

# Valve Clearance

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on page 19.

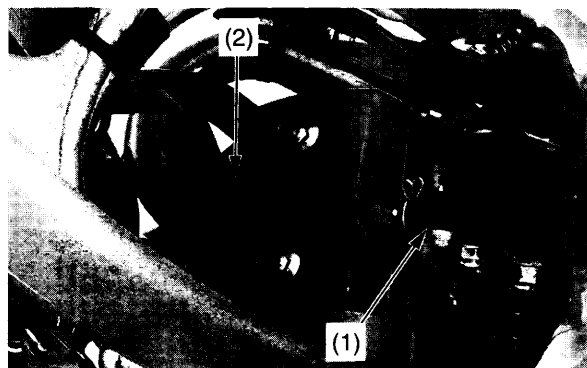
Excessive valve clearance will cause noise and eventual engine damage. Little or no clearance will prevent the valve from closing and cause valve damage and power loss. Check the valve clearance when the engine is cold at the intervals specified in the Maintenance Schedule (page 21).

The checking or adjusting of the clearance should be performed while the engine is cold. The valve clearance will change as engine temperature rises.

## Cylinder Head Cover Removal

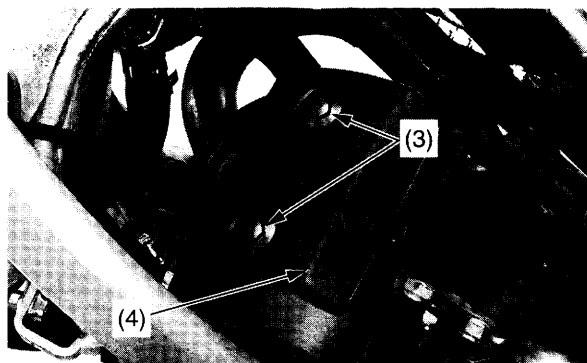
Before inspection, clean the engine thoroughly to keep dirt from entering the engine.

1. Remove the seat and fuel tank (pages 29, 30).
2. Disconnect the breather tube (1) and direct ignition coil (2).



(1) breather tube (2) direct ignition coil

3. Remove the cylinder head cover bolts/rubber seals (3) and cylinder head cover (4).

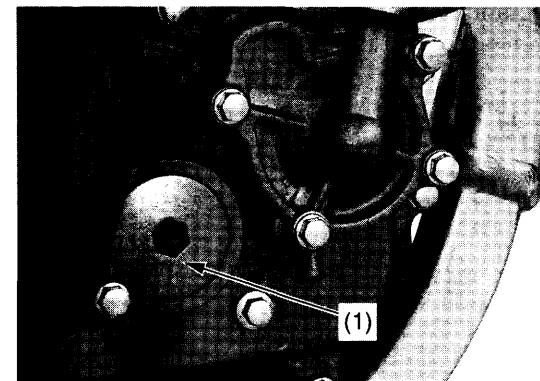


(3) cylinder head cover bolts/rubber seals  
(4) cylinder head cover

4. Remove the spark plug hole packing.

## Positioning At Top Dead Centre On The Compression Stroke

1. Remove the crankshaft hole cap (1).



(1) crankshaft hole cap

2. Remove the spark plug (page 55).