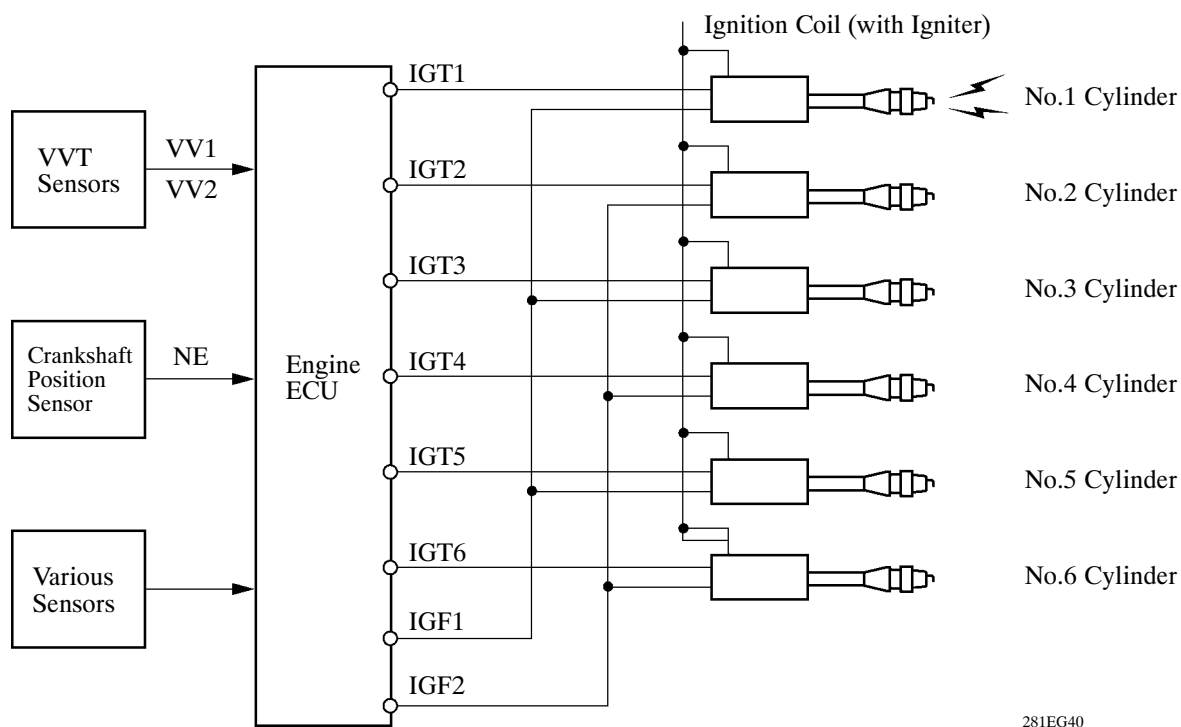


■ IGNITION SYSTEM

1. General

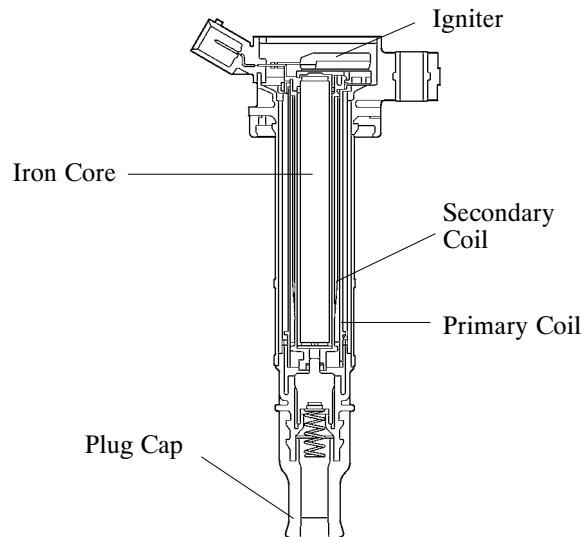
A DIS (Direct Ignition System) is used. The DIS improves ignition timing accuracy, reduces high-voltage loss, and enhances the overall reliability of the ignition system by eliminating the distributor.

The DIS is an independent ignition system which has one ignition coil (with igniter) for each cylinder.



2. Ignition Coil

The DIS provides 6 ignition coils, one for each cylinder. The spark plug caps, which provide contact to spark plugs, are integrated with the ignition coil. Also, an igniter is enclosed to simplify the system.

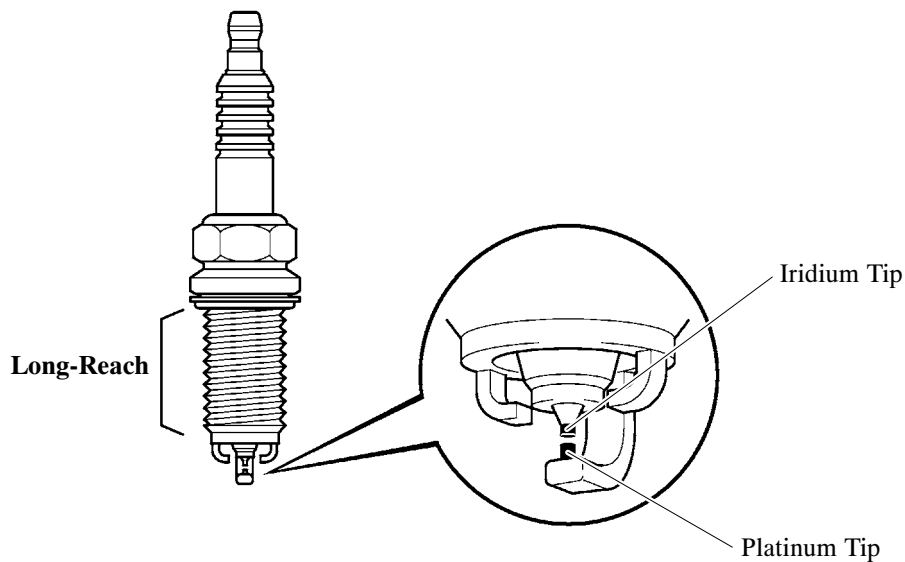


Ignition Coil Cross Section

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3. Spark Plug

- Long-reach type spark plugs are used. This type of spark plugs allows the area of the cylinder head to receive the spark plugs to be made thick. Thus, the water jacket can be extended near the combustion chamber, which contributes to cooling performance.
- The triple ground electrode type iridium-tipped spark plugs are used to achieve a 120,000 miles (193,000 km) maintenance interval. By making the center electrode of iridium, it is possible to achieve superior ignition performance and durability when compared to platinum-tipped spark plugs. Furthermore, two ground electrodes have been added to further improve ignitability, wear resistance, and fouling resistance.

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