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The v_1 -periodic homotopy groups can be roughly described as the portions of the actual homotopy groups localized at a prime p that are detected by K -theory. In 1991 Bendersky and Davis published the paper *2-primary v_1 -periodic homotopy groups of $SU(n)$* . In the present work we make some significant refinements of the 1991 paper using a new K -theoretic approach. Namely, we determine the number of summands in the 2-primary groups of $v_1^{-1}\pi_{2k-1}(SU(n))$. We also prove the existence of the summands of certain sizes in such groups. Moreover, we determine explicit formulas for the existence of some differentials in the spectral sequence for $SU(n)$, which give us an additional information about the actual homotopy groups. (Received January 17, 2005)