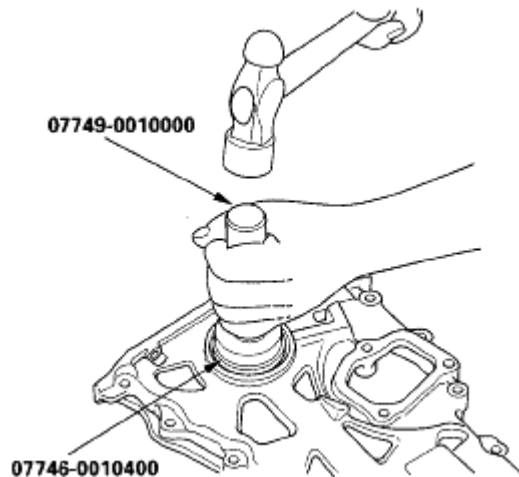
**Fig. 58: Identifying Chain Case Cover Bolts With Torque Specification**  
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## CHAIN CASE OIL SEAL INSTALLATION

### Special Tools Required

- Handle driver 07749-0010000
- Attachment, 52 x 55 mm 07746-0010400

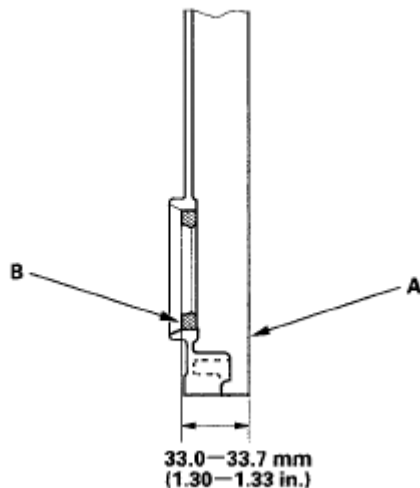
1. Use the handle driver and attachment to drive a new oil seal squarely into the chain case to the specified installed height.



**Fig. 59: Driving Oil Seal**  
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2. Measure the distance between the chain case surface (A) and oil seal (B).

**Oil Seal Installed Height:**  
33.0—33.7 mm (1.30—1.33 in.)

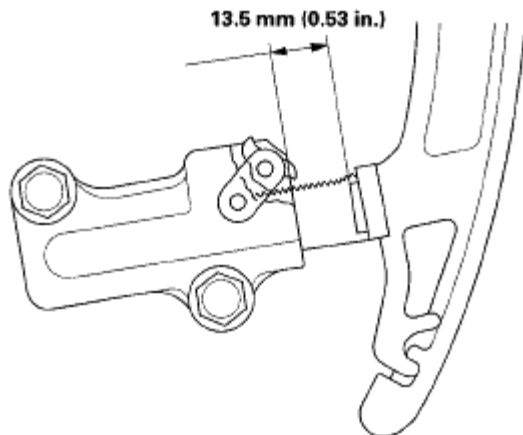


**Fig. 60: Measuring Distance Between Chain Case Surface And Oil Seal**  
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## CAM CHAIN INSPECTION

1. Remove the right front wheel.
2. Remove the splash shield (see step 26 in ENGINE REMOVAL ).

3. Remove the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
4. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
5. Remove the crankshaft pulley (see **CRANKSHAFT PULLEY REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION** ).
6. Disconnect the crankshaft position (CKP) sensor connector and variable valve timing control (VTC) oil control solenoid valve connector (see step 8 ).
7. Remove the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see **VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION** ).
8. Support the engine with a jack and wood block under the oil pan.
9. Remove the ground cable, and remove the upper bracket (see step 11 ).
10. Remove the side engine mount bracket (see step 12 ).
11. Remove the chain case (see step 13 ).
12. Measure the tensioner rod length between the tensioner body and bottom of the flat surface section on the tensioner rod. If the length is more than the service limit, replace the cam chain and oil pump chain.

**Tensioner Rod Length****Service Limit: 13.5 mm (0.53 in.)**

**Fig. 61: Identifying Tensioner Rod Length Dimension**  
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13. Check the chain case oil seal for damage. If the oil seal is damaged, replace the chain case oil seal (see **CHAIN CASE OIL SEAL INSTALLATION** ).
14. Remove all of the old liquid gasket from the chain case mating surfaces, bolt and bolt holes.
15. Clean and dry the chain case mating surfaces.
16. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the engine block mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket (see step 16 ).

**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.

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- **If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.**

17. Apply liquid gasket to the engine block upper surface contact areas on the chain case and lower block upper surface contact areas on the chain case (see step 17 ).
18. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004,08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the oil pan mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket (see step 18 ).

### NOTE:

- **If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.**
- **If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.**

19. Install the new O-ring on the chain case. Set the edge of the chain case to the edge of the oil pan, then install the chain case on the engine block (see step 19 ). Wipe off the excess liquid gasket on the oil pan and chain case mating surface.

### NOTE:

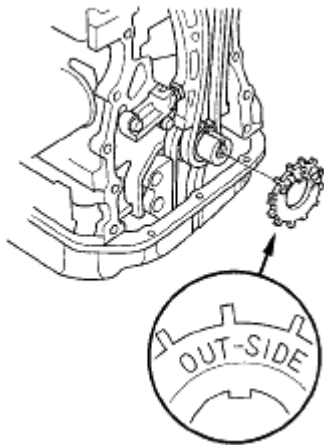
- **When installing the chain case, do not slide the bottom surface onto the oil pan mounting surface.**
- **Wait at least 30 minutes before filling the engine with oil.**
- **Do not run the engine for at least 3 hours after installing the chain case.**

20. Install the side engine mount bracket (see step 20 ).
21. Install the upper bracket and the ground cable (see step 21 ).
22. Install the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see **VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION** ).
23. Connect the CKP sensor connector and VTC oil control solenoid valve connector (see step 24 ).
24. Install the crankshaft pulley (see **INSTALLATION** ).
25. Install the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION** ).
26. Install the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
27. Install the splash shield (see step 24 in **ENGINE INSTALLATION** ).
28. Install the right front wheel.
29. Do the CKP pattern clear/CKP learn procedure (see **CRANK (CKP) PATTERN CLEAR/CRANK (CKP) PATTERN LEARN** ).

## CKP PULSE PLATE REPLACEMENT

1. Remove the right front wheel.
2. Remove the splash shield (see step 26 in **ENGINE REMOVAL** ).

3. Remove the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
4. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
5. Remove the crankshaft pulley (see **CRANKSHAFT PULLEY REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION** ).
6. Disconnect the crankshaft position (CKP) sensor connector and variable valve timing control (VTC) oil control solenoid valve connector (see step 8 ).
7. Remove the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see **VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION** ).
8. Support the engine with a jack and wood block under the oil pan.
9. Remove the ground cable, then remove the upper engine mount bracket (see step 11 ).
10. Remove the side engine mount bracket (see step 12 ).
11. Remove the chain case (see step 13 ).
12. Remove the CKP pulse plate.



**Fig. 62: Identifying CKP Pulse Plate**

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13. Install the CKP pulse plate.
14. Check the chain case oil seal for damage. If the oil seal is damaged, replace the chain case oil seal (see **CHAIN CASE OIL SEAL INSTALLATION** ).
15. Remove any old liquid gasket from the chain case mating surfaces, bolt, and bolt holes.
16. Clean and dry the chain case mating surfaces.
17. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the engine block mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket (see step 16 ).

**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.

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18. Apply liquid gasket evenly to the engine block upper surface contact areas on the chain case and lower block upper surface contact areas on the chain case (see step 17 ).
19. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the oil pan mating surface of the chain case. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket (see step 18 ).

**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.

20. Install the new O-ring on the chain case. Set the edge of the chain case to the edge of the oil pan, then install the chain case on the engine block (see step 19 ). Wipe off the excess liquid gasket on the oil pan and chain case mating surface.

**NOTE:**

- When installing the chain case, do not slide the bottom surface on the oil pan mounting surface.
- Wait at least 30 minutes before filling the engine with oil.
- Do not run the engine for at least 3 hours after installing the chain case.

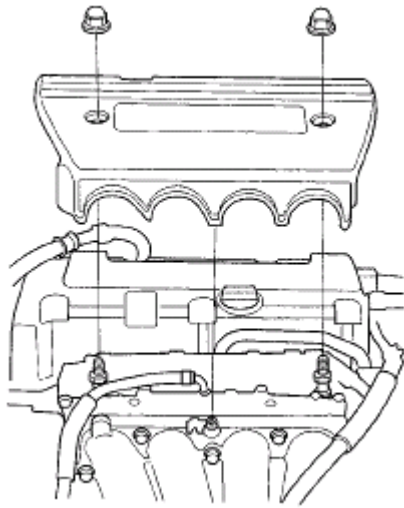
21. Install the side engine mount bracket (see step 20 ).
22. Install the upper engine mount bracket and the ground cable (see step 21 ).
23. Install the VTC oil control solenoid valve (see VTC OIL CONTROL SOLENOID VALVE REMOVAL/TEST/INSTALLATION ).
24. Connect the CKP sensor connector and VTC oil control solenoid valve connector (see step 24 ).
25. Install the crankshaft pulley (see INSTALLATION ).
26. Install the cylinder head cover (see CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION ).
27. Install the drive belt (see DRIVE BELT INSPECTION ).
28. Install the splash shield (see step 24 in ENGINE INSTALLATION ).
29. Install the right front wheel.
30. Do the CKP pattern clear/CKP learn procedure (see CRANK (CKP) PATTERN CLEAR/CRANK (CKP) PATTERN LEARN ).

## CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL

1. Remove the engine cover.

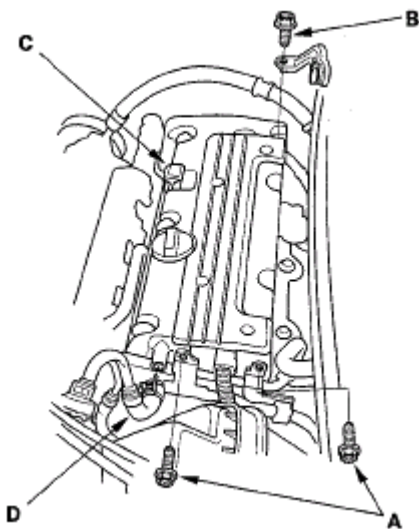
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**Fig. 63: Identifying Engine Cover With Nut**  
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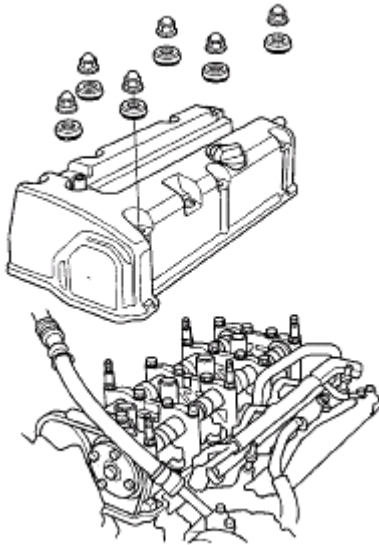
2. Remove the four ignition coils (see **IGNITION COIL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION** ).
3. Remove the two bolts (A) securing the vacuum line.



**Fig. 64: Identifying Vacuum Line And Bolts**  
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4. Remove the bolt (B) securing the power steering (P/S) hose bracket.
5. Remove the dipstick (C) and breather hose (D).
6. Remove the cylinder head cover.

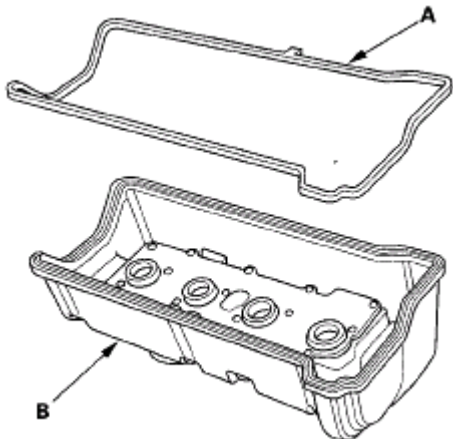




**Fig. 65: Identifying Dipstick And Breather Hose**  
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## CYLINDER HEAD COVER INSTALLATION

1. Thoroughly clean the head cover gasket and the groove.
2. Install the head cover gasket (A) in the groove of the cylinder head cover (B).



**Fig. 66: Identifying Head Cover Gasket And Cylinder Head Cover**  
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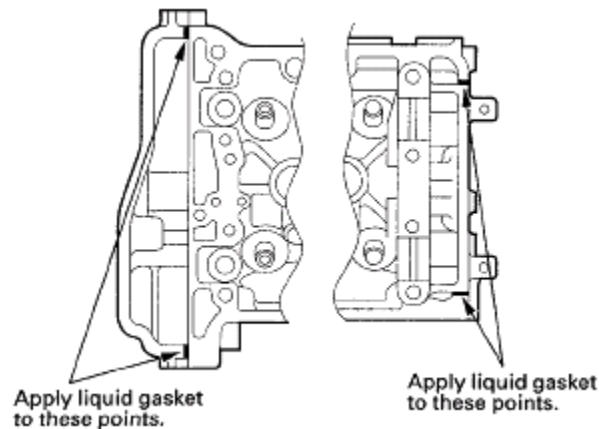
3. Check that the mating surfaces are clean and dry.
4. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the chain case and the No. 5 rocker shaft holder mating surface. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket.

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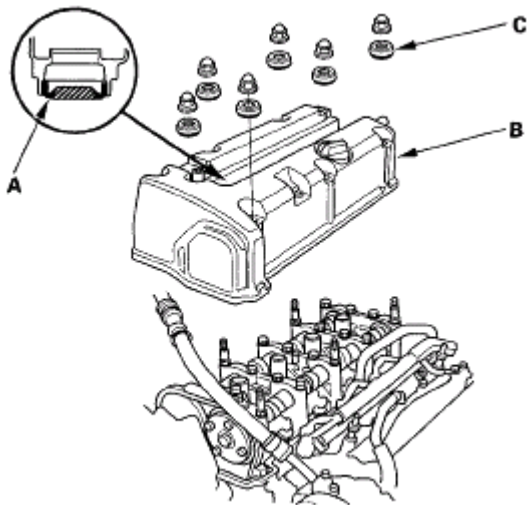
### NOTE:

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.
- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.



**Fig. 67: Identifying Liquid Gasket Applying Area**  
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5. Set the spark plug seals (A) on the spark plug tubes. Place the cylinder head cover (B) on the cylinder head, then slide the cover slightly back and forth to seat the head cover gasket.

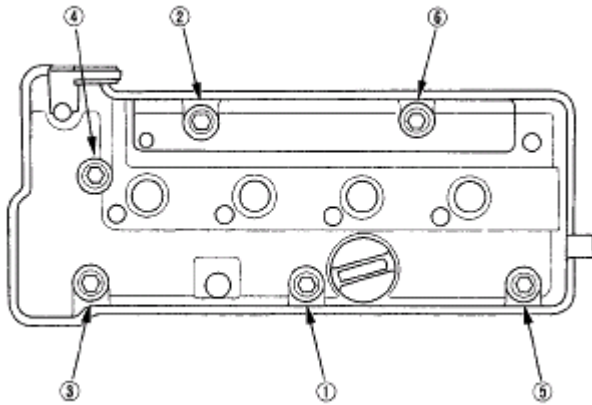


**Fig. 68: Identifying Spark Plug Seals On Spark Plug Tubes**  
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6. Inspect the cover washers (C). Replace any washer that is damaged or deteriorated.
7. Torque the bolts in three steps. In the final step torque all bolts, in sequence, to 12 N.m (1.2 kgf.m, 8.8 lbf.ft).

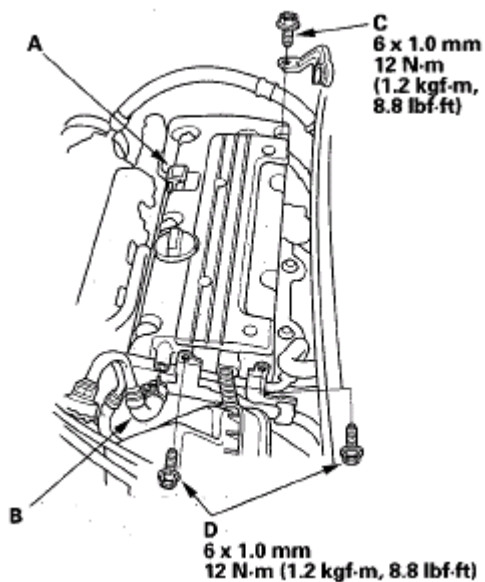
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**Fig. 69: Identifying Tightening Sequence Of Bolts**  
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8. Install the dipstick (A) and breather hose (B).

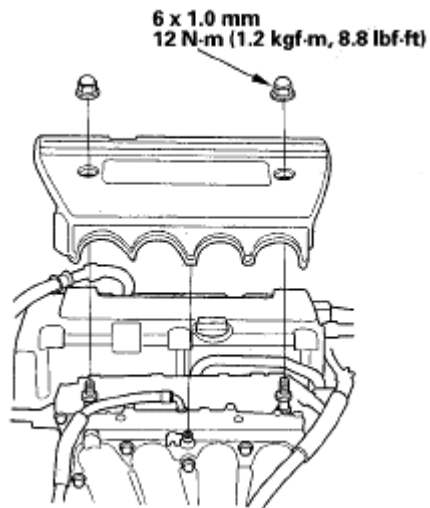


**Fig. 70: Identifying Dipstick And Breather Hose With Bolts With Torque Specifications**  
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9. Torque the bolt (C) securing the power steering (P/S) hose bracket.
10. Torque the two bolts (D) securing the vacuum line.
11. Install the four ignition coils (see **IGNITION COIL REMOVAL/INSTALLATION** ).
12. Check that all tubes, hoses, and connectors are installed correctly.
13. Install the engine cover.

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**Fig. 71: Identifying Engine Cover Nuts With Torque Specification**  
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14. After assembly, wait at least 30 minutes before filling the engine with oil.

## CYLINDER HEAD REMOVAL

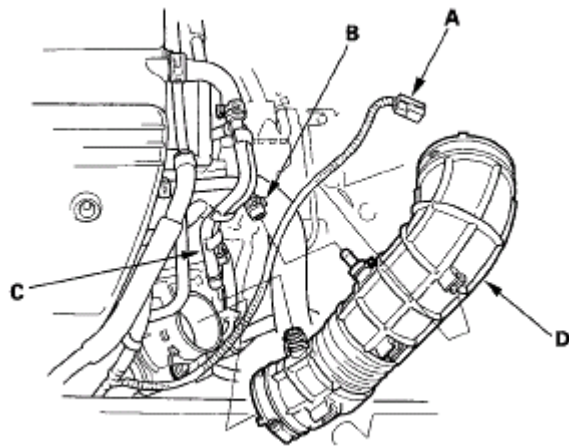
### NOTE:

- Use fender covers to avoid damaging the painted surfaces.
- To avoid damaging the wires and terminals, unplug the wiring connectors carefully while holding the connector portion.
- To avoid damaging the cylinder head, wait until the engine coolant temperature drops below 100°F (38°C) before loosening the cylinder head bolts.
- Mark all wiring and hoses to avoid misconnection. Also, be sure that they do not contact other wiring or hoses, or interfere with other parts.

1. Relieve the fuel pressure (see **FUEL PRESSURE RELIEVING** ).
2. Drain the engine coolant (see **COOLANT CHECK** ).
3. Remove the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
4. Disconnect the mass air flow (MAF) sensor/intake air temperature (IAT) sensor connector (A).

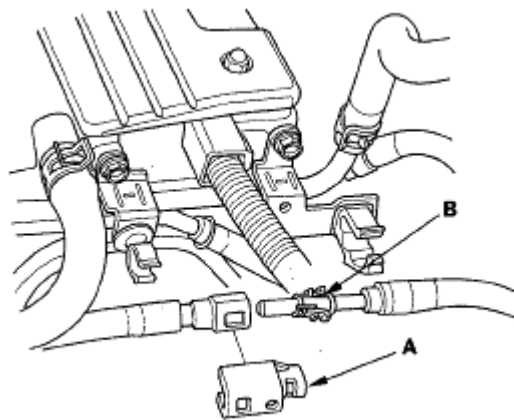
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**Fig. 72: Identifying Mass Air Flow (MAF) Sensor/Intake Air Temperature (IAT) Sensor Connector**  
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5. Disconnect the vacuum hose (B) and breather pipe (C), then remove the intake air duct (D).
6. Remove the quick-connect fitting cover (A), then disconnect the fuel feed hose (B) (see **FUEL LINE/QUICK-CONNECT FITTING REMOVAL** ).

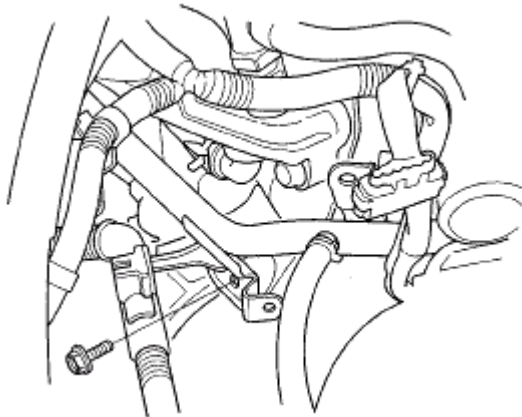


**Fig. 73: Identifying Vacuum Hose And Breather Pipe**  
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7. Remove the bolt securing the connecting pipe support bracket from the engine block.

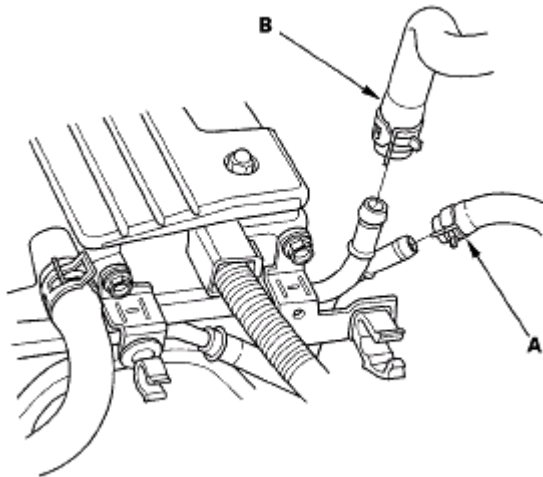
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**Fig. 74: Identifying Connecting Pipe Support Bracket Bolt**  
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8. Remove the evaporative emission (EVAP) canister hose (A) and brake booster vacuum hose (B).

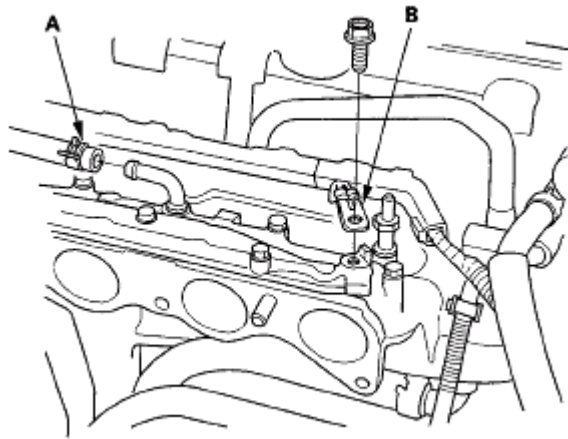


**Fig. 75: Identifying Evaporative Emission (EVAP) Canister Hose And Brake Booster Vacuum Hose**  
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9. Remove the intake manifold (see **REMOVAL** ).
10. Remove the exhaust manifold (see **EXHAUST MANIFOLD REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION** ).
11. Remove the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) hose (A) and ground cable (B).

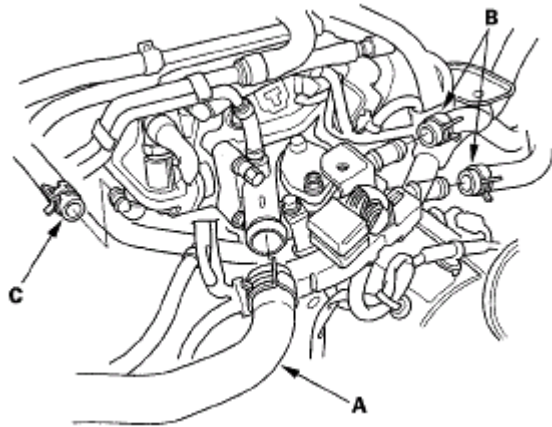
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**Fig. 76: Identifying Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) Hose And Ground Cable**  
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12. Remove the upper radiator hose (A), heater hoses (B), and water bypass hose (C).



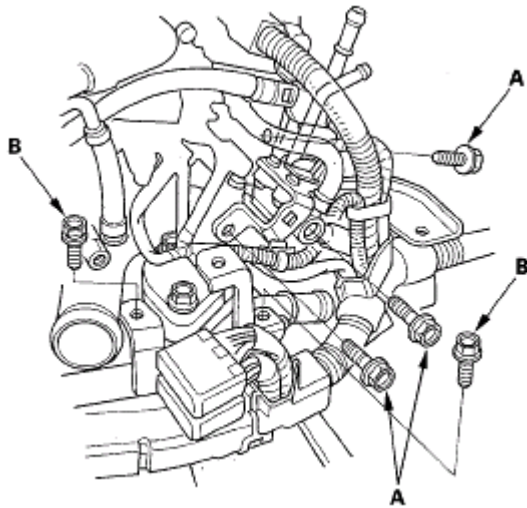
**Fig. 77: Identifying Upper Radiator Hose, Heater Hoses, And Water Bypass Hose**  
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13. Remove the engine wire harness connectors and wire harness clamps from the cylinder head.
  - Four injector connectors
  - Engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor 1 connector
  - Camshaft position (CMP) sensor A connector (Intake side)
  - Camshaft position (CMP) sensor B connector (Exhaust side)
  - Rocker arm oil control solenoid (VTEC solenoid valve) connector
  - Rocker arm oil pressure switch (VTEC oil pressure switch) connector
14. Remove the three bolts (A) securing the EVAP canister purge valve bracket and remove the two bolts (B) securing the harness bracket.



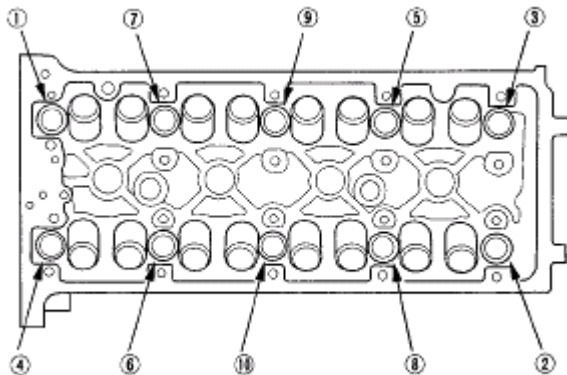
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**Fig. 78: Identifying EVAP Canister Purge Valve Bracket And Bolts**  
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15. Remove the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN REMOVAL** ).
16. Remove the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY REMOVAL** ).
17. Remove the cylinder head bolts. To prevent warpage, loosen the bolts in sequence 1/3 turn at a time, repeat the sequence until all bolts are loosened.

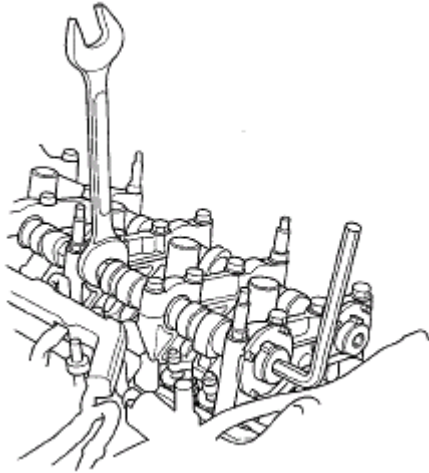


**Fig. 79: Identifying Cylinder Head Bolts**  
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18. Remove the cylinder head.

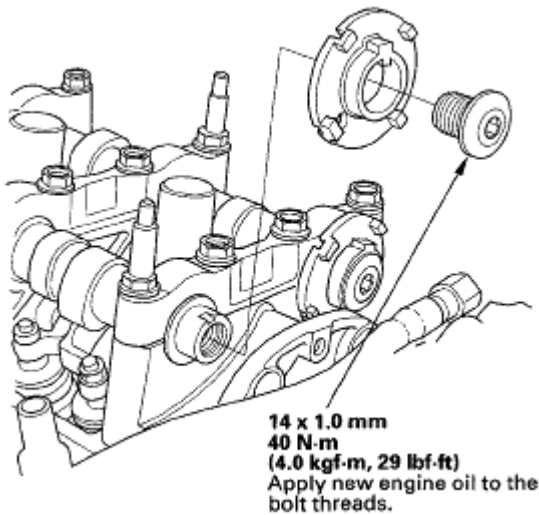
### **CMP PULSE PLATE A REPLACEMENT**

1. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
2. Hold the intake camshaft with an open-end wrench, then loosen the bolt.



**Fig. 80: Holding Intake Camshaft With Open-End Wrench**  
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3. Remove the camshaft position (CMP) pulse plate A.

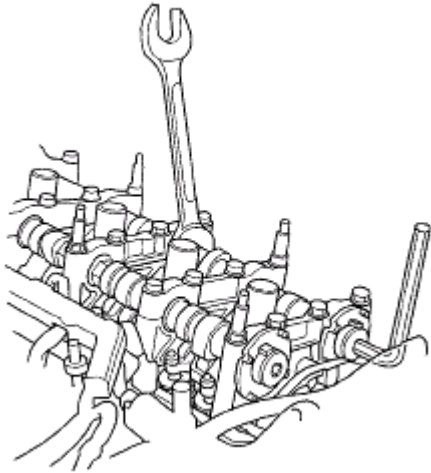


**Fig. 81: Identifying Camshaft Position (CMP) Pulse Plate With Torque Specification**  
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4. Install the CMP pulse plate A in the reverse order of removal.

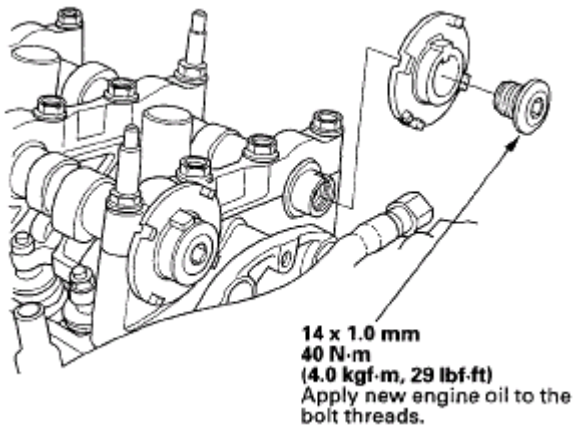
## **CMP PULSE PLATE B REPLACEMENT**

1. Remove the cylinder head cover (see **CYLINDER HEAD COVER REMOVAL** ).
2. Hold the exhaust camshaft with an open-end wrench, then loosen the bolt.



**Fig. 82: Holding Exhaust Camshaft With Open-End Wrench**  
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3. Remove the camshaft position (CMP) pulse plate B.



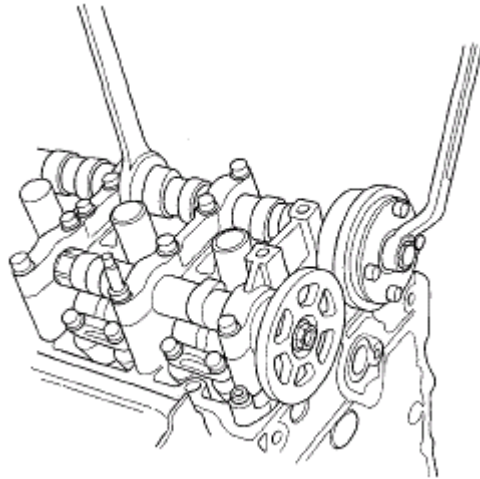
**Fig. 83: Identifying Camshaft Position (CMP) Pulse Plate With Torque Specification**  
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4. Install the CMP pulse plate B in the reverse order of removal.

## VTC ACTUATOR, EXHAUST CAMSHAFT SPROCKET REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION

### REMOVAL

1. Remove the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN REMOVAL** ).
2. Hold the camshaft with an open-end wrench, then loosen the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator mounting bolt and exhaust camshaft sprocket mounting bolt.



**Fig. 84: Loosening Variable Valve Timing Control (VTC) Actuator Mounting Bolt**  
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3. If the VTC actuator will be reused, do these steps.
  - 1 Remove the intake camshaft, and seal the advance holes and retard holes in the No. 1 camshaft journal with tape (see step 6 ).
  - 2 Punch a hole in the tape over one of the advance holes (see step 7 ).
  - 3 Apply air to the advance hole to release the lock (see step 8 ).
  - 4 Remove the tape from the No. 1 camshaft journal.
4. Remove the VTC actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket.

## **INSTALLATION**

1. Install the VTC actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket.

**NOTE:**        **Install the VTC actuator in the unlocked position.**

2. Apply new engine oil to the threads of the VTC actuator mounting bolt and exhaust camshaft sprocket mounting bolt, then install them.
3. Hold the camshaft with an open-end wrench, then torque the mounting bolts.

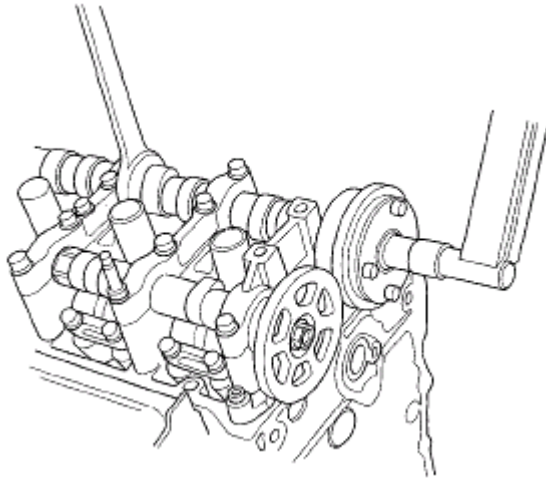
### **Specified Torque**

#### **VTC Actuator Mounting Bolt:**

**115 N.m (11.5 kgf.m, 85 lbf.ft)**

#### **Exhaust Camshaft Sprocket Mounting Bolt:**

**73 N.m (7.3 kgf.m, 54 lbf.ft)**



**Fig. 85: Holding Camshaft With Open-End Wrench**  
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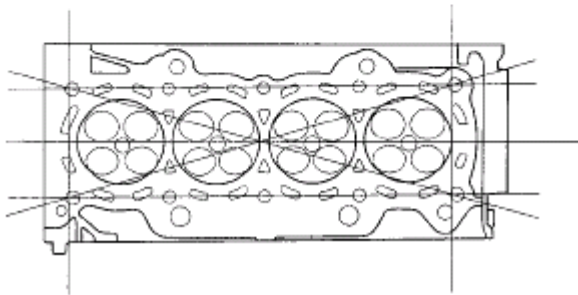
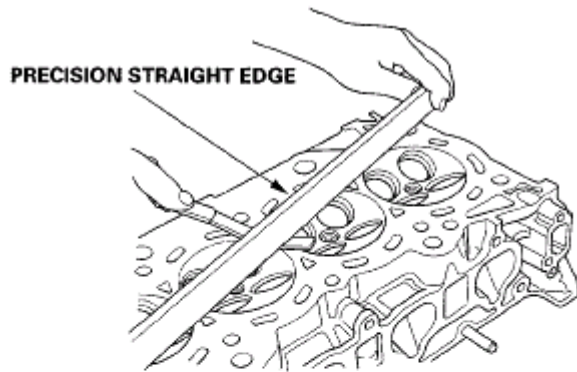
4. Hold the camshaft with an open-end wrench, and turn the VTC actuator clockwise until you hear it click. Make sure to lock the VTC actuator by turning it.
5. Install the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN INSTALLATION** ).

## **CYLINDER HEAD INSPECTION FOR WARPAGE**

1. Remove the cylinder head (see **CYLINDER HEAD REMOVAL** ).
2. Inspect the camshaft (see **CAMSHAFT INSPECTION** ).
3. Check the cylinder head for warpage. Measure along the edges, and three ways across the center.
  - If warpage is less than 0.05 mm (0.002 in.), cylinder head resurfacing is not required.
  - If warpage is between 0.05 mm (0.002 in.) to 0.2 mm (0.008 in.), resurface the cylinder head.
  - Maximum resurface limit is 0.2 mm (0.008 in.) based on a height of 104 mm (4.09 in.).

### **Cylinder Head Height**

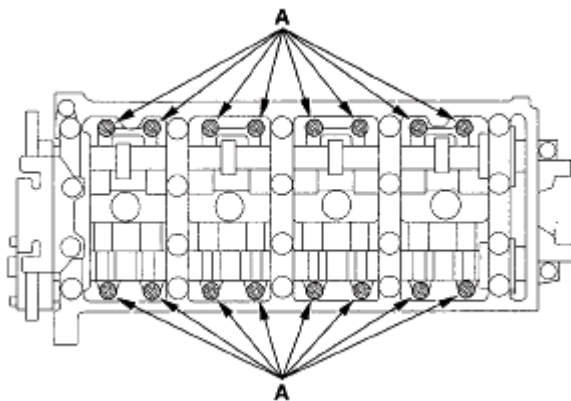
**Standard (New): 103.95-104.05 mm (4.093-4.096 in.)**



**Fig. 86: Checking Cylinder Head Warpage**  
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## ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY REMOVAL

1. Remove the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN REMOVAL** ).
2. Loosen the rocker arm adjusting screws (A).



**Fig. 87: Loosening Rocker Arm Adjusting Screws**  
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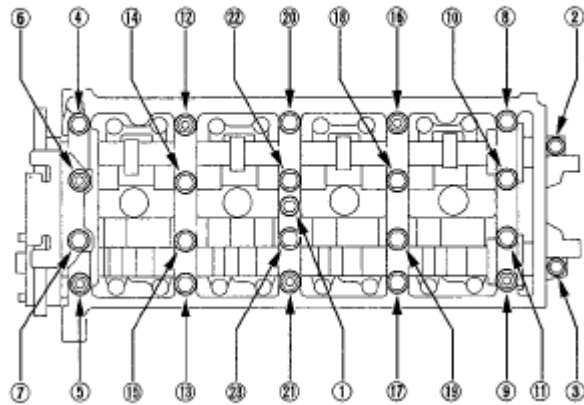
3. Remove the camshaft holder bolts. To prevent damaging the camshafts, loosen the bolts in sequence two

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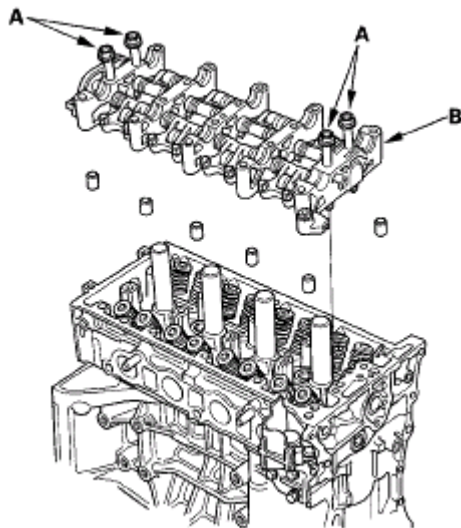
turns at a time, in a crisscross pattern.

NOTE: Bolt ① is not on all engines.



**Fig. 88: Identifying Camshaft Holder Bolts Loosening Sequence**  
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4. Remove the cam chain guide B, camshaft holders, and camshafts.
5. Insert the bolts (A) into the rocker shaft holder, then remove the rocker arm assembly (B).



**Fig. 89: Identifying Rocker Shaft Holder Bolts**  
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## ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT DISASSEMBLY/REASSEMBLY

### NOTE:

- Identify each part as it is removed so that each item can be reinstalled in their original locations.
- Inspect the rocker arm shaft and rocker arms (see ROCKER ARM AND

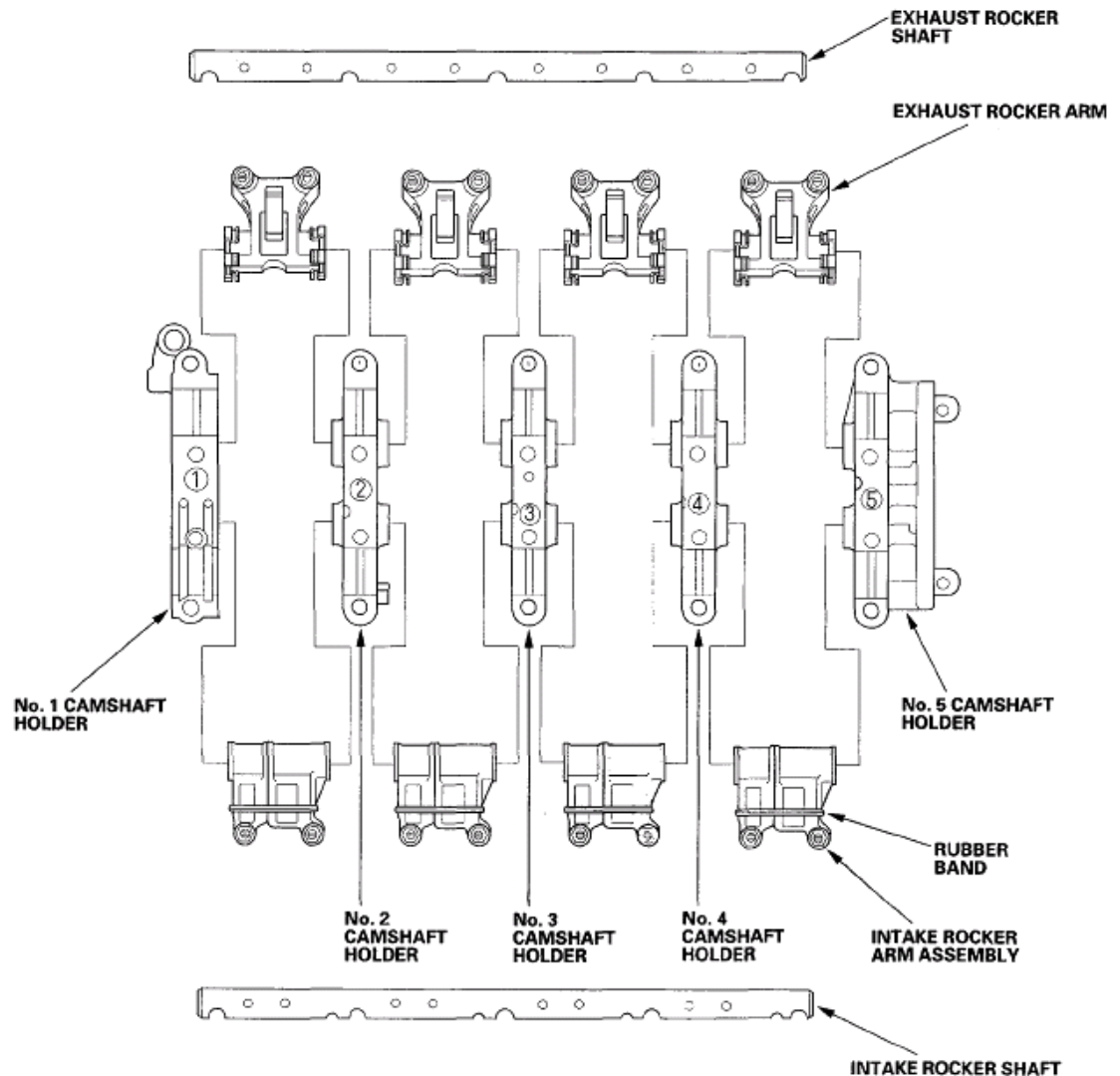


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### SHAFT INSPECTION ).

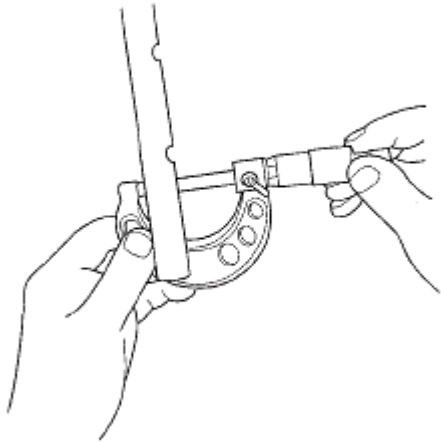
- If reused, the rocker arms must be installed in their original locations.
- When removing or installing the rocker arm assembly, do not remove the camshaft holder bolts. The bolts will keep the holders and rocker arms on the shaft.
- Prior to reassembling, clean all the parts in solvent, dry them, and apply new engine oil to any contact points.
- Bundle the intake rocker arms with rubber bands to keep them together as a set.
- When replacing the intake rocker arm assembly, remove the fastening hardware from the new intake rocker arm assembly.



**Fig. 90: Exploded View Of Rocker Arm And Shaft**  
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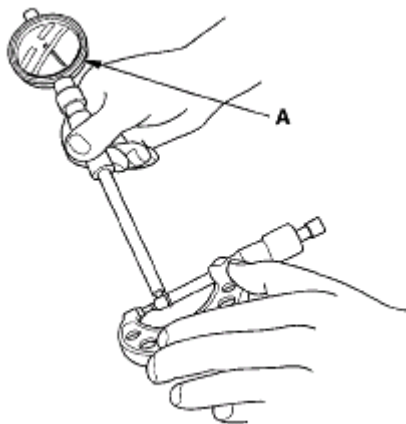
## ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT INSPECTION

1. Remove the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY REMOVAL** ), then disassemble the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT DISASSEMBLY/REASSEMBLY** ).
2. Measure the diameter of the shaft at the first rocker location.



**Fig. 91: Measuring Diameter Of Shaft At Rocker**  
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3. Zero the gauge (A) to the shaft diameter.



**Fig. 92: Measuring Shaft Diameter**  
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4. Measure the inside diameter of the rocker arm, and check it for an out-of-round condition.

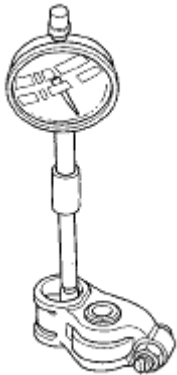
### **Rocker Arm-to-Shaft Clearance**

**Standard (New):**

**Intake: 0.025-0.052 mm (0.0010-0.0020 in.)**

**Exhaust: 0.018-0.056 mm (0.0007-0.0022 in.)**

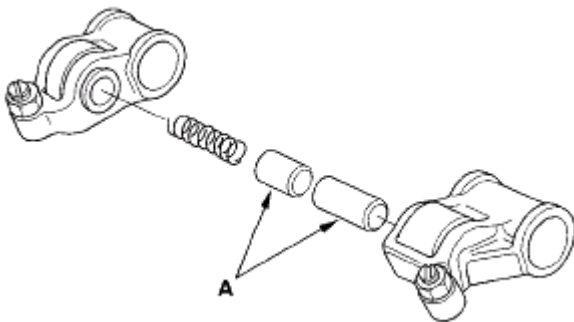
**Service Limit: 0.08 mm (0.003 in.)**



**Fig. 93: Measuring Inside Diameter Of Rocker Arm**  
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5. Repeat for all rocker arms and both shafts. If the clearance is beyond the service limit, replace the rocker shaft and all out of service limit rocker arms. If any VTEC rocker arm needs replacement, replace the rocker arms (primary and secondary), as a set.
6. Inspect the rocker arm pistons (A). Push on each piston manually. If it does not move smoothly, replace the rocker arms as a set.

**NOTE:** Apply new engine oil to the rocker arm pistons when reassembling.



**Fig. 94: Identifying Rocker Arm Pistons**  
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7. Install the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION** ).

## **CAMSHAFT INSPECTION**

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**NOTE:** Do not rotate the camshaft during inspection.

1. Remove the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY REMOVAL** ).
2. Put the rocker shaft holders, camshaft, and camshaft holders on the cylinder head, then torque the bolts in sequence to the specified torque.

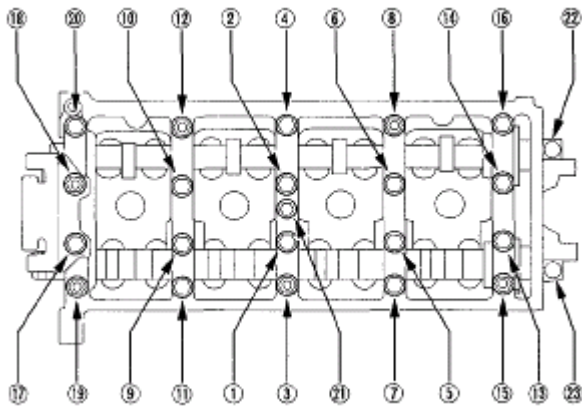
**NOTE:** If the engine does not have bolt(21), skip it and continue the torque sequence.

### Specified Torque

**8 mm Bolts: 22 N.m (2.2 kgf.m, 16 lbf.ft)**

**6 mm Bolts: 12 N.m (1.2 kgf.m, 8.8 lbf.ft)**

**6 mm Bolts: (21), (22), (23)**



**Fig. 95: Identifying Camshaft Bolts Tightening Sequence**  
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3. Seat the camshaft by pushing it away from the camshaft pulley end of the cylinder head.
4. Zero the dial indicator against the end of the camshaft, then push the camshaft back and forth and read the end play. If the end play is beyond the service limit, replace the cylinder head and recheck. If it is still beyond the service limit, replace the camshaft.

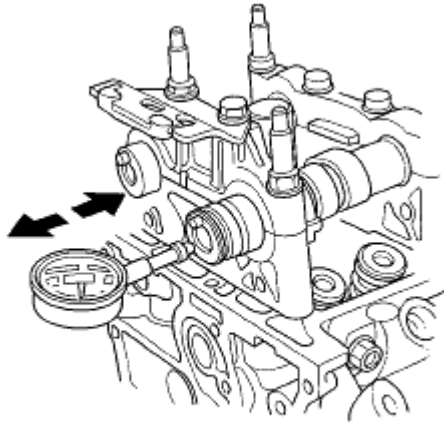
### Camshaft End Play

**Standard (New): 0.05-0.20 mm (0.002-0.008 in.)**

**Service Limit: 0.4 mm (0.02 in.)**

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**Fig. 96: Checking Camshaft End Play**

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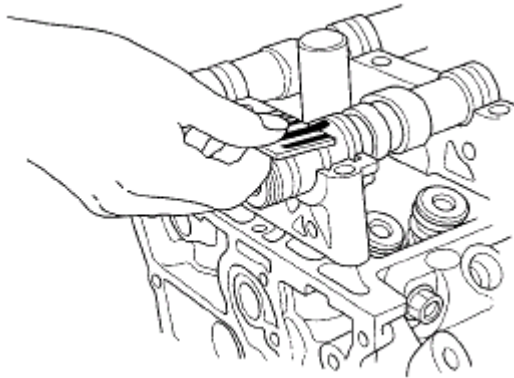
5. Loosen the camshaft holder bolts two turns at a time, in a crisscross pattern. Then remove the camshaft holders from the cylinder head.
6. Lift the camshafts out of the cylinder head, wipe them clean, then inspect the lift ramps. Replace the camshaft if any lobes are pitted, scored, or excessively worn.
7. Clean the camshaft journal surfaces in the cylinder head, then set the camshafts back in place. Place a plastigage strip across each journal.
8. Install the camshaft holders, then torque the bolts to the specified torque as shown in step 2.
9. Remove the camshaft holders. Measure the widest portion of plastigage on each journal.
  - If the camshaft-to-holder clearance is within limits, go to step 11.
  - If the camshaft-to-holder clearance is beyond the service limit and the camshaft has been replaced, replace the cylinder head.
  - If the camshaft-to-holder clearance is beyond the service limit and the camshaft has not been replaced, go to step 10.

### **Camshaft-to-Holder Oil Clearance Standard (New):**

**No. 1 Journal: 0.030-0.069 mm (0.001-0.003 in.)**

**No. 2, 3, 4, 5 Journals: 0.060-0.099 mm (0.002-0.004 in.)**

**Service Limit: 0.15 mm (0.006 in.)**



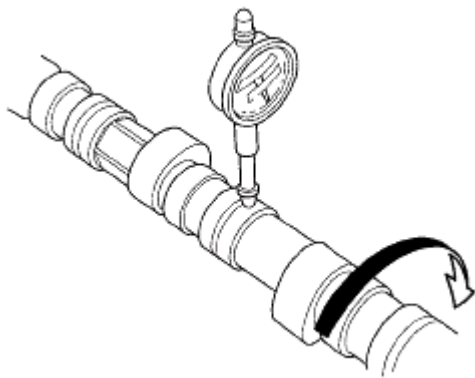
**Fig. 97: Measuring Widest Portion Of Plastigage**  
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10. Check the total runout with the camshaft supported on V-blocks.
  - If the total runout of the camshaft is within the service limit, replace the cylinder head.
  - If the total runout is beyond the service limit, replace the camshaft and recheck the camshaft-to-holder oil clearance. If the oil clearance is still beyond the service limit, replace the cylinder head.

#### **Camshaft Total Runout**

**Standard (New): 0.03 mm (0.001 in.) max.**

**Service Limit: 0.04 mm (0.002 in.)**



**Fig. 98: Checking Runout Of Camshaft**  
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11. Measure cam lobe height.

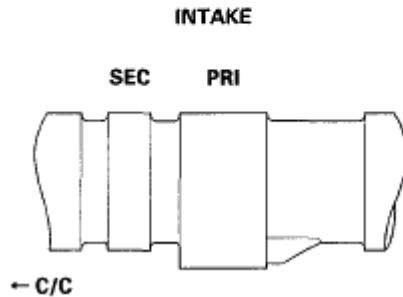
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### Cam Lobe Height Standard (New):

	INTAKE	EXHAUST
PRI	34.263 mm (1.3489 in.)	34.092 mm (1.3422 in.)
SEC	29.638 mm (1.1668 in.)	

PRI: Primary SEC: Secondary C/C: Cam Chain



**Fig. 99: Measuring Cam Lobe Height**

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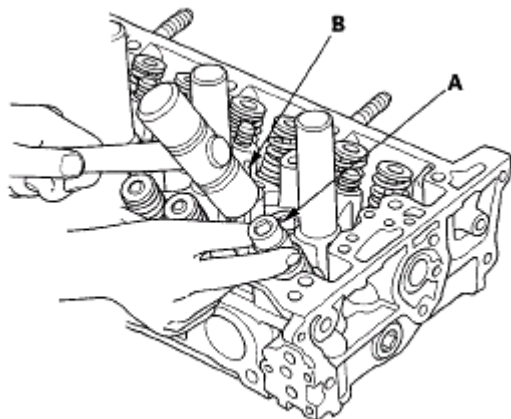
## VALVE, SPRING, AND VALVE SEAL REMOVAL

### Special Tools Required

Valve spring compressor attachment 07757-PJ1010A

**NOTE:** Identify the valves and valve springs as they are removed so that each item can be reinstalled in its original position.

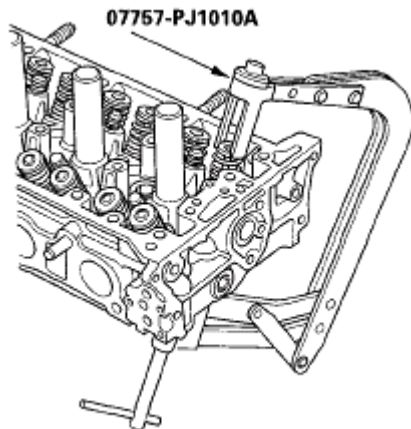
1. Remove the cylinder head (see **CYLINDER HEAD REMOVAL** ).
2. Using an appropriate-sized socket (A) and plastic mallet (B), lightly tap the valve spring retainer to loosen the valve cotters.



**Fig. 100: Tapping Valve Spring Retainer**

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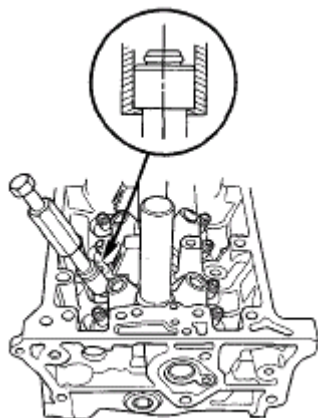
3. Install the valve spring compressor attachment and valve spring compressor. Compress the valve spring and remove the valve cotters.



**Fig. 101: Compressing Valve Spring**

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4. Remove the valve spring compressor, valve spring compressor attachment, valve spring retainer, and valve spring.
5. Install the valve guide seal remover.

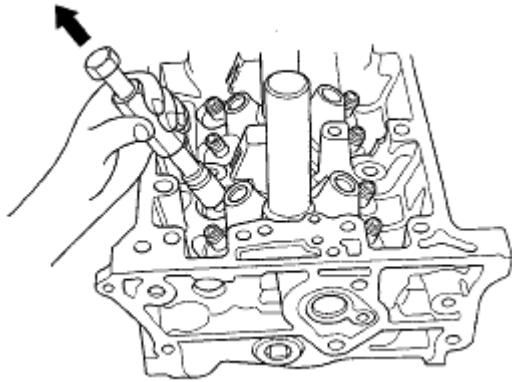


**Fig. 102: Identifying Valve Guide Seal Remover**

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6. Remove the valve seal.





**Fig. 103: Identifying Valve Seal**

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7. Remove the valve spring seat and valve.

## VALVE INSPECTION

1. Remove the valves (see VALVE, SPRING, AND VALVE SEAL REMOVAL ).
2. Measure the valve in these areas.

### Intake Valve Dimensions

**A Standard (New): 34.85-35.15 mm (1.372-1.384 in.)**

**B Standard (New): 108.7-109.5 mm (4.280-4.311 in.)**

**C Standard (New): 5.475-5.485 mm (0.2156-0.2159 in.)**

**C Service Limit: 5.445 mm (0.214 in.)**

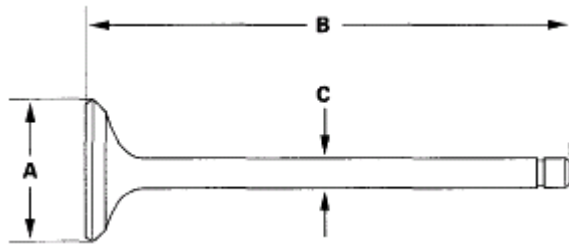
### Exhaust Valve Dimensions

**A Standard (New): 29.85-30.15 mm (1.175-1.187 in.)**

**B Standard (New): 108.3-109.1 mm (4.264-4.295 in.)**

**C Standard (New): 5.450-5.460 mm (0.2146-0.2150 in.)**

**C Service Limit: 5.42 mm (0.213 in.)**



**Fig. 104: Measuring Valve Dimension**  
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## VALVE STEM-TO-GUIDE CLEARANCE INSPECTION

1. Remove the valves (see VALVE, SPRING, AND VALVE SEAL REMOVAL ).
2. Slide the valve out of its guide about 10 mm (3/8 in.), then measure the guide-to-stem clearance with a dial indicator while rocking the stem in the direction of normal thrust (wobble method).
  - If the measurement exceeds the service limit, recheck it using a new valve.
  - If the measurement is now within the service limit, reassemble using a new valve.
  - If the measurement with a new valve still exceeds the service limit, go to step 3.

### Intake Valve Stem-to-Guide Clearance

**Standard (New): 0.06-0.11 mm (0.002-0.004 in.)**

**Service Limit: 0.16 mm (0.006 in.)**

### Exhaust Valve Stem-to-Guide Clearance

**Standard (New): 0.11-0.16 mm (0.004-0.006 in.)**

**Service Limit: 0.22 mm (0.009 in.)**



**Fig. 105: Measuring Valve Stem-To-Guide Clearance**  
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3. Subtract the O.D. of the valve stem, measured with a micrometer, from the I.D. of the valve guide, measured with an inside micrometer or ball gauge. Take the measurements in three places along the valve

stem and three places inside the valve guide. The difference between the largest guide measurement and the smallest stem measurement should not exceed the service limit.

### Intake Valve Stem-to-Guide Clearance

**Standard (New): 0.030-0.055 mm (0.0012-0.0022 in.)**

**Service Limit: 0.08 mm (0.003 in.)**

### Exhaust Valve Stem-to-Guide Clearance

**Standard (New): 0.055-0.080 mm (0.0022-0.0031 in.)**

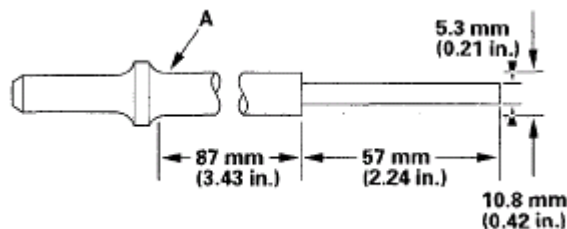
**Service Limit: 0.11 mm (0.004 in.)**

## VALVE GUIDE REPLACEMENT

### Special Tools Required

- Valve guide driver, 5.5 mm 07742-0010100
- Valve guide reamer, 5.5 mm 07HAH-PJ7A100

1. Inspect valve stem-to-guide clearance (see [VALVE INSPECTION](#)).
2. As illustrated, use a commercially available air-impact valve guide driver (A) modified to fit the diameter of the valve guides. In most cases, the same procedure can be done using the valve guide driver, and a conventional hammer.



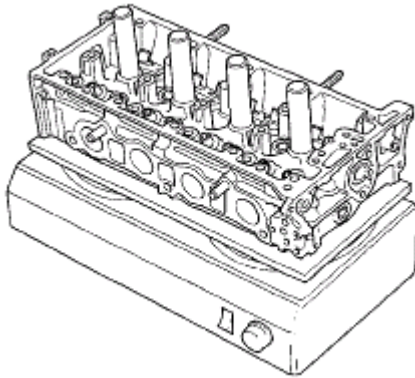
**Fig. 106: Identifying Valve Guide Dimension**

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3. Select the proper replacement guides, and chill them in the freezer section of a refrigerator for about an hour.
4. Use a hot plate or oven to evenly heat the cylinder head to 300°F (150°C). Monitor the temperature with a cooking thermometer. Do not get the head hotter than 300°F (150°C); excessive heat may loosen the valve seats.

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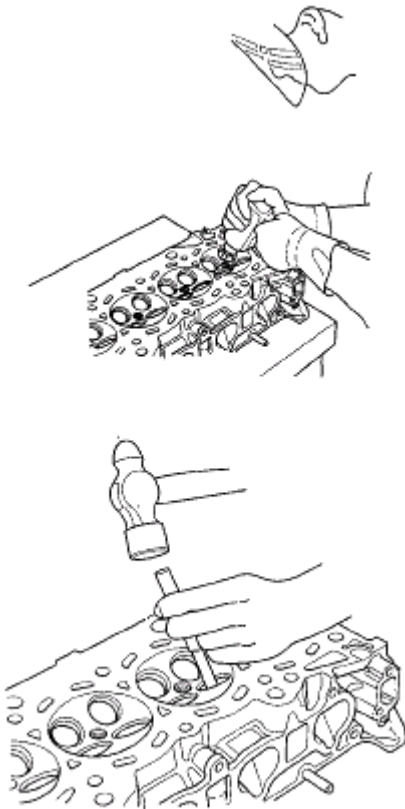
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**Fig. 107: Heating Cylinder Head**

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5. Working from the camshaft side, use the driver and an air hammer to drive the guide about 2 mm (0.1 in.) towards the combustion chamber. This will knock off some of the carbon and make removal easier. Hold the air hammer directly in line with the valve guide to prevent damaging the driver. Wear safety goggles or a face shield.
6. Turn the head over, and drive the guide out toward the camshaft side of the head.



**Fig. 108: Driving Guide Out Toward Camshaft Side Of Head**

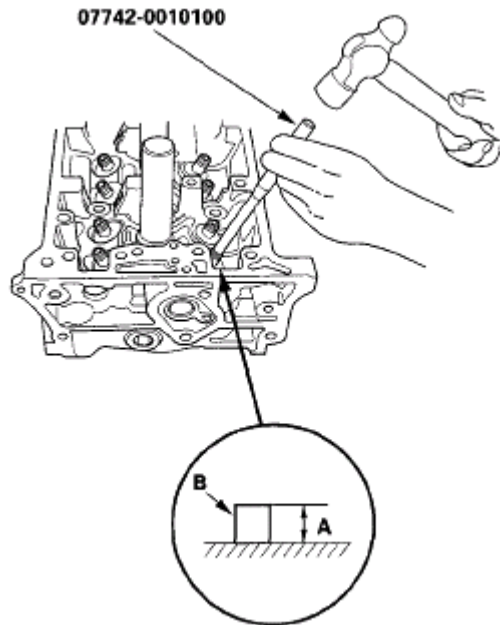
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7. If a valve guide won't move, drill it out with a 8 mm (5/16 in.) bit, then try again. Drill guides only in extreme cases, you could damage the cylinder head if the guide breaks.
8. Take out the new guide(s) from the freezer, one at a time, as you need them.
9. Apply a thin coat of new engine oil to the outside of the new valve guide. Install the guide from the camshaft side of the head, use the valve guide driver to drive the guide into the specified installed height (A) of the guide (B). If you have all 16 guides to do, you may have to reheat the head.

### **Valve Guide Installed Height**

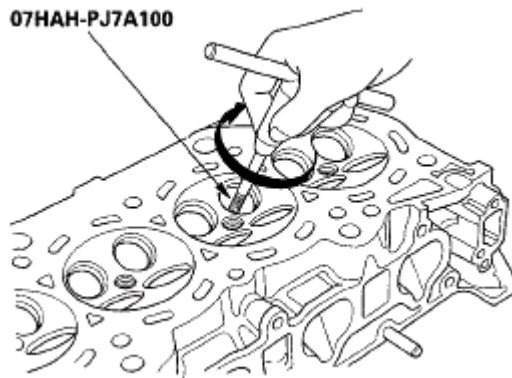
**Intake: 15.2-16.2 mm (0.598-0.638 in.)**

**Exhaust: 15.5-16.5 mm (0.610-0.650 in.)**



**Fig. 109: Installing Guide From Camshaft Side Of Head**  
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10. Coat both reamer and valve guide with cutting oil.
11. Rotate the reamer clockwise the full length of the valve guide bore.

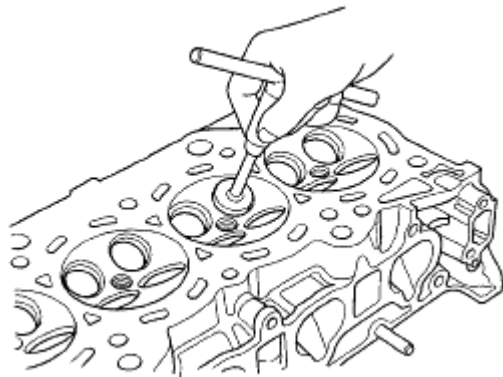


**Fig. 110: Rotating Reamer Clockwise**  
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12. Continue to rotate the reamer clockwise while removing it from the bore.
13. Thoroughly wash the guide in detergent and water to remove any cutting residue.
14. Check the clearances with a valve (see **VALVE INSPECTION** ). Verify that a valve slides in the intake and exhaust valve guides without sticking.
15. Inspect the valve seating. If necessary, renew the valve seat using a valve seat cutter (see **VALVE SEAT RECONDITIONING** ).

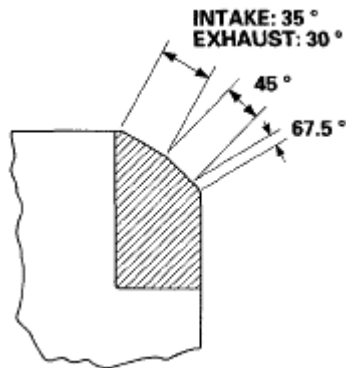
## VALVE SEAT RECONDITIONING

1. Inspect valve stem-to-guide clearance (see **VALVE INSPECTION** ). If the valve guides are worn, replace them (see **VALVE GUIDE REPLACEMENT** ) before cutting the valve seats.
2. Renew the valve seats in the cylinder head using a valve seat cutter.



**Fig. 111: Reaming Valve Seats In Cylinder Head**  
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3. Carefully cut a 45° seat, removing only enough material to ensure a smooth and concentric seat.
4. Bevel the upper and lower edges at the angles shown in the illustration. Check the width of the seat and adjust accordingly.



**Fig. 112: Identifying Upper And Lower Edges At Angles**  
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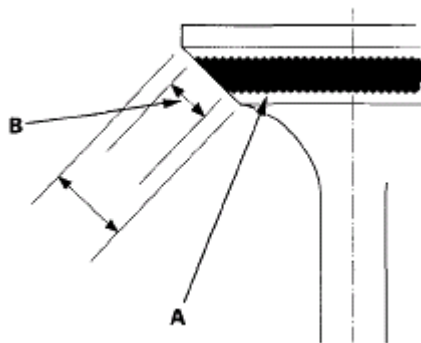
5. Make one more very light pass with the 45° cutter to remove any possible burrs caused by the other cutters.

**Valve Seat Width**

**Standard (New): 1.25-1.55 mm (0.049-0.061 in.)**

**Service Limit: 2.00 mm (0.079 in.)**

6. After resurfacing the seat, inspect for even valve seating. Apply Prussian Blue compound (A) to the valve face. Insert the valve in its original location in the head, then lift it and snap it closed against the seat several times.



**Fig. 113: Identifying Prussian Blue Compound Applying Area**  
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7. The actual valve seating surface (B), as shown by the blue compound, should be centered on the seat.
  - If it is too high (closer to the valve stem), you must make a second cut with the 67.5° cutter to move it down, then one more cut with the 45° cutter to restore seat width.
  - If it is too low (close to the valve edge), you must make a second cut with the 35° cutter (intake side) or the 30° cutter (exhaust side) to move it up, then make one more cut with the 45 "cutter to restore seat width.

**NOTE:** The final cut should always be made with the 45° cutter.

8. Insert the intake and exhaust valves in the head, and measure valve stem installed height (A).

#### **Intake Valve Stem Installed Height**

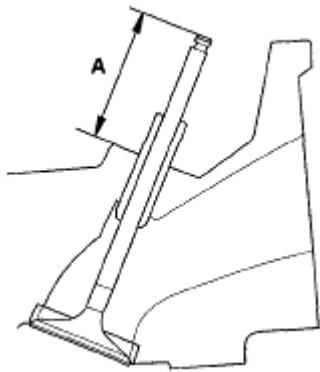
**Standard (New): 44.0-44.5 mm (1.73-1.75 in.)**

**Service Limit: 44.7 mm (1.76 in.)**

#### **Exhaust Valve Stem Installed Height**

**Standard (New): 44.1-44.6 mm (1.74-1.76 in.)**

**Service Limit: 44.8 mm (1.76 in.)**



**Fig. 114: Identifying Valve Stem Height**  
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9. If valve stem installed height is beyond the service limit, replace the valve and recheck. If it is still beyond the service limit, replace the cylinder head, the valve seat in the head is too deep.

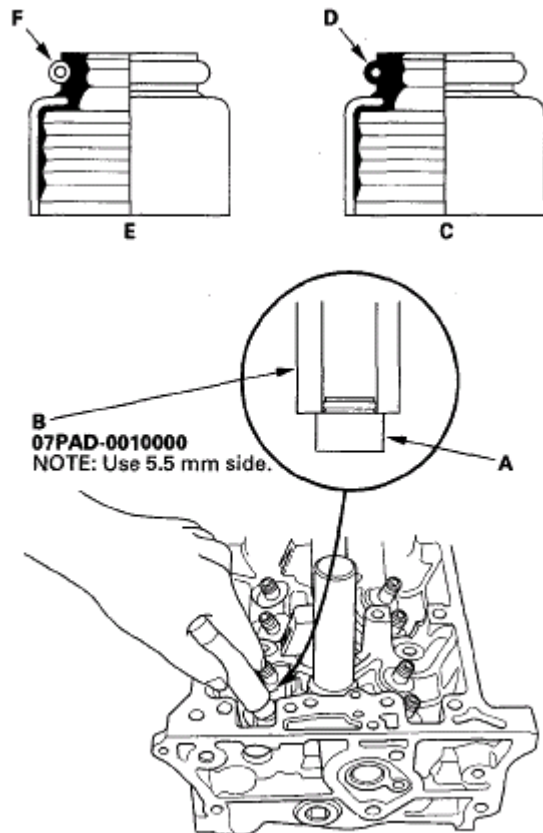
## **VALVE, SPRING, AND VALVE SEAL INSTALLATION**

### **Special Tools Required**

- Stem seal driver 07PAD-0010000
  - Valve spring compressor attachment 07757-PJ1010A
1. Coat the valve stems with new engine oil. Install the valves in the valve guides.
  2. Check that the valves move up and down smoothly.
  3. Install the spring seats on the cylinder head.
  4. Install the new valve seals (A) using the stem seal driver (B).



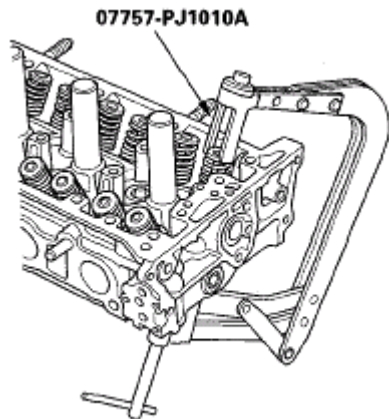
**NOTE:** The exhaust valve seal (C) has a black spring (D), and the intake valve seal (E) has a white spring (F). They are not interchangeable.



**Fig. 115: Installing Valve Seal**

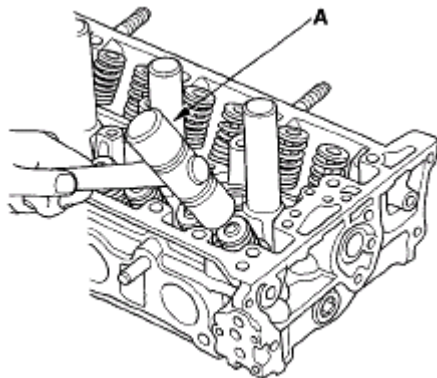
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5. Install the valve spring and valve spring retainer. Place the end of the valve spring with closely wound coils toward the cylinder head.
6. Install the valve spring compressor attachment and valve spring compressor. Compress the spring, and install the valve cotters.



**Fig. 116: Installing Valve Spring Compressor Attachment And Valve Spring Compressor**  
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7. Remove the valve spring compressor and valve spring compressor attachment.
8. Lightly tap the end of each valve stem two or three times with a plastic mallet (A) to ensure proper seating of the valve and valve cotters. Tap the valve stem only along its axis so you do not bend the stem.



**Fig. 117: Tapping End Of Valve Stem**  
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## ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

1. Reassemble the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM AND SHAFT DISASSEMBLY/REASSEMBLY** ).
2. Clean and dry the No. 5 rocker shaft holder mating surface.
3. Apply liquid gasket, P/N 08717-0004, 08718-0001, 08718-0003, or 08718-0009, evenly to the cylinder head mating surface of the No. 5 rocker shaft holder. Install the component within 5 minutes of applying the liquid gasket.

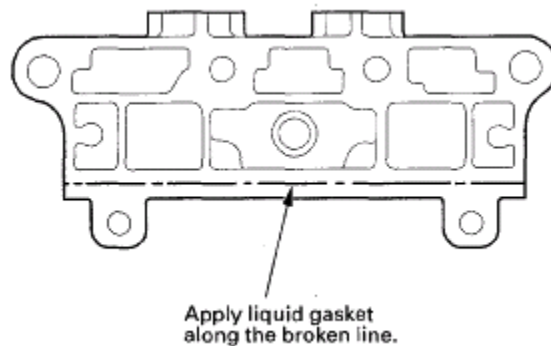
**NOTE:**

- If you apply liquid gasket P/N 08718-0012, the component must be installed within 4 minutes.

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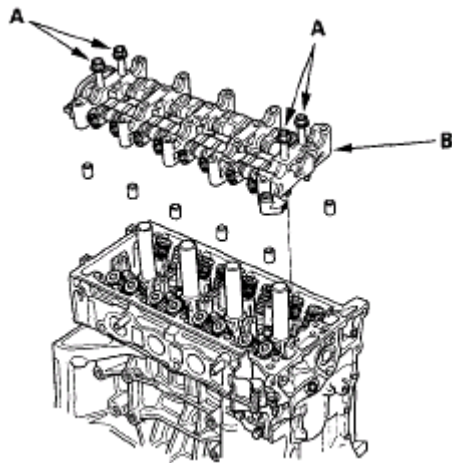
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- If too much time has passed after applying the liquid gasket, remove the old liquid gasket and residue, then reapply new liquid gasket.



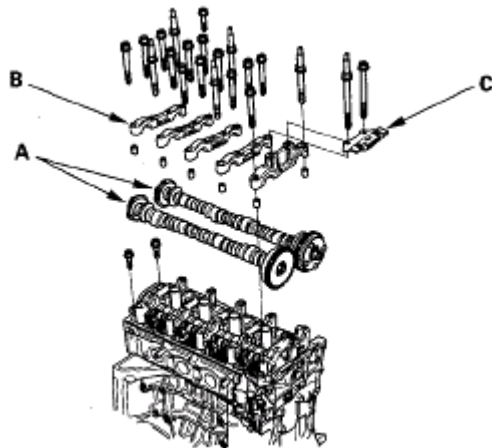
**Fig. 118: Identifying Liquid Gasket Applying Area**  
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4. Insert the bolts (A) into the rocker shaft holder, then install the rocker arm assembly (B) on the cylinder head.



**Fig. 119: Identifying Rocker Arm Assembly Bolts**  
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5. Remove the bolts from the rocker shaft holder.
6. Make sure the punch marks on the variable valve timing control (VTC) actuator and exhaust camshaft sprocket are facing up, then set the camshafts (A) in the holder. Apply new engine oil to the camshaft journals and lobes.



**Fig. 120: Identifying Camshafts**

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7. Set the camshaft holders (B) and cam chain guide B (C) in place.
8. Torque the bolts in the specified sequence.

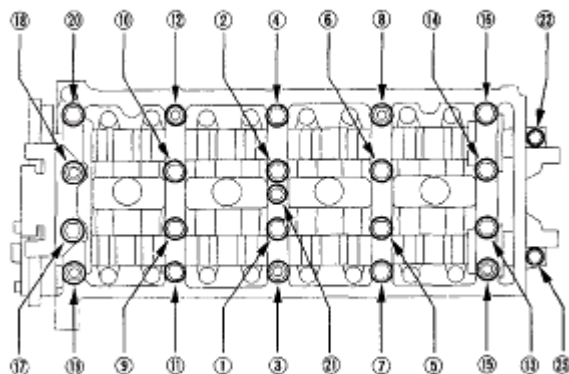
**NOTE:** If the engine does not have bolt(21), skip it and continue the torque sequence.

**Specified Torque**

**8 mm Bolts: 22 N.m (2.2 kgf.m, 16 lbf.ft)**

**6 mm Bolts: 12 N.m (1.2 kgf.m, 8.8 lbf.ft)**

**6 mm Bolts: (21), (22), (23)**



**Fig. 121: Identifying Camshaft Bolts Torque Sequence**

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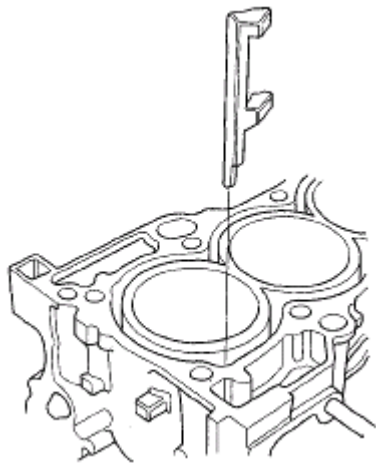
9. Install the cam chain (see CAM CHAIN INSTALLATION ), and adjust the valve clearance (see

VALVE CLEARANCE ADJUSTMENT ).

## CYLINDER HEAD INSTALLATION

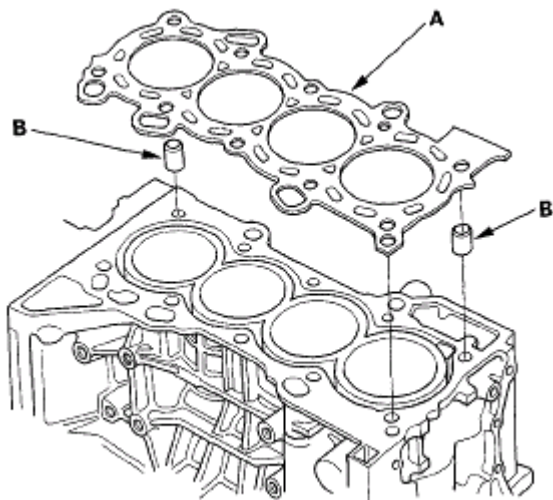
Install the cylinder head in the reverse order of removal:

1. Install a new coolant separator in the engine block whenever the engine block is replaced.



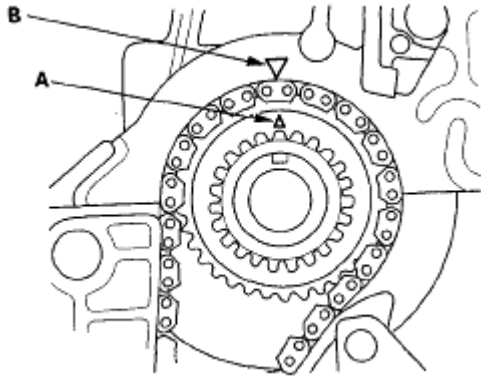
**Fig. 122: Installing Coolant Separator In Engine Block**  
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2. Clean the cylinder head and engine block surface.
3. Install the new cylinder head gasket (A) and dowel pins (B) on the engine block. Always use a new cylinder head gasket.



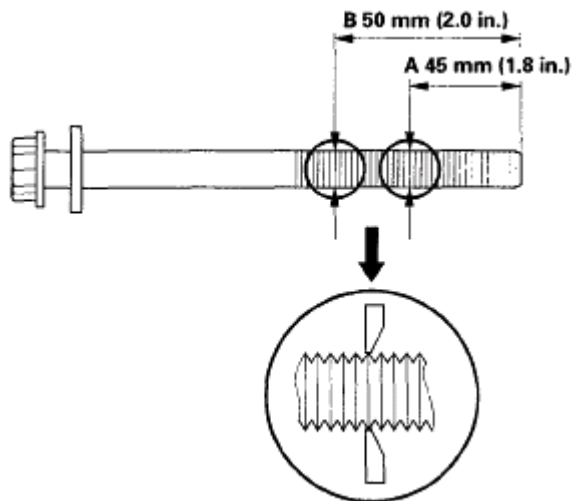
**Fig. 123: Installing Cylinder Head Gasket And Dowel Pins On Engine Block**  
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4. Set the crankshaft to top dead center (TDC). Align the TDC mark (A) on the crankshaft sprocket with the pointer (B) on the engine block.



**Fig. 124: Aligning TDC Mark On Crankshaft Sprocket With Pointer**  
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5. Install the cylinder head on the engine block.
6. Measure the diameter of each cylinder head bolt at point A and point B.

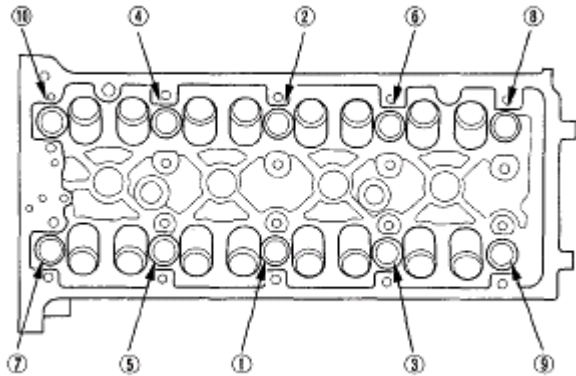


**Fig. 125: Measuring Diameter Of Cylinder Head Bolt At Point A And Point B**  
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7. If either diameter is less than 10.6 mm (0.42 in.), replace the cylinder head bolt.
8. Apply new engine oil to the threads and flange of all the cylinder head bolts.
9. Torque the cylinder head bolts in sequence to 40 N.m (4.0 kgf.m, 29 lbf.ft). Use a beam-type torque wrench. When using a preset-type torque wrench, be sure to torque slowly and do not over torque. If a bolt makes any noise while you are torquing it, loosen the bolt and torque it from the first step.

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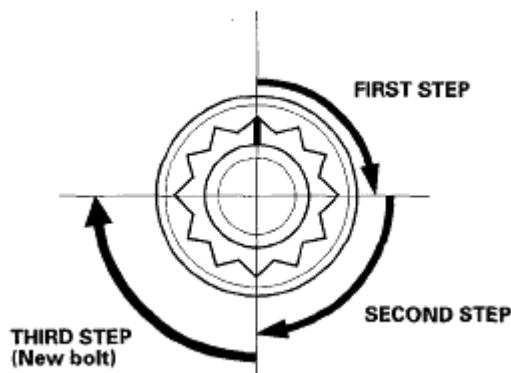
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**Fig. 126: Identifying Cylinder Head Bolt Torque Sequence**  
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10. After torquing, torque all cylinder head bolts in two steps (90° per step). If you are using a new cylinder head bolt, torque the bolt an extra 90°.

**NOTE:** Remove the cylinder head bolt if you torqued it beyond the specified angle, and go back to step 6 of the procedure. Do not loosen it back to the specified angle.



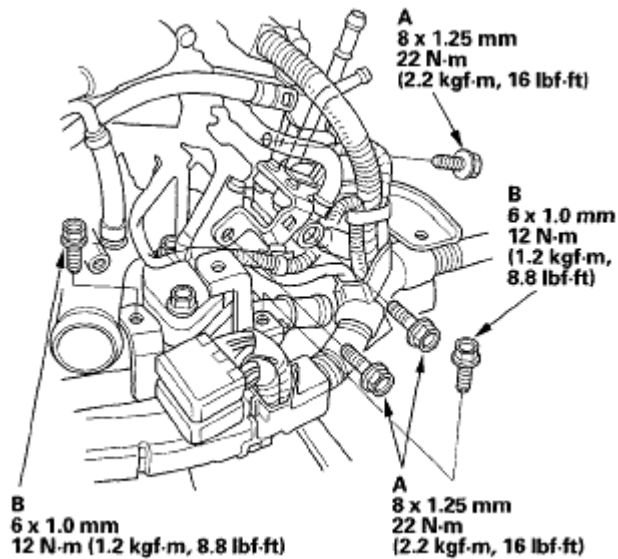
**Fig. 127: Identifying Cylinder Head Bolt Tightening Sequence**  
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11. Install the rocker arm assembly (see **ROCKER ARM ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION** ).
12. Install the cam chain (see **CAM CHAIN INSTALLATION** ).
13. Torque the three bolts (A) securing the evaporative emission (EVAP) canister purge valve bracket, and torque the two bolts (B) securing the harness brackets.



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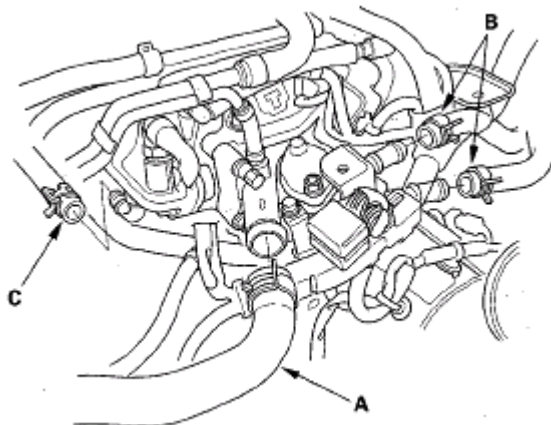
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**Fig. 128: Identifying Evaporative Emission (EVAP) Canister Purge Valve Bracket Bolts With Torque Specifications**

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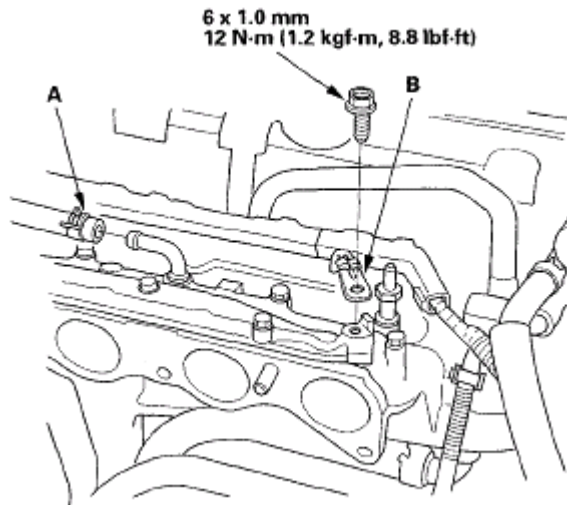
14. Install the engine wire harness connectors, and install the wire harness clamps from the cylinder head.
  - Four injector connectors
  - Engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor 1 connector
  - Camshaft position (CMP) sensor A connector (Intake side)
  - Camshaft position (CMP) sensor B connector (Exhaust side)
  - Rocker arm oil control solenoid (VTEC solenoid valve) connector
  - Rocker arm oil pressure switch (VTEC oil pressure switch) connector
15. Install the upper radiator hose (A), heater hoses (B), and water bypass hose (C).



**Fig. 129: Identifying Upper Radiator Hose, Heater Hoses, And Water Bypass Hose**  
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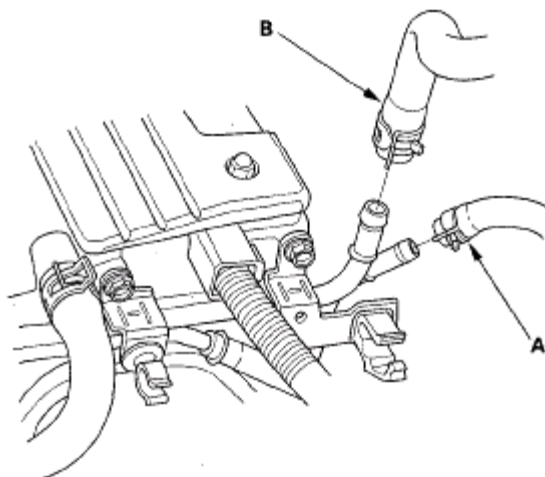
16. Install the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) hose (A) and ground cable (B).



**Fig. 130: Identifying Positive Crankcase Ventilation (PCV) Hose And Ground Cable With Torque Specification**

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17. Install the exhaust manifold (see **EXHAUST MANIFOLD REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION** ).
18. Install the intake manifold (see **INSTALLATION** ).
19. Install the EVAP canister hose (A) and brake booster vacuum hose (B).



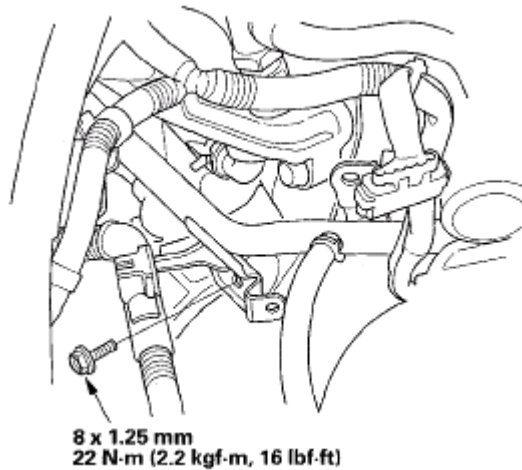
**Fig. 131: Identifying EVAP Canister Hose And Brake Booster Vacuum Hose**

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20. Torque the bolt securing the connecting pipe support bracket to the engine block.

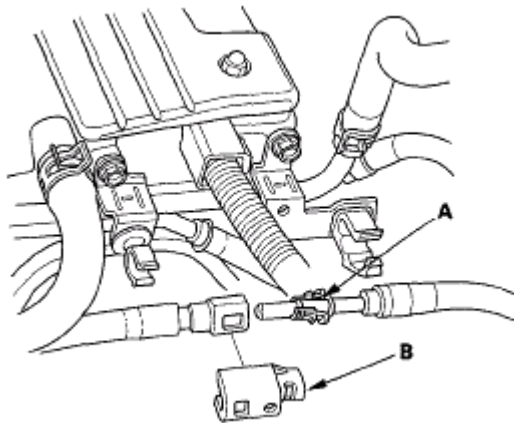
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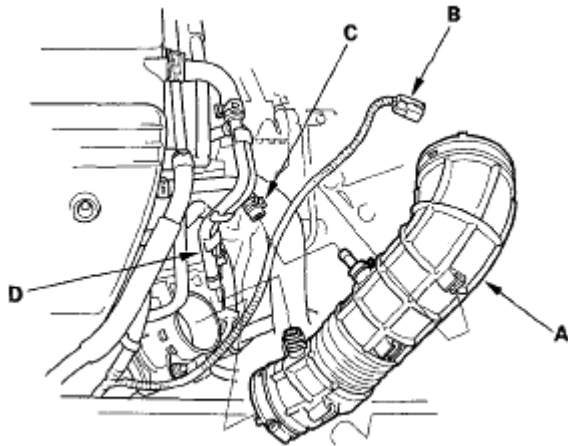
**Fig. 132: Identifying Connecting Pipe Support Bracket Bolt With Torque Specification**  
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21. Connect the fuel feed hose (A) (see **FUEL LINE/QUICK-CONNECT FITTING INSTALLATION** ), then install the quick-connect fitting cover (B).



**Fig. 133: Identifying Fuel Feed Hose And Quick-Connect Fitting Cover**  
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22. Install the intake air duct (A), then connect the mass airflow (MAF) sensor/intake air temperature (IAT) sensor connector (B), and connect the vacuum hose (C) and breather pipe (D).



**Fig. 134: Identifying Intake Air Duct, Vacuum Hose And Breather Pipe**  
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23. Install the drive belt (see **DRIVE BELT INSPECTION** ).
24. After installation, check that all tubes, hoses, and connectors are installed correctly.
25. Inspect for fuel leaks. Turn the ignition switch ON (II) (do not operate the starter) so the fuel pump runs for about 2 seconds and pressurizes the fuel line. Repeat this operation three times, then check for fuel leakage at any point in the fuel line.
26. Refill the radiator with engine coolant, and bleed air from the cooling system with the heater valve open (see **COOLANT CHECK** ).
27. Do the crankshaft position (CKP) pattern clear/CKP pattern learn procedure (see **CRANK (CKP) PATTERN CLEAR/CRANK (CKP) PATTERN LEARN** ).
28. Inspect the idle speed (see **IDLE SPEED INSPECTION** ).
29. Inspect the ignition timing (see **IGNITION TIMING INSPECTION** ).