

# IGNITION SYSTEM ON-VEHICLE INSPECTION

IG023-02

**NOTICE:**

"Cold" and "Hot" in these sentences express the temperature of the coils themselves. "Cold" is from -10°C (14°F) to 50°C (122°F) and "Hot" is from 50°C (122°F) to 100°C (212°F).

**1. INSPECT IGNITER SPARK TEST**

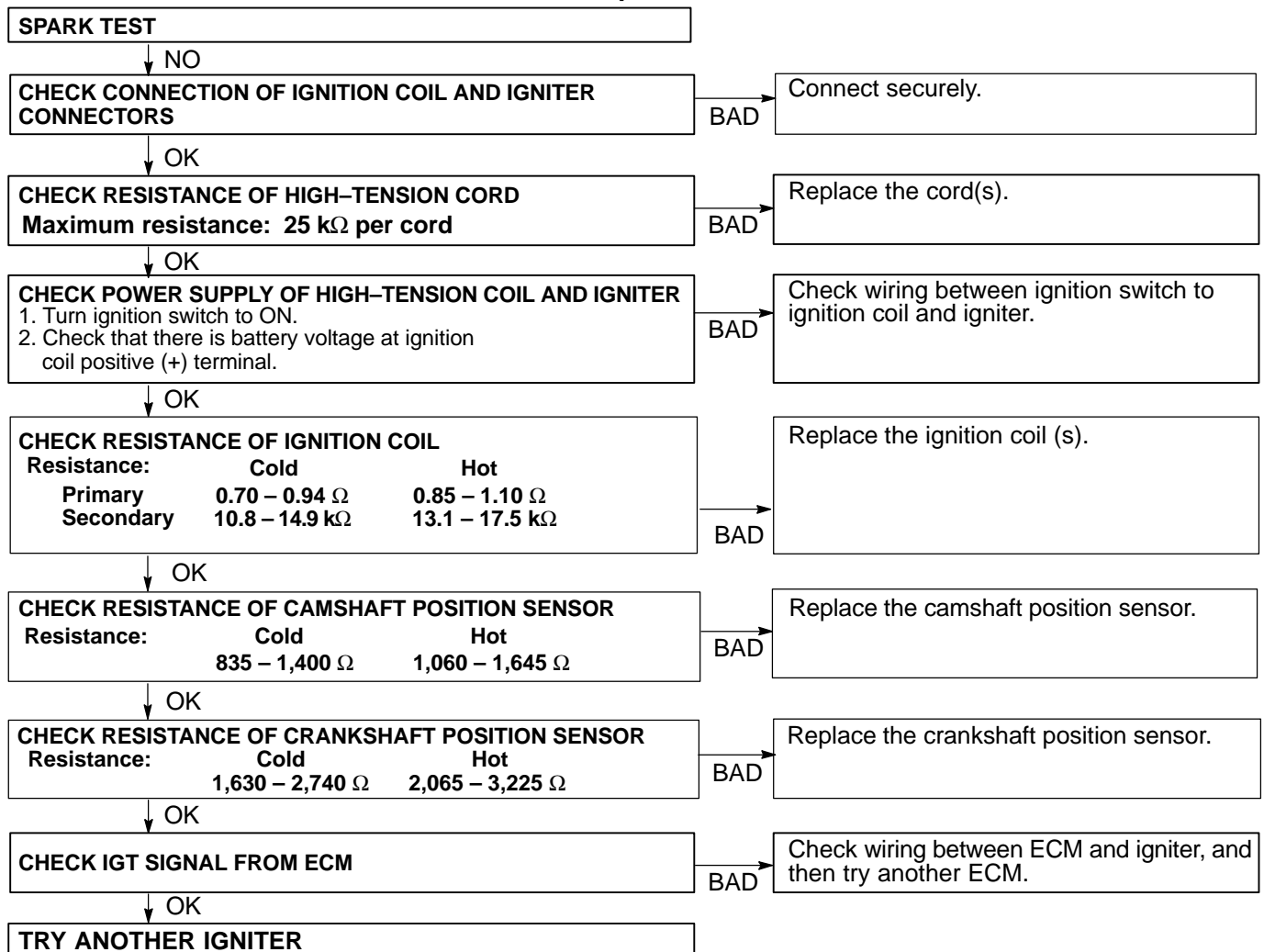
Check that the spark occurs.

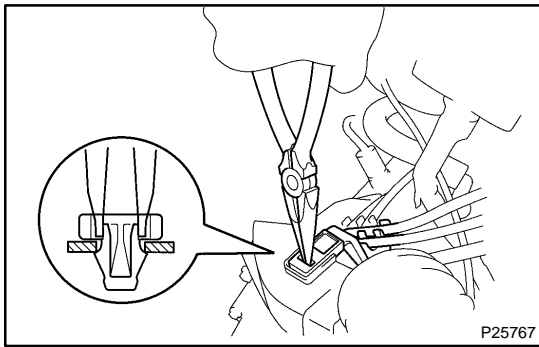
- (1) Remove the ignition coil.
- (2) Remove the spark plug.
- (3) Install the spark plug to the ignition coil, and connect the ignition coil connector.
- (4) Ground the spark plug.
- (5) Check if spark occurs while engine is being cranked.

**NOTICE:**

To prevent excess fuel being injected from the injectors during this test, do not crank the engine for more 5 – 10 seconds at a time.

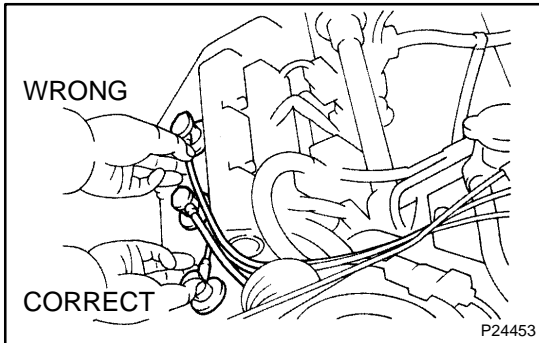
If the spark does not occur, do the test as follows:





**2. INSPECT HIGH-TENSION CORDS**

- (a) Remove the V-bank cover.
- (b) Disconnect the high-tension cords from the spark plugs.
  - (1) Using needle-nose pliers, disconnect the cord clamp from the engine wire protector.

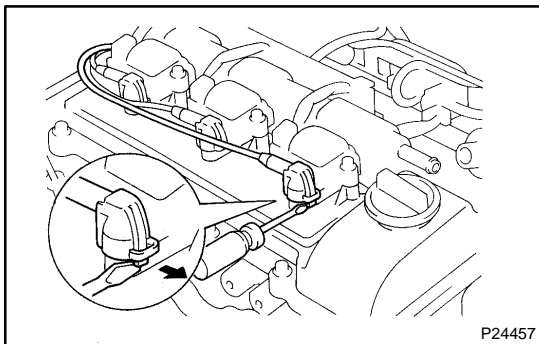


- (2) Disconnect the high-tension cords from the spark plugs.

**NOTICE:**

**Pulling on or bending the cords may damage the conductor inside.**

- (3) Disconnect the high-tension cords from the clamp.



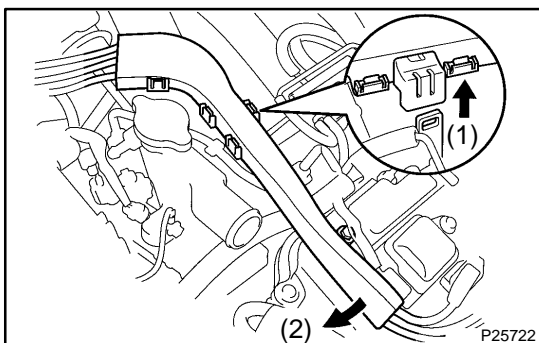
- (c) Disconnect the high-tension cords from the ignition coils.
  - (1) Using a screwdriver, lift up the lock claw and disconnect the holder from the ignition coils.
  - (2) Disconnect the high-tension cord at the grommet.

**HINT:**

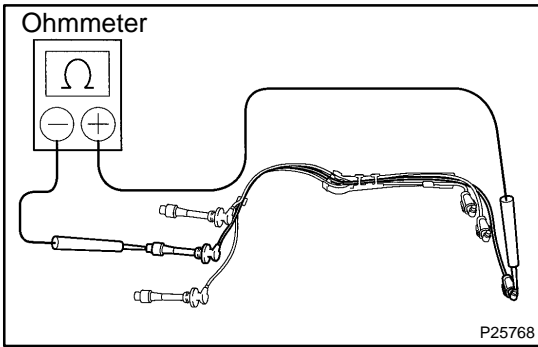
Do not pull on the cord.

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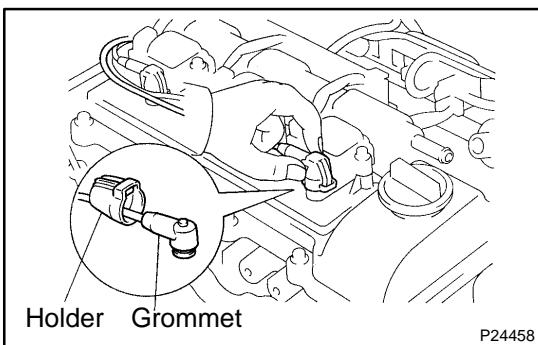
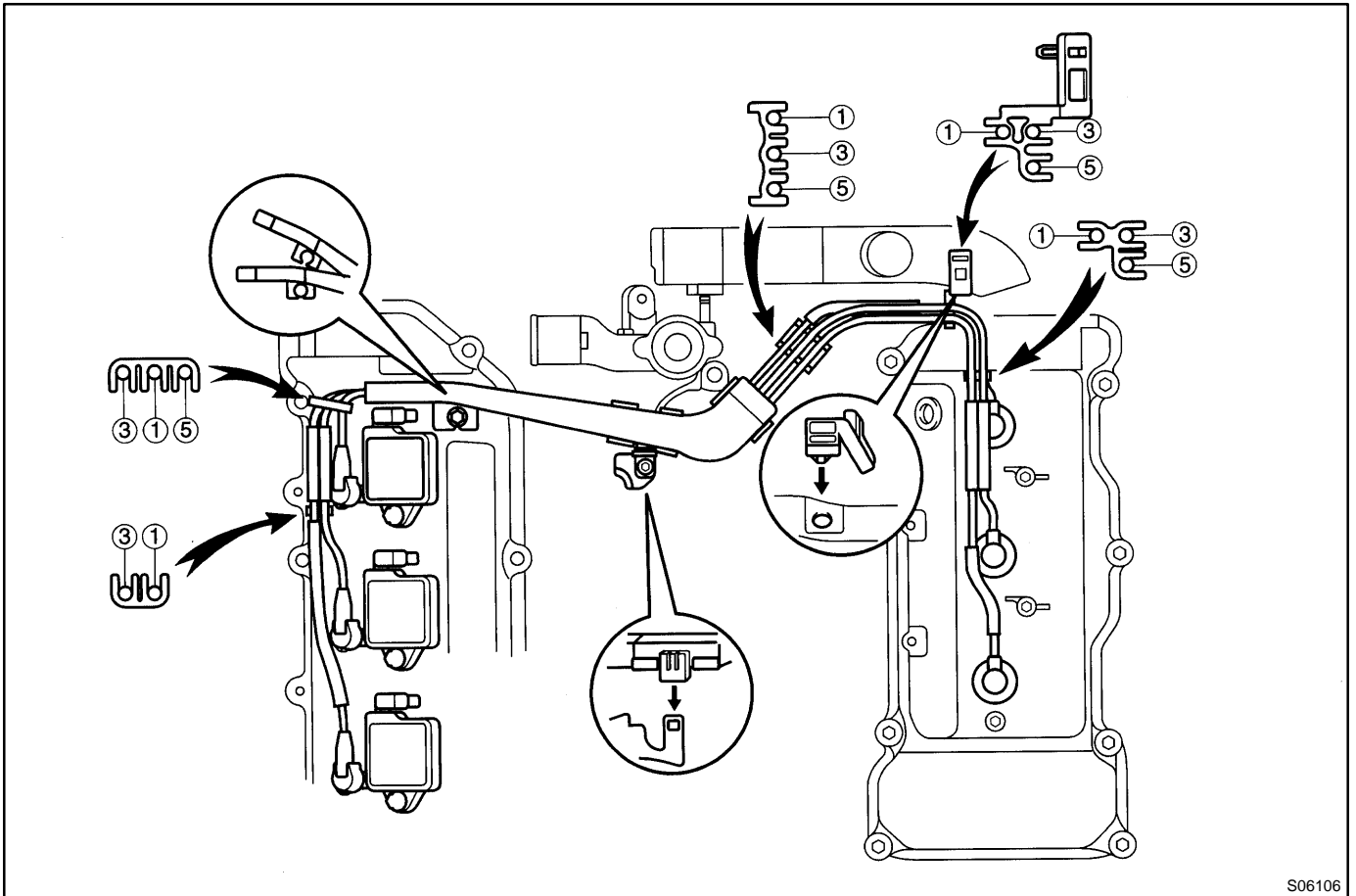
- **Pulling on or bending the cords may damage the conductor inside.**
- **Do not wipe any of the oil from the grommet after the high-tension cord is disconnected.**



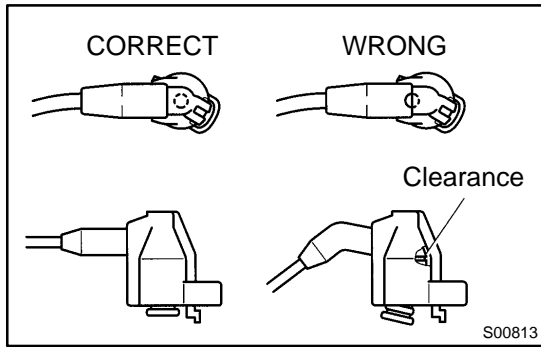
- (d) Remove the high-tension cords set.
  - (1) Disconnect the clamp from the emission control valve set.
  - (2) Remove the high-tension cords set in indicated direction.



- (e) Using an ohmmeter, measure the resistance.  
**Maximum resistance: 25 kΩ per cord**  
 If the resistance is greater than maximum, check the terminals.  
 If necessary, replace the high-tension cord.
- (f) Install the high-tension cords set.



- (g) Connect the high-tension cords to the ignition coils.
  - (1) Assemble the holder and grommet.
  - (2) Align the spline of the ignition coil with the spline of the holder, and push in the cord.



**NOTICE:**

**Check that the holder is correctly installed to the grommet and ignition coil as shown in the illustration.**

(3) Check that the lock claw of the holder is engaged by lightly pulling the holder.

(h) Connect the high-tension cords to the spark plugs.

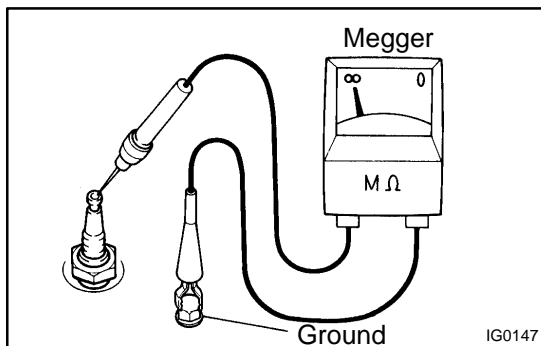
(i) Install the V-bank cover.

**3. INSPECT SPARK PLUGS**

**NOTICE:**

- **Never use a wire brush for cleaning.**
- **Never attempt to adjust the electrode gap on a used spark plug.**
- **Spark plugs should be replaced every 100,000 km (60,000 miles).**

(a) Remove the ignition coil.



(b) Inspect the electrode.

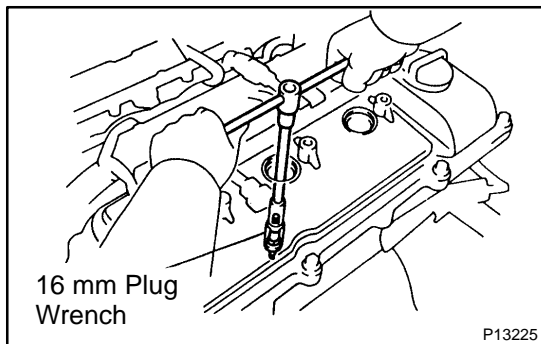
Using a megger (insulation resistance meter), measure the insulation resistance.

**Standard correct insulation resistance:  
10 MΩ or more**

If the resistance is less than specified, proceed to step (e).

**HINT:**

If a megger is not available, the following simple method of inspection provides fairly accurate results.



(c) Simple Method:

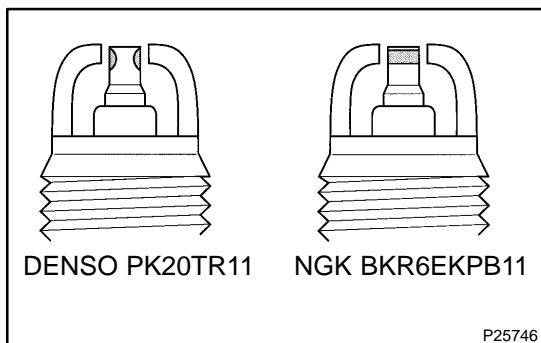
- (1) Quickly race the engine to 4,000 rpm 5 times.
- (2) Remove the spark plug. (See step (d))
- (3) Visually check the spark plug.

If the electrode is dry ... OK

If the electrode is wet ... Proceed to step (e)

- (4) Install the spark plug. (See step (h))

(d) Using a 16 mm plug wrench, remove the 6 spark plugs from the RH and LH cylinder heads.

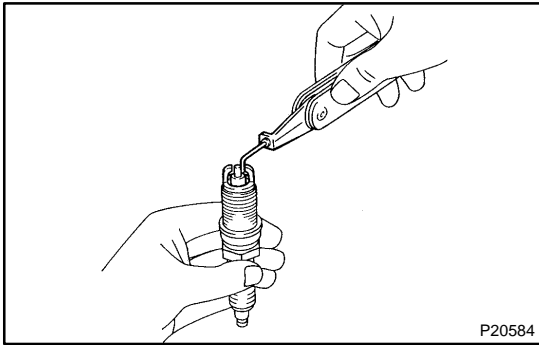


(e) Check the spark plug for thread damage and insulator damage.

If abnormal, replace the spark plug.

**Recommended spark plug:**

DENSO	PK20TR11
NGK	BKR6EKP11



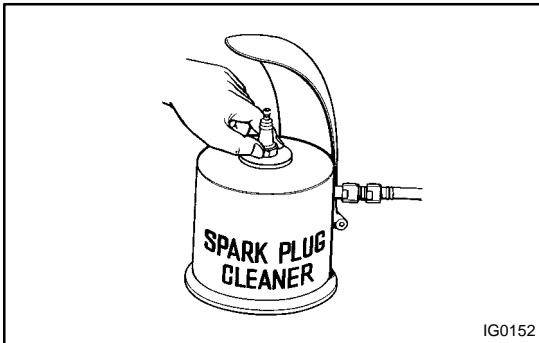
- (f) Inspect the electrode gaps.  
**Maximum electrode gap for used spark plug:  
 1.3 mm (0.051 in.)**

If the gap is greater than maximum, replace the spark plug.

- Correct electrode gap for new spark plug:  
 1.1 mm (0.043 in.)**

**NOTICE:**

**If adjusting the gap of a new spark plug, bend only the base of the ground electrode. Do not touch the tip. Never attempt to adjust the gap on the used plug.**



- (g) Clean the spark plugs.

If the electrode has traces of wet carbon, allow it to dry and then clean with a spark plug cleaner.

- Air pressure: Below 588 kPa (6 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>, 85 psi)**
- Duration: 20 seconds or less**

**HINT:**

If there are traces of oil, remove it with gasoline before using the spark plug cleaner.

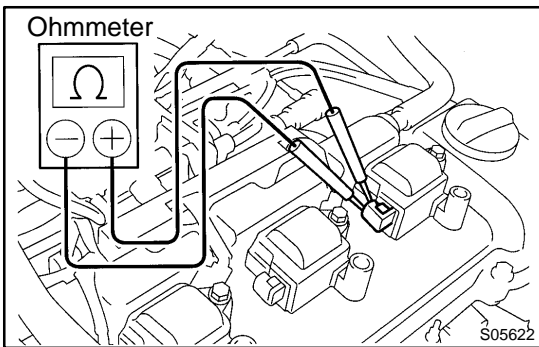
- (h) Using a 16 mm plug wrench, install the 6 spark plugs to the RH and LH cylinder heads.

**Torque: 18 N·m (180 kgf·cm, 13 ft·lbf)**

- (i) Install the ignition coils.

**4. INSPECT IGNITION COILS**

- (a) Disconnect the high-tension cords from the ignition coils.
- (b) Disconnect the ignition coil connectors.

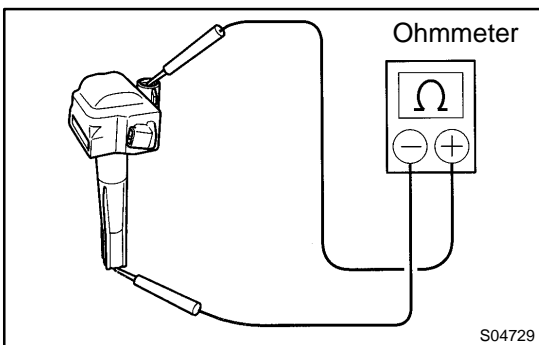


- (c) Using an ohmmeter, measure the primary coil resistance between the positive (+) and negative (-) terminals.

**Primary coil resistance:**

Cold	0.70 - 0.94 Ω
Hot	0.85 - 1.10 Ω

If the resistance is not as specified, replace the ignition coil.



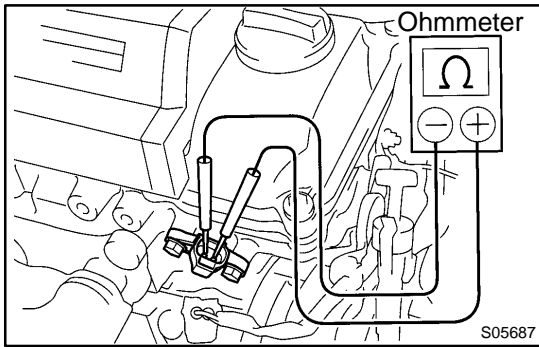
- (d) Using an ohmmeter, measure the secondary coil resistance between the positive (+) and high-tension terminal.

**Secondary coil resistance:**

Cold	10.8 - 14.9 kΩ
Hot	13.1 - 17.5 kΩ

If the resistance is not as specified, replace the ignition coil.

- (e) Connect the ignition coil connectors.
- (f) Connect the high-tension cords to the ignition coils.



### 5. INSPECT CAMSHAFT POSITION SENSOR

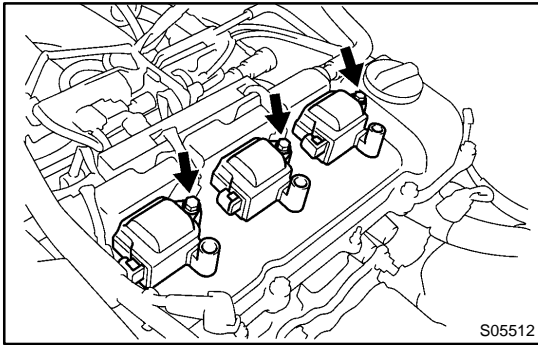
- (a) Disconnect the camshaft position sensor connector.
- (b) Using an ohmmeter, measure the resistance between terminals.

#### Resistance:

Cold	835 – 1,400 $\Omega$
Hot	1,060 – 1,645 $\Omega$

If the resistance is not as specified, replace the camshaft position sensor.

- (c) Connect the camshaft position sensor connector.



## IGNITION COIL REMOVAL

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1. **DISCONNECT HIGH-TENSION CORDS FROM IGNITION COILS (See page IG-1)**
2. **REMOVE IGNITION COILS**
  - (a) Disconnect the 3 connectors from the ignition coil.
  - (b) Remove the 3 bolts and 3 ignition coils from the LH cylinder head.

**Torque: 8 N·m (80 kgf·cm, 69 in.-lbf)**

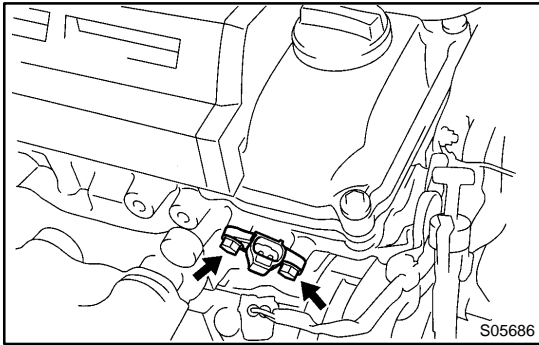
**HINT:**

Arrange the ignition coils in correct order.

## INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal (See page [IG-7](#)).





## CAMSHAFT POSITION SENSOR REMOVAL

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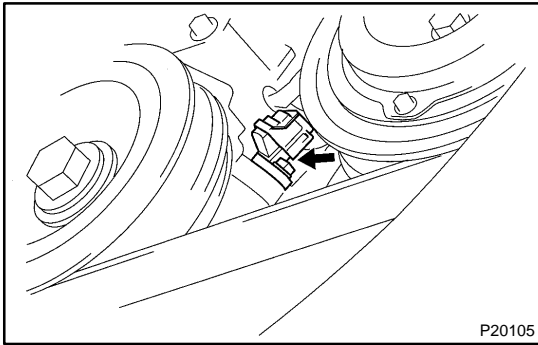
### REMOVE CAMSHAFT POSITION SENSOR

- (a) Disconnect the camshaft position sensor connector.
- (b) Remove the 2 bolts and camshaft position sensor.

**Torque: 8 N·m (80 kgf·cm, 69 in.-lbf)**

## INSTALLATION

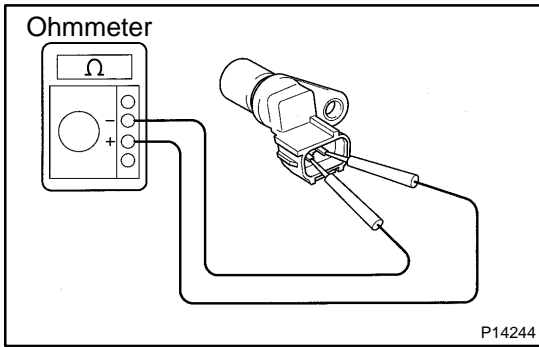
Installation is in the reverse order of removal (See page [IG-9](#)).



## CRANKSHAFT POSITION SENSOR REMOVAL

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1. REMOVE RH FENDER APRON SEAL
2. REMOVE CRANKSHAFT POSITION SENSOR
  - (a) Remove the bolt and disconnect the crankshaft position sensor.  
**Torque: 8 N·m (80 kgf·cm, 69 in.-lbf)**
  - (b) Disconnect the crankshaft position sensor connector.



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### INSPECT CRANKSHAFT POSITION SENSOR RESISTANCE

Using an ohmmeter, measure the resistance between terminals.

#### Resistance:

Cold	1,630 – 2,740 $\Omega$
Hot	2,065 – 3,225 $\Omega$

If the resistance is not as specified, replace the crankshaft position sensor.

## INSTALLATION

Installation is in the reverse order of removal (See page [IG-11](#)).