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The most successful airliner in terms of sales is the Boeing 727, five of which, the first on the British register, are now operated by Dan-Air. The continuing success of the 727 was a major factor in Boeing's recovery from their traumatic experience in 1968/69 when, in the words of Mr. J. E. Steiner, whose paper on the firm's problems at that time appears in this issue, "two-thirds of the market just went away" after a period of rapid expansion. A developed version of the 727 proved to be competitive with the wide-bodied jets, and its order book now stands at 1192 with 1089 delivered. In comparison, the figures for the 707 are 905 on order and 892 delivered, while the 747 has 280 on order with 245 deliveries.

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